

World Powerlifting Championships

Women

The women's division was dominated by the team Penn Ridge Powerlifting of Pennsylvania. Fellow team member, 44kg (97#) Danielle Tasher, was the first to have an outstanding day. At only 16 she broke two of her own Open 44kg record—a 242.5 lb. Deadlift and a 507 lb. Total. Tasher had originally set these records in July, but had put on nearly 30 pounds to her total since that time. Youth lifter Sarah Hunt placed first at 52kg (114#). At 56kg (123#) fellow teammates Jenna Hardy and Nicole Bodulow battled it out for first place. In the end Hardy came out with the win (totaling 628.3 lbs. to Bodulow's 578.7 lbs.). Hardy also pulled 292.1 lbs. (and had a narrow miss at 303.1 lbs) for a Teen (16-17) World Record.

First place in the 60kg (132#) class went to Pennsylvania's Sammantha Perrine. Perrine just missed two attempts at a Teenage World Record Squat of 220.4 lbs, but came back to pull a World Record 319.6 lbs and Total 655.8 lbs. Weighing in at 57.9kg (127.6 lbs) Perrine earned the honors of Best Female lifter (edging out Jenna Hardy). Ammemarie Kemmerer set several records at Masters (55-59) and finished with 562.1 lbs. North Carolina's Nelda Newton started off going four for four in the Squat, but failed at three attempts with 110.2 lbs in the Bench Press. Virginia's Laura Clancy placed first at 67.5kg (148#) and totaled 656.9 lbs. Aimee Cowdery and Nicole Hardy of Penn Ridge Powerlifting both won their respective age divisions at 75kg/165#. Faith Knight rounded off the female classes with a fine 518 total at 82.5kg/181#.



Penn Ridge Female Powerlifters: Danielle Tasher (44kg), Jenna Hardy (56kg), and Sammantha Perrine (60kg) all set World Deadlift Records.

Men

Olympic Lifter Jason Farrow weighed in at 52kg (114#), but came home with four new Masters (55-59) records. Maryland's Anthony Yee and New York's Jef Gorsky battled it out in the 60kg (132#) class. Yee has lifted in the 148's and 165's, but this was the first time making it down to 132#. Despite the weight loss Yee had an excellent day, totaling 1014.1 lbs, and taking the title over Gorsky. While Gorsky was bested in the total, his deadlift of 445.3 lbs was a new World Record (taking the previous record from Daniel Remulla from Canada).

Ontario, Canada's Benjamin Butty walked away with the 67.5kg (148#) class, and set three new Open World Records in the process—a 440.9 lb. Squat, a 545.6 lb. Deadlift, and a 1240 lb. Total. Butty first lifted a few months back at the Eastern Canadian Nationals, and improved his total 25 pounds since that meet. His performance also earned him Best Lightweight Male. Teen lifter

Adam Meinhardt came in second place with a fine 1036.1 lb. total, and Florida's own Tim McCoy came in third with a record bench of 319.6 lbs.

James Steffan from Washington had the best total in the 75kg (165#) class, and Sam Rosenberg had the second best. The 82.5kg (181#) class was led by two Canadian athletes—British Columbia's Kevin Weiss and Ontario's Frank Butty (brother of Benjamin Butty). The battle for first place went down to the final deadlift with Weiss prevailing with a total of 1410.9 lbs. to Butty's 1405.4 lbs. Placing third was Illinois' Eric Ridings who narrowly missed a record 617.2 lb. Deadlift.



British Columbia's Kevin Weiss placed first at 82.5kg after a hard fought battle with Frank Butty.

Junior lifter, Nevada's Jorge Gonzalez, had the biggest total in the 90kg (198#) class with 1416.4 lbs. He was followed by Vadim Snitkovsky whose 1344.8 lb. total placed him first in the Open division. Placing second and third were Elliot White and 100% RAW's Eastern Canadian Chairman Barry McEvoy. In the 100kg (220#) class Arizona's Eric Tuthill prevailed over Brent Becker and Ray Berry.

The 110kg (242#) class was won by last year's 125kg champion, Michael Eaton. Eaton began with a World Record 650.3 lb. Squat and finished with a 760.5 lb. Deadlift which solidified a 1835.3 lb. total. Eaton pulled 782.6 lbs. on his third attempt, but was red lighted for hitching. Although finishing well ahead of his fellow 110kg lifters, Eaton's competitors also put up some very noteworthy lifts. Pennsylvania's John Franks came in second place, and set a record 462.9 lb. Bench Press. Master lifter David Kraft pulled 639.5 lbs. for a (50-54) World Record, and Ontario, Canada's Dave Elder narrowly missed an attempt at 640.4 lbs. for the Open Canadian Record.



Maryland's Mike Eaton pulled a World Record 760.5 lbs. in the 110kg Class.

Kent Maraj of Canada totaled 1613.7 lbs. to win the 125kg (275#) class. His 665.7 lb. Deadlift is also the biggest pull yet done by a Canadian in 100% RAW competition. Sharif Issa and Raymond Clasing, Sr. rounded out second and third place. One of the most

competitive weight classes was 140kg (308#). Missouri's Nate Butler placed first with 1791.2 lbs, and was followed by Pennsylvania's Doug Mignot and Florida's J.C. Miller. Mignot set several Master and Law/Fire/Military records. Daniel Corridean won the SHW class and finished with a fine 1730.6 lb. total.