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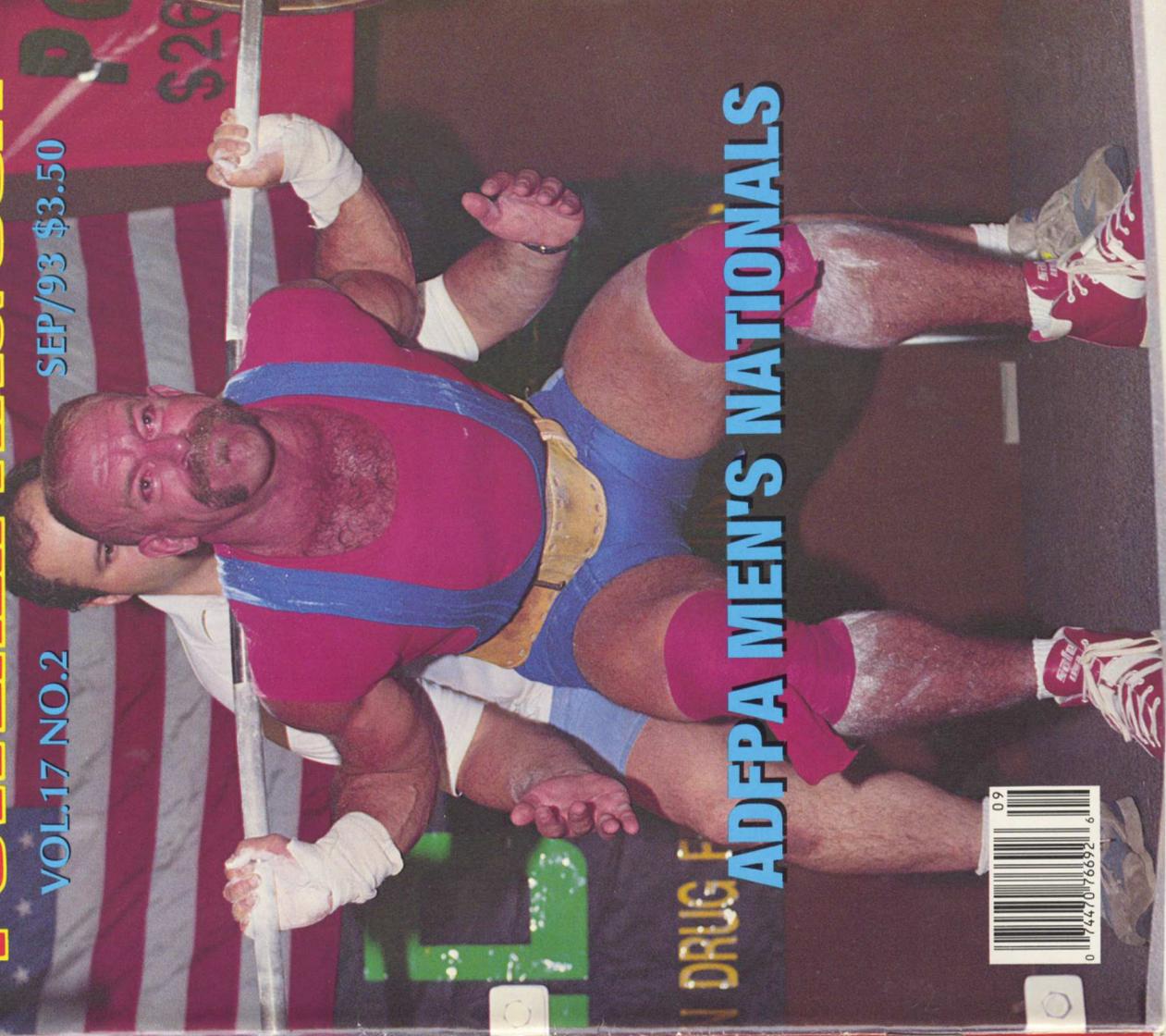

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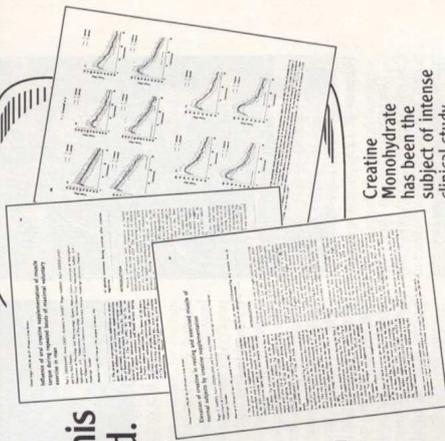
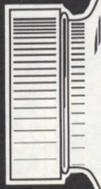
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## ADFFA Men's Nationals as seen by PL USA Editor, Mike Lambert



**Doan Nguyen... 114 lb. champ**

reminds one of Doan Nguyen, and given a couple of years, he may be just as successful. Jason Coaling was somewhat of a local, from Phoenixville, PA, but his relative inexperience led to a 3 for 9 day. A lot of concern was expressed as he missed his first and second deadlift attempts on merely technical reasons. Brett "Bo" Bozzelli raised some cheers from the PA aficionados, and he was able to finish the contest strong with a 7 for 9 day.

In the 132 lb. class, someone with a new name to national competition, Tim Borgia, was coached by someone who has a familiar name, Joe Oregano. Tim showed had quality in all three lifts. He missed one squat which put him out of the reach of everyone except the always dangerous puller, Miguel Castro out of Oak Creek, Wisconsin, a state which has produced many powerful ADFFA lifters. Miguel tried the terrific weight of 600 lbs., but he didn't quite get it off the ground. His 573 was a nice lift which put him squarely into second ahead of Brad Olson from the great power city of Dayton, Ohio. Tony Pallas of the seemingly ubiquitous Missing Link Power Team was next up in one of the bigger classes of the meet. Ned Cramer was the head judge for the bench presses in the

division and was quite impressive with his control of the proceedings. Mike Foggia relayed an amusing story of when Ned for some reason had Mike powered with Mike Lambert of Mike Powerlifting USA which led to some interesting conversation before Mike revealed his true identity.

In the 148 lb. division Eric Kupperstein changed the mix quite a bit when he could not get any of the squats past the judges' discretion. Derek Beatty proceeded to put together a magnificent 9 for 9 day-quality lifting. Lloyd Weinstein had an equally good 9 for 9 day, which pleased him after what he called two "sloppy" years in 1991 and 1992. He felt that he had more on each third attempt, but as Lloyd graciously put it, "Derek was superb and deserved it." A big looking Herb Blake was comfortably in third over the likes of Ken Davis and James Benemerito. John Auda and Sid Bhojwani were both on the same team (Missing Link - they're everywhere); they both had the same subtotal, the same deadlift, and the same total. Sid is one of the more widely traveled members of the Missing Link team, having been born and raised in Manchester, England, the son of an Indian gentle-



**Behind the Neck Press?...** No, it's just the very flexible Derek Beatty getting set up for his bench presses en route to a perfect 9 for 9 day.

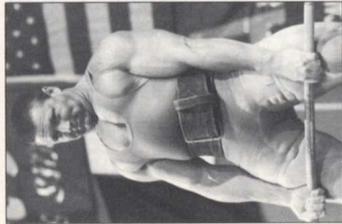
man who married an English lady. He's now living in the United States married to an American lady. Powerlifting USA was allowed to observe a lite detector drug test of Sid by a true polygraph professional, Jim Charley. Sid passed with flying colors, and it was very interesting to see how the polygraph test was structured by Mr. Charley in a manner that voids many of the criticisms some people find with this device as a means of drug testing.

In the middleweight division we saw the return one of the ADFFA's greats, Ray Benemerito. Ray wasn't sure how things were going to turn out when he started training for this meet back in February, weighing 189. For a while he wasn't sure if he



**Ray Benemerito... back at 165.** would even be able to squat 600 lbs., but things came together. He had one nice lift to go along with his big squat, which produced a total which was more than enough to handle the challenge that Greg Jones had issued earlier in the year. Greg missed his two tries at a 699 squat which put him off track. Rob seemed to have plenty in reserve. He made an easy looking American record, being 766 squat, and then allowed the time to expire on his 777 squat, which seemed well within his capabilities. He left the battle of the class to Doug Parish, but he had trouble on his final two deadlift attempts, trying to catch Jones. Joe McAvillie of New Jersey was bench press, but the squat and the bench press, but fell back in the deadlift. Henry Girard was a very fearsome competitor and is someone people are going to have to watch if he keeps coming to the Nationals.

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**Rich Sedal pulls in the winner.**



**Steve Scialpi of The Missing Link**

for the lighter divisions made his entrance in Rob Wagner, one of the great squatters of our time. He had one nice lift to go along with his big squat, which produced a total which was more than enough to handle the challenge that Greg Jones had issued earlier in the year. Greg missed his two tries at a 699 squat which put him off track. Rob seemed to have plenty in reserve. He made an easy looking American record, being 766 squat, and then allowed the time to expire on his 777 squat, which seemed well within his capabilities. He left the battle of the class to Doug Parish, but he had trouble on his final two deadlift attempts, trying to catch Jones. Joe McAvillie of New Jersey was bench press, but the squat and the bench press, but fell back in the deadlift. Henry Girard was a very fearsome competitor and is someone people are going to have to watch if he keeps coming to the Nationals.

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ward in the heavier divisions Scott Sedal came back after Wenner's successful 644 and pulled the 661 he needed to win convincingly. He's long-limbed lifter, with plenty of muscle and a lot of strength to spare. Paul Fiorini of Mahopac, NY, was among the leaders at subtotal, but his deadlift put him behind. Scott Waits of San Jose, CA, was very impressive in the squat. He was one of the few West Coast lifters to make the trip, but he, too, fell back when the bar went to the floor.

In the 220 lb. division one of the crowd's favorite lifters was Johnny Graham. It is hard to believe, but the man is 41 years old. He has an American masters record of 716 squat, but they just wouldn't go. Steve Scialpi has made the move up to the 220's, although he only got about half way there, weighing in at 96.1 kg., and he also has a way to go before he matches the efficiency of his lifting at 198. His bench shirt tore on his attempt at 418 and was not able to get on track after that but when he got all the way into this class, it's going to be 800+ in both the squat and deadlift. Eric Arnold, with a new heart valve, was back on the competitive platform faster than most people imagined he could be. He missed quite a few attempts but still has the fire. Give him a year, and he will be back in the middle of things.

Keith Hayes and Paul Heffern represented Ohio in the competition. Shawn Cain, who has pulled out and no artifice - just pure, slow, steady, up and down power. He was not flustered when his second attempt was overloaded to 925 lbs. instead of the 903 he called for. The error was almost repeated and, in fact, side referee Andrea Sortwell asserted himself to the point of personally loading the bar in an effort to get the lifter underway. Greg could have folded his tent right there and said "hey, I can't handle this", but he came back and got that 903 solidly, and went on to win the class by a big margin. He can deadlift too, missing 804 on grip, not power. Just before the meet, there had been a stirring of the earlier talk of a head up match between Bull Stewart and Greg, but by the time Greg got permission to compete, there was a 20 lb. bodyweight difference between the men, and too little time for either to effectively go up or down. Whether Beetle will be allowed to compete in the WDPFF world championships in Canada is an unanswered question at this point. If Greg doesn't go, then Dempsey probably will.

In the Superheavyweight division it was a pleasure to see Tom Bryce, whom we recall from his appearance at a lighter bodyweight



**Greg Lowe with a National Record 903 pounds on his back**

in the ADFFA Nationals when they were held on the West Coast. He handled gigantic weights (an EASY 903 squat) with great precision, and he put up a massive total. Unfortunately, it might have been more except during his second attempt deadlift at 694 there was the sickening, audible sound of muscle ripping in Tom's back. Hopefully this injury will not preclude him from the world championship berth which he certainly earned over John "Binks" Binkowsky, who also showed the potential to hoist much greater weights and become one of the great superheavyweights of his time. Vae Maluli, veteran ADFFA competitor, tried some big lifts of his own, including a 909 squat. Unfortunately, he missed two deadlifts or his total would have well up there as well. Mister Rogers



**Big Bull Stewart hauls up a ponderously heavy deadlift attempt.**



# TRAINING

Westside Barbell Assesses the Buffalo Bar as told to POWERLIFTING USA by Louis Simmons



Bill Kazmaier underwent great discomfort to get under a squat bar.

Quite a few years ago, I read a story about Bruce Randall, who at one time had severely broken his leg. Not being able to squat, he did good mornings to parallel to replace his leg work. When he was able to do a parallel good morning with 350 lbs., he found he could then full squat 350. As his bent-overs went up, so did his full squat to the point where he reportedly just missed a good morning with 750—an astounding weight for such an exercise. What was also interesting to me was that he used a cambered bar. Bruce claimed that it was much more comfortable to use by fitting the contour of his massive back, for Bruce weighed 400 lbs. at the time.

This meant nothing to me then, but later I learned how a cambered bar greatly reduces the stress on not only the back and shoulders, but also the biceps. Heavy squats will destroy a bench press. I did not realize this until later as I gained upper body mass. I can recall Tim Hasser, who could bench 500 in 1970, retiring from powerlifting when we changed the lift sequence at meets from benching first to squatting first. Tim, like Bruce, also weighed about 400 lbs. and said the squat stressed his arms and shoulders so much it made it very painful, if not impossible, to lift in the new sequence. I recall Bill Kazmaier complaining about not fitting under a squat bar without much difficulty. Unfortunately, the cambered bar

wasn't commercially available yet. By 1970, we were bending our own bars at Westside Barbell because of the discomfort from good mornings and later squats.

Matt Dimel constantly complains of biceps and forearm pain from forcing his mass (390 lbs.) under a conventional Texas squat bar, which measures 56 inches inside the sleeves. (He cannot fit inside a regular power bar—52 inches inside the sleeves—at all.) I talk to many men who complain of bicipital tendinitis. They believe it results from bench pressing when actually it results from heavy squats. Small men seldom complain about this problem unless they have massive upper body development like Jose Perez and Chris Confessore.

A cambered bar can make the difference. It can make the difference between winning and losing. Training ends careers much more often than meets. The cambered bar worked for past superstars such as Bruce Randall and modern greats such as Gary Heisey with his record deadlift and Matt Dimel with his ponderous squat. The Buffalo Bar, a cambered bar sold by Iron Mind Enterprises, is a constant fixture with us on squat and back days. I am sure it will be a great asset to your training as well.

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Those of us in powerlifting know her as Stephanie Van de Weghe, one of the best female powerlifters in the country. Those of us who know her better, also realize that she is married to and is coached by Jan Van de Weghe, at one time one of the best deadlifters in the country. Fans of professional wrestling, know her as Stephanie Star, one of the up and coming female grapplers in the sport. Those actually involved in wrestling know her as one of the few women who can practice, spar, and then wrestle with men much larger than her, and hold her own, while doing so.

How does one go from numerous athletic endeavors to the rigors of powerlifting and professional wrestling. What many have asked is how someone so beautiful and feminine can be thrown around the ring night after night and survive the beating? At 31 years of age, Stephanie has accumulated a tremendous amount of athletic experience. As the eldest of four children, Stephanie focused her energies on athletics and academics in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Her resume is impressive with numerous track and field titles and City League Softball recognition. Many of powerlifting's best female lifters have a strong track and field background and Stephanie utilized this activity as an outlet for her energies and rebelliousness.

She later pursued the study of Tae Kwon Do, eventually earning a second degree black belt in this discipline. Twice she has placed second in prestigious Tae Kwon Do tournaments, taking it no less seriously than she does powerlifting. Presently, she has moved onto the study of a new discipline of karate called Shito Ryu, a more aggressive form of combat art that seems to suit her well. As her various physical activities hardened her body, she hit the weights to assist her development and also placed in a number of bodybuilding competitions. Most of her training was centered on developing more power for her martial arts training, however, when she met Jan, her focus changed. While watching some of the guys powerlifting at the Body Shoppe Gym basement, she thought "this is wild!" To say she was bitten by the powerlifting bug was an understatement.

It was the intensity of the training sessions that intrigued her and she asked Jan for some tips. The fact that she did not need the dietary discipline required of competitive bodybuilding was also a major plus. "I discovered something very unique

about a powerlifter's diet. THERE ISN'T ANY!" which was right up my alley. I finally found everything I was looking for in a sport. Strength, intensity, self determination, camaraderie, and food! Actually, that statement needs to be expanded upon. When I spoke with Jan on the phone one evening, complaining that I hadn't had time to eat and still needed to train at 10:30 that night, Jan, with almost too much pleasure in his voice, informed me that they were just getting ready for a dinner of steak, chicken, two vegetables, baked potato, and salad. This is actually quite a well balanced diet and it's important that everyone understand that Stephanie eats well and moderately. It's Jan that visits Ralph Raola and me in 1983, we had a very nice post-lifting meal, a typical New York Italian dinner consisting of spaghetti, meatballs, chicken, salad, and numerous other dishes. No one could recall seeing Jan for a while and with some concern, Mike Bridges said, "Maybe

## More From Ken Leistner



'Stephanie Starr' is Stephanie's ring name

someone should get up and see if he's okay". In the deepest recesses of Ralph's living room, Jan was seated in front of a platter of chicken remains, bones piled at least six inches above the plate, the result of perhaps twenty or thirty pieces of chicken that just happened to find their way into his mouth! As Jan explained, "Hey, I've been training pretty hard guys".

With the same intensity with which she attacked martial arts training, Stephanie tore into powerlifting and the rewards have been forthcoming. Her titles include a world record squat (469 in 1988), and the total 148 (1174). She has been first place winner at the ADFPA Women's Nationals and Best Lifter, first place at the Y Nationals, first at the APF Junior Nationals with the Best Lifter award, second in the APF Seniors, and two second place finishes at the Worlds. Needless to add, she is the APF, USPF, and ADPPA State record holder in all three lifts.

There is no doubt that having Jan coaching her is a big plus. He is one of those lifters that lots of people know or know about and was a heck of a competitor in his own right. He has a very fine coaching "knack" and Stephanie is but one of his trainees who has shown the results of his tutelage. Like many lifters, Stephanie cycles her lifts over a twelve week period. She starts her squats with sets of twelve reps and eventually reduces to three weeks of doubles prior to a major meet. She squats with no wraps and with the bar in olympic style the first six weeks of the cycle, then brings the bar down on her back, and begins using her suit and straps. The deadlift begins with sets of five and reduces to two weeks of two reps. She does not deadlift the week before the meet, preferring to give her back some rest. When needing to back off a bit or get additional rest, the twelve week cycle can take sixteen weeks of preparation.

Some of the assistance work

that has been productive includes pause squats - 2x5 reps following high bar squats; dumbbell bench press, presses both in front of and behind the neck after bench pressing; and deadlifts from a platform - 3x8 reps, after regular deadlifts. Stephanie always tries to work quickly, and do all reps properly so that each workout contributes to her conditioning and strength. Her purpose is not to go through the motions and lift a particular weight simply to lift it. Her platform demeanor and style reflects this.

Like most lifters, Stephanie would love to win the national and world titles, but feels that being able to compete with the best is very gratifying. She has tremendous respect for all competitors in all organizations and enjoys meeting them, and traveling to meets. Meeting others with similar interests and dedication have given her memories that will last her the rest of her life.

At present, Stephanie is studying Police Science at a local college. Once this is complete, she will pursue a career in law enforcement. She fills much of her time in the wrestling ring too. As she said, "You can think what you want, but unless you go through what I've been through, you find out real quick that not just anyone can do this". I never had that thought, but Stephanie pointed out that learning how to fall was, of course, necessary, but - Gee - you still had to take the fall, take the hit, and generally take a downtown physical beating! While this is taking place, and it can be painful, you have to show emotion, demonstrate showmanship, and entertain thousands of people who expect you to do the job and do it correctly. The fact that Stephanie is one of the few women in the game that have to wrestle men makes the job tougher and more demanding. She's been rewarded with the 1992 Nu-Age Wrestling Federation Woman Of The Year title which is more well earned than most will ever know.

For this very accomplished athlete and woman, what comes next? Concentration on her school work, with the same discipline and dedication given to everything else, the continuation of her quest for an APF National and World title, mastery of her martial arts, and the further development of her personal life. If the future resembles the past, Stephanie will have many more accomplishments to look back upon. It is unusual to have a combination of talent and drive but Stephanie has it and knows how to work hard with what she has.

Dr. Ken Leistner

## Views on the USPF Seniors as told to Powerlifting USA by Marty Gallagher

**Carrie Boudreau**  
Every once in a while a truly exciting prospect, full of promise, goes on to fulfill that promise and blooms into a star. On rarer occasions, a star "keeps on keeping on" and mutates into an all-time great. At this year's Nationals, Carrie Boudreau took a giant step towards powerlifting immortality. No, she's not there yet, but with two national titles and one world championship under her belt in only six powerlifting meets, it represents no great leap in faith to predict she will become the world's greatest female powerlifter if she decides to stay in the game.

At the Nationals, Carrie Boudreau to systematically take records from Mary Jeffrey and claim them for her own. Mary Jeffrey has been the greatest female lifter of the last decade and is arguably the greatest female powerlifter of all time. To have someone come along and suddenly begin to pluck records from the Muhammad Ali of women's powerlifting is, well, disconcerting! The situation reminds me of a similar scenario in men's powerlifting a few years back when the man hailed as the greatest powerlifter of all time, a man whose records would never be touched, began to have his records systematically picked off by



Carrie Boudreau won the '92 Seniors as well.

bench 530 and 550 at the same contest. Kirk deadlifted 800 for the first time ever 10 days before the meet. He said he could have doubled it.

**Kirk Karwoski** summons up pulling power at the '93 Senior Nationals. You add up these lifts and a 2400 total is what you shoot for - secretly. You don't go around bragging about it, but in your gut you know it's realistic. So when you get to meet day and your opener at 925, a hundred pounds under what you secretly want, feels like a ton, you've got a problem. When you miss 970 on a second attempt, you feel like somebody has let the air out of the tires on your Ferrari. So, at this point, you do what you can; you get through on guts and balls and tenacity and emotion. Kirk Karwoski is chock full of these qualities. And, at the end of the meet, when people are congratulating you and slapping you on the back and buying you drinks, you have this gnawing sensation in the pit of your stomach; this little voice keeps repeating over and over, "What happened? Opinions are like eyeballs, everybody's got a couple. The coach has his and for what it's worth, here's how it goes..."

Kirk was dissipated. He had his

humorous machine back up to warp speed. Kirk had a bad meet at this year's Nationals, although any dispassionate observer would argue the fact. After all, how can you set a world record in the squat and miss what you are capable of by almost 200 lbs. Kirk had hit a 1000 lb. squat in his last training session at Mark Challet's gym. Kirk told me he could have doubled it; Kirk doesn't B.S. about such things - certainly not to me; I've coached him for close to ten years, and when we converse it's clinical, dispassionate, and analytical. If the weight is heavy he tells me; if there was a technical miscue, he tells me. Kirk said he considered doubling the grand; it was light. The only reason he didn't was that he wanted to save it for the Nationals. Good reasoning, sound thinking. Kirk benched 560 at a local bench meet four weeks prior to the meet. This was after he

Thanks, but no thanks...

In the bench press, the ever conservative Coan pushed three pictures perfect benches to arm's length, ending with 556 lbs. He probably had 20 spare lbs. as none of his benches slowed at any point.

Mr. Coan opened his deadlift with more than anyone else in the world is capable of, 832 lbs. This deadlift gave him a new IPF world record total. His second attempt deadlift with 859 provided him with two more world records. He moved his total mark to 2,346 and still had one pull left. He selected 892 for his last lift of the day. Unfortunately, the bar got slightly forward as he broke it from the floor. The bar was hopelessly out of the groove and even the mighty Coan could not rescue this one.

So, on an off day, the greatest powerlifter of all time has to settle for a handful of world records and his third best day ever. Oh well, too bad we all don't do as well on bad days.

Ed will be 30 years old this July and one wonders how long the Great One will be persuaded to saddle up and attempt to lift all alone in the stratosphere. It's got to be lonely up there, no real competition or monetary incentive, pushing year after year. Once you've set a million world records and won a million national and world titles, how do you motivate yourself to hungrily push ahead? It's a hell of a lot easier at 25 than it is at 30. I know he would like to post the biggest total of all-time. 1008-573-920 would give Ed a 2501 total. He has squatted 975, benched 573, and deadlifted 920 in training, so the 2500 mark is not that farfetched.

Hopefully, Mr. Ed "The Man" Coan will stay motivated long enough to achieve the 2500 mark. Incredible at any bodyweight, a 2500 total

at a 220 pound bodyweight would have to rank as one of the greatest athletic feats of all time. In the short term, I know Mr. Coan is looking forward to lifting in Jonköping, Sweden this November. There is no doubt in this writer's mind that the incomparable Mr. Coan will post a 2400+ total. If he's on fire, 2500 could fall. Stay tuned.

**Gene Bell** flew in from Turkey to lift at the 1993 National Championships. After traveling for 48 hours, suffering from jet lag and all the disorientation that accompanies 5000 mile cross-globular jaunts, Mr. Bell was thrown into a powerlifting battle of epic proportions. In one corner, George Herring, multi-world champion, stood ready. In the second corner stood "Sly" Anderson, the defending world champion. Mr. Bell was under no illusions; he had his work cut out for him.

In the squats, Sly opened with 711 for a good lift. Gene jumped with 727. In a shocker, Herring missed 744. Strike one for George. All three men methodically smoked their second attempt squats. All hit strike on the critical third attempt squats; Sly, 760, George 760, and Bell a conservative 777. Gene now had a 17 pound lead. After perturbationary openers in the bench press, everybody went on to make their second attempts; Sly, 446; Gene, 479; and George, 485. Sly finished his benches with 457 and was six for six in his lifting at this point. Gene Bell called for 496 on his third bench and missed as the weight stalled near lock-out. Strike one for Gene. Herring called for 507 pounds. If he made this lift, he would get from 17 pounds behind

to 11 pounds ahead of the pack. Herring blasted the bar off his chest and towards lock-out. Suddenly, the barbell fell to his chest. No lift. Strike two for Herring.

At the subtotal Gene Bell was in first place - 11 pounds ahead of Herring and 39 over Sly. In terms of deadlifting prowess, Sly was significantly better, with George and Gene roughly equal. Gene opened with 683. George with 688 and Sly with 711, all easy successes. Gene jumped to 705 for a successful second attempt. George made 711 and Sly hit a monstrous 735 to take the lead. Bell had to make 716 on his last attempt to recapture the lead from Anderson. He strode out to the platform as the auditorium erupted. He set and pulled like, well, a machine. It was an easy, smooth attempt. He ended his day 8 for 9 with a 1973 pound total. Now he sat back and watched as Herring came out to attempt 738, yelled, "It's dog time!" He ran out, erect, the bar popped out of Herring's hands. Strike three for Herring. He Anderson, looking like the Famese Hercules strode out for his final lift. The crowd went crazy as the muscular Marine strode up to the bar. Quickly, he set and tore the bar, 766 lbs., from the platform. Up the shins, over the knees up the thighs... inches from lock-out, the bar slowed and then stalled. The referee raised his hand for the down signal. Anderson tossed his head back to lock the weight out. As the referee was giving the down signal, the bar popped loose.

Gene Bell watched dispassionately; it was just another day at the office for a powerlifting immortal.



Genuine Gene Bell won a fiercely competitive 198 class at this year's USPF Seniors.

# Confessions of a Female Powerlifter

as told to PL USA by Cindy Morrison



So you want to be a female powerlifter. Well, I'm all for that, but there are a few things you need to look forward to. Over my 5 year powerlifting career I have experienced the "GOOD" with the "BAD" involving both genders. Having competed in approximately 35 power competitions, I've seen a few incidents that would make my mother gasp for air! First of all it takes a certain attitude to compete along with a bunch of, as the majority sees them - barbed, sweaty, aggressive men who breath heavily. (Gee, I knew I liked this sport for some reason!)

A lady must be willing to accept being part of, and in the presence of, this type of atmosphere and learning to ignore half of the events that occur in the warm-up room. You know - Man Stuff. With the right attitude one can make this into an enjoyable experience; one that you'll never forget. Believe me! You must have a care-free type sense of humor.

However, I'm sure you will also find that your male counterparts are very ready, willing and able to offer their assistance and expertise as best they can. I cannot remember a power meet where I ever lacked support from a male powerlifter. Male powerlifters are the Greatest! I have found most male lifters to be very enthusiastic and always eager

have some compassion for what our society and former generations have implied in forming their opinions.

One of the most interesting aspects of powerlifting that I have found is travelling afar to competitions. You may find that people you encounter are very amazed at the fact that a woman would travel such long distances to lift enormous amounts of weight! Traveling alone, as I always have. Think about it. This type of behavior is a bit out of the "normal" to them.

I guarantee you will receive a lot of negative as well as positive responses for participating in this chosen sport. I have always accepted both as a compliment and enjoy creating a positive from a negative. Powerlifting has taught me the power of positive thinking among other things, and if you decide to be involved in this sport for any length of time I'm sure you will benefit from this as well.

Expressing to you my experiences is not intended to discourage you but rather to encourage you to try your hand in one of the most exciting and exhilarating sports that exist today. Powerlifting can be very rewarding and a lot of fun if one has the right attitude. Besides, all of us ladies already know that women are the stronger sex. Right?

Cindy Morrison

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# TOP 100

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	SQUAT	BENCH	DEADLIFT	TOTAL
1	507 Dunbar, C. 7/31/92	330 Hollyfield, C. 10/16/92	473 Hill, P. 7/31/92	1173 Hill, P. 7/31/92
2	457 Garcia, H. 7/31/92	314 Dunbar, C. 6/18/93	473 Clay, J. 4/18/93	1173 Dunbar, C. 6/18/93
3	424 Hill, P. 7/31/92	314 Dunbar, C. 6/18/93	473 Clay, J. 4/18/93	1173 Dunbar, C. 6/18/93
4	424 Hill, P. 7/31/92	314 Dunbar, C. 6/18/93	473 Clay, J. 4/18/93	1173 Dunbar, C. 6/18/93
5	407 Nugent, S. 9/26/92	270 Tran, V. 11/21/92	435 Voss, J. 10/10/92	1047 Nugent, S. 9/26/92
6	402 Jeffrey, M. 7/31/92	407 Smith, K. 5/27/93	430 Carter, T. 4/3/93	1047 Nugent, S. 9/26/92
7	402 Jeffrey, M. 7/31/92	407 Smith, K. 5/27/93	430 Carter, T. 4/3/93	1047 Nugent, S. 9/26/92
8	400 Brunst, S. 3/20/93	255 Lee, S. 3/21/93	407 Nugent, S. 9/26/92	1008 Jeffrey, M. 7/31/92
9	391 Thomas, R. 3/4/93	248 Warming, J. 7/93	402 Zala, M. 10/4/92	955 Small, K. 12/12/92
10	386 Kline, B. 6/6/93	248 Warming, J. 7/93	391 Darling, B. 7/18/92	955 Small, K. 12/12/92
11	363 Vera, J. 10/10/92	242 Jeffrey, M. 7/31/92	390 Brant, S. 3/20/93	955 Small, K. 12/12/92
12	355 Kline, B. 6/6/93	242 Jeffrey, M. 7/31/92	390 Brant, S. 3/20/93	955 Small, K. 12/12/92
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14	355 Kline, B. 6/6/93	242 Jeffrey, M. 7/31/92	390 Brant, S. 3/20/93	955 Small, K. 12/12/92
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20	355 Kline, B. 6/6/93	242 Jeffrey, M. 7/31/92	390 Brant, S. 3/20/93	955 Small, K. 12/12/92
21	309 McArthur, B. 10/15/93	235 Weiler, D. 10/15/93	360 Becker, J. 8/92	860 Pak, D. 11/17/92
22	325 Hunt, C. 10/10/92	235 Weiler, D. 10/15/93	358 Walker, S. 8/22/92	859 Martin, B. 12/5/92
23	325 Hunt, C. 10/10/92	235 Weiler, D. 10/15/93	358 Walker, S. 8/22/92	859 Martin, B. 12/5/92
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30	315 Phan, S. 3/11/93	213 Rod, W. 7/18/92	350 Herrera, D. 2/20/93	836 Green, R. 6/26/93
31	315 Phan, S. 3/11/93	213 Rod, W. 7/18/92	350 Herrera, D. 2/20/93	836 Green, R. 6/26/93
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36	310 Bero, M. 3/6/93	205 Gilbert, A. 7/4/92	345 Phan, S. 3/11/93	825 Bennett, R. 2/11/93
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42	303 Green, R. 6/26/93	200 Degraffenedi, R. 5/15/93	345 Conzales, D. 5/25/93	815 Uman, R. 3/6/93
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## NEXT MONTH... TOP 123s

Corrections: A. Caser's name was misspelled in the ADEFA TOP 20 Bridges had a 584 squat that was not listed on the TOP 20 ADEFA Middleweights list. It should have been noted that Steve Coogins' squat of 870 was an IPF World Record in the report of the USPF Sr. Nationals. Craig Tokarski's 703 bench was not noted on the TOP 100 list for the 275 lb. class. Todd Mason was not credited for his bench of 292 lbs. in the 165 lb. class in the results published for the NASA Louisiana State Meet, Juniors Division. Jeff Douglas was incorrectly referred to as Steve Douglas in the report of the USPF Sr. Nationals. Frank "Move Something" Hearn's did not get his lifts of 850, 425, 675, 1950 considered in the compilation of the TOP 100 Superheavyweight list. Chris Masiuca should have had his 500 lb. bench press considered on the TOP 100 SHW listing. In the results of the NASA Masters Nationals the following correction should be noted: Women's 40-49 165 - Roberson, 105 squat, 60 bench, 122.5 deadlift and 287.5 total. Elliott Cruz's squat of 630 was noted as 603 in the results of the MCI Meet of March 27, 1993 in Norfolk, Mass. Vic Polatajev reports that he made a bench of 520 in 1979 that should have been included in the All Time TOP 100 Benches in the 220 lb. class. In the event of errors in future results and ranking lists, please send any and all corrections to "ERRORS," Post Office Box 467, Camarillo, California 93011.

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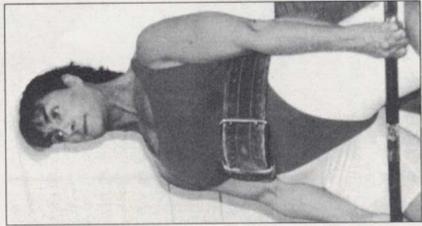


# THE BENCH

## Advanced Women's Program as told to Powerlifting USA by Dawn Sharon

There are significant differences between beginning and advanced lifters. Beginners seem to make gains relatively easily, and these gains are usually quite dramatic. The advanced lifter sees gains coming more slowly and at times struggles with plateaus. This difficulty in making steady gains can be quite frustrating to the advanced lifter, and these slower gains often lead the lifter to believe that she has reached her peak. We have found, however, that this is not necessarily the case.

A lifter must not only have strength, but she must also learn how to recruit her muscles in proper sequence in order to lift maximum poundages. We call this developing a proper nerve path. When a beginner learns the basic moves for the powerlifts, she is starting with limitations to her physique, for example, lack of muscular development or coordination. Her nerve path then will be dictated by her structure at that particular time. As she progresses, she will see better muscle development, improved coordination, and increases in strength. Along with changes that occur in the lifter's physique over time, changes must also be made in her timing and delivery - that is to the specific nerve paths for each of her performance lifts. If adjustments are not made to accommodate the recent changes in a lifter's physique and relative strength levels, as she progresses through years of training where no further gains are made, there will be no further gains. In order for the advanced lifter to continue making progress, she



Dawn Sharon is in off-season training, but is still capable of massive poundages. Dawn, along with husband Asher, and Greg Reshel comprise Power Excel, Inc.

3 reps x 6 sets. Note: The initial pattern overtrains the prime movers by its volume and frequency. Peaking Pattern for weeks 8-12 workouts are twice per week.

**Week 8:** Workout 1- 65x10, 95x8, 115x8, 140x3, 115x10, Workout 2- 95x5x2 sets, 125x1, 150x1, 175x2x3 sets, 115x10.

**Week 9:** Workout 1- 65x10, 95x8, 115x5, 140x3, 115x10, Workout 2- 95x5x2 sets, 135x1, 150x1, 175x2x3 sets, 115x10.

**Week 10:** Workout 1- 65x10, 95x8, 115x6, 140x4, 115x10, Workout 2- 95x5x2 sets, 135x2, 150x2, 175x3x3 sets, 115x10.

**Week 11:** Workout 1- 65x10, 95x8, 115x6, 140x5, 115x10, Workout 2- 95x5x2 sets, 135x2, 150x2, 175x3x3 sets, 115x10.

**Week 12:** Workout 1- 65x10, 95x5, 115x2, 140x1x3 sets. Meet: 75x5x2 sets, 115x1, 145x1, 165x1, Open-215, 2nd-240, 3rd-265.

Please remember that in order to be your best, you must remain positive and keep a flexible attitude with regards to your training. Be willing to make changes that will not get you immediate results, but will keep you in the game for the long haul. Best of luck, and please contact me with any concerns you may have. Dawn Sharon

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Partial lifts like half and quarter squats, deadlift lockouts, and mid-range bench presses have always been means powerlifters and other athletes of strength have used in hopes of developing increased size and strength. On many occasions, lifters have increased size and strength. On many occasions, lifters have produced success by trying these methods. My problem with partial lifts is that sometimes lifters fail to extract desired results from this practice and haven't a clue why. How many times have you heard of a lifter who can half squat 700 pounds who has great difficulty doing a competitive lift or a lifter who can lockout 800 pounds in the deadlift and the rack but fails to lockout 500 from the floor in competition? It would seem that something is wrong.

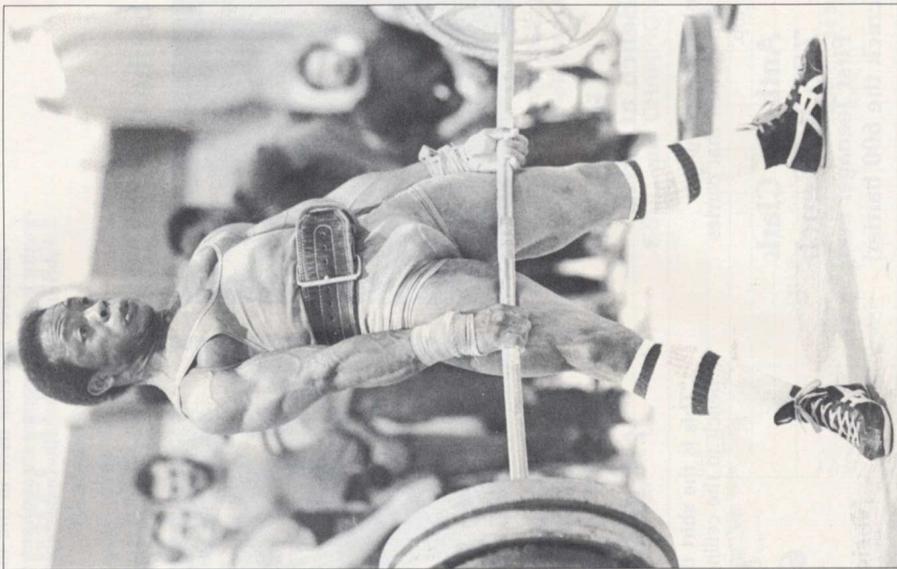
Let's start by examining perhaps the most popular partial move: deadlift lockouts in the rack. A lifter I used to train with had exceptional power and speed off the floor in his deadlift. However, he had difficulty locking out his deadlift at the top. In essence, he was limited to how much he could lockout, which was a very frustrating matter to him. His method of choice to solve this problem was heavy lockouts in the power rack. As his strength in this exercise improved, the weight he locked out reached bar-bending poundage, but, alas, come contest time, he still could not lockout what he could pull from the floor. Observing him performing these lockouts, the answer was clear to me. When he would set up to lockout the weight, he would position himself so that when he started the lockout, he straightened his legs out until he reached the final position. He was really quarter squatting the weight, not deadlifting it. His torso was already erect at the start of the pull, so no real upper back work was done. The top of his squat was easy!

A more effective method for him would be to position himself so that his form during the lockout resembled his body position during a regular competition floor deadlift. This may not be possible, but if not, the transfer of power developed in this position would not be as great as desired. The answer,

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Partial Lifts can help you lock out a heavy lift, but only if they are trained properly. Partial squats can be approached similarly. The squat is a very complex movement, and the partial lift may not resemble the flow and would not be as great as desired. The answer,

# TRAINING

## Partial Lifts for Partial Results as told to PL USA by Doug Daniels

In this case, would be similar also; make your partial lift resemble the complete lift as much as possible. As you might expect, the bench press is similar. When benching, the bar follows a certain path up to completion. Ideally, the bar does not go straight up; it goes up at a slight arc over the head at lockout. If you push the bar from a position that is not along that arc, power transfer, again, can be less than desired.

Another problem with partial lifts is that they can give a lifter a false sense of strength due to an amount of weight lifted. For lifters who have depth problems in the squat, this can accentuate the problems. You may become less accustomed to proper depth and have difficulty pleasing the judges at contest time. This false sense of strength may also tend to make a lifter take too heavy of an attempt at a meet, resulting in injury. Confidence is important in powerlifting, but it must be tempered with a realistic outlook. Base your confidence on success with competitive style attempts.

The injury factor is a real concern. Using heavy weights, even if for partial lifts, can expose a lifter to a higher chance of injury. The body may have not built up enough to support and handle too heavy a weight, especially if the difference in weight used is much greater than the weight used for a full lift. Heavy weights in partials should be worked up to gradually over time and not shotgunned in an attempt to strengthen a weak point.

Partial lifts also may detract from technique development. As I mentioned earlier, a partial lift may vary greatly from the actual segment of the full lift you are trying to work. I find that many lifters need technique work more than they need strength work. That weakness may be a result of poor or inefficient style and not actual strength deficiency. Think about that for awhile.

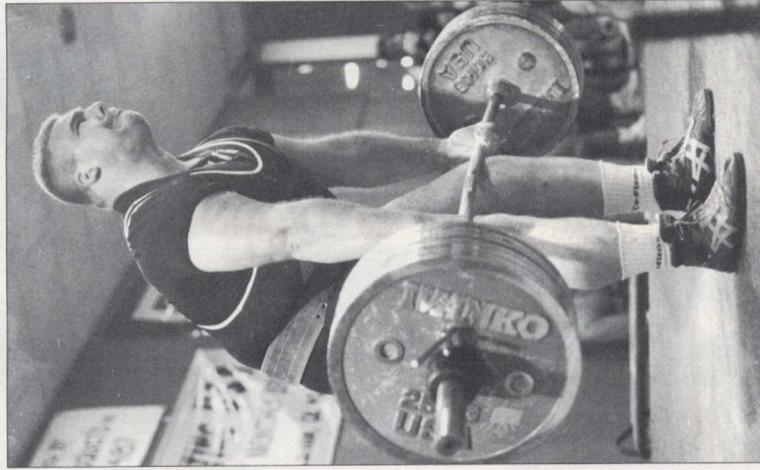
I guess you came to the conclusion that I'm not a big fan of partial lifts. I know a lot of people will disagree with me on this, but if you've been partial to partials and not getting bigger lifts on platform, examine my theories and see if they fit what your situation.



# INTERVIEW

Personal dialogue between  
PL USA Magazine and the  
Sport's Greatest Names.

## John Binkowski Fast Rising Drug Free Superheavyweight Star Interviewed for Powerlifting USA by Bob Gaynor



**BG:** Give us some personal information on yourself?

**JB:** My name is John Binkowski and I live in Dolton, Illinois. I am 24 years old and currently working towards a Masters Degree from Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois.

**BG:** How long have you been training and competing?

**JB:** I have been training for 11 years and competing just over 2 years.

**BG:** John, what are your best lifts?

**JB:** My best lifts are 854 squat, 518 bench, 722 deadlift, and 2,028 total, all at Superheavyweight.

**BG:** What titles have you won?

**JB:** 1993 ADFPA Collegiate National Champ; 1993 ADFPA Men's Nationals 2nd Place; 1992 ADFPA Men's Nationals 2nd Place; 1992 ADFPA Collegiate National Champ; 1991 ADFPA Collegiate Nationals 2nd Place. I have also won a number of State and Regional titles. I currently hold all ADFPA Collegiate American records and Illinois State records at Superheavyweight.

**BG:** John, who are some of your heroes or people you admire?

**JB:** My heroes in powerlifting would have to be Kaz and Dane Passanella. The numbers they put up and the sheer spectacle of their size were awe-inspiring to me. The man I most admire in powerlifting is Ed Coan. He got me hooked on the sport and what could be more inspiring than the numbers he posts as a 220 pounder.

**BG:** How did you get started?

**JB:** I started lifting weights in high school to get bigger for football. I got involved in powerlifting about 5 years ago. I walked into Quad's Gym to work out while home from school. The manager pointed out this guy who was looking for someone to squat with him. The guy was Ed Coan. He got me hooked on the sport from that day on. He taught me proper techniques and set up a training program for me. Without Ed, I would never have reached the level I have.

**BG:** What are your future goals?

**JB:** My short term goals include winning national and world titles and increasing my long term goal is to break Mike Hall's SHW total record. Many people say that certain people who try to impose their point of view on steroid use.

## The Lynne Barlow Story

as told to Powerlifting USA by her husband, Russ Barlow

It was during this period that Lynne took a job as an agency nurse in Boston, Mass. She travelled two and three days each week, a diagnosis. She assured all that she had at least three good weeks of her return home.

However, within one week of her return home Lynne became acutely ill with high fevers, anemia and a low platelet count. She was hospitalized locally and received her first donations of red blood cells and platelets. Blood was stabilized and then transferred to Boston's Deaconess Hospital where we were informed that she was in blast crisis. The theory was that she had been living with leukemia for the past 2-3 years and had not known it. Lynne's time was nearly up. The doctors in Boston gave her a 10% chance of living one week.

The plan of treatment was to try to get her into remission. If successful, one of her two brothers' bone marrow matched her own (25% chance), we would try for a transplant in Seattle at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. The "Hutch" is considered to be the leading bone marrow transplant center in the world. Doctor Marjorie Boyd of Portland, Maine, took over Lynne's care. She started her on an aggressive intravenous and spinal chemotherapy regime. Lynne was hospitalized from July 16 through August 4. During this period, she required unit after unit of blood and platelets as well as minor surgery to place an intravenous catheter in her chest.

On August 18, a day before her 30th birthday, Lynne received a double dose of joyful news: her brother Steve was an excellent marrow match and she was in remission. On September 4, the entire family flew out to Seattle. Here, Lynne would undergo the rigors of a bone marrow transplant. A bone marrow transplant is a highly technological form of treatment for leukemia and various other malignancies that don't respond to conventional treatment. To prepare the patient for transplant, high doses of chemotherapy along with total body radiation are given to destroy all the patient's diseased bone marrow and any hidden cancer cells.

Lynne Barlow has fought off leukemia

Life brings to light many inspiring personal stories. This story is about an elite powerlifter, bodybuilder, marathon runner, scholar and person, Lynne Barlow of Maine. As all of your readers must have been, I was moved by the Matt Dimel story. I am not attempting to out-do the incredible, but I would like to relay the amazing story of an athlete's battle with leukemia.

For Lynne, my wife of 7 years, weight training began in the basement of our home in Greene, Maine. She had been running marathons and decided to take up weight training in an attempt to better her times, which had been in the 3 hour, 10 minute range. As the months passed, Lynne's strength rapidly increased and her body became extremely muscular.

After six months of training, she entered her first three-lift meet in the spring of 1986, going 220-110-275-605, a Class total at 105 lbs. Three months later at the Kennebec Power Meet, she bumped her lifts to 240-110-285-635. During this period, an amazing physical transformation also occurred. Many in the gym began to comment that she should enter a bodybuilding contest, but heavy weight training had become an athletic passion.

It was during this time that our personal relationship became extremely strong. We found a common ground, something we could share together. In our household there was never any dead air as we discussed training philosophy, personal goals and, most importantly, innermost feelings. We decided together to open a gym where the hard core could train in an atmosphere they could be proud of. We opened Flex, Inc. on October 1, 1987 and used the Vermont Open contest as a way to boost our press.

Lynne squatted a 280, equalling an ADFPA national record; benched 120 and deadlifted three times her bodyweight - 305 at 101 pounds. To the best of my knowledge, this was the only drug-free 3x bodyweight deadlift that year.

The excitement of a 705 total lasted a short time before Lynne decided to test the bodybuilding waters. Her first contest pitted her in the 1987 Ms. Northern New England where she easily won her class over fourteen other women, but lost the overall title. Her first outing as a bodybuilder was encouraging so Lynne trained four months for the 1988 NPC Ms. Maine where she won the lightweight and overall title, qualifying her for the NPC Junior National Championships.

Although her passion for powerlifting was great, she began to dedicate herself to diet, aerobic activity and training five days a week.

This process takes two weeks, and without donor marrow the patient would die within 48 hours.

On the day of the transplant, called Day Zero, Lynne awoke and made the best of the situation by following her daily routine - a thirty minute ride on a stationary bike and a fifteen minute aerobic weight training workout with dumbbells. As Lynne trained, many curious doctors, nurses, residents and interns gathered to peer into her room, many of whom had ever seen a patient working out on the day of a transplant.

The time came. Marrow that had been extracted from Steve's hips was infused into Lynne through an intravenous line, much like a blood transfusion. Somehow, no one quite knows how, the marrow cells from her brother migrated to Lynne's bones and "set up shop" where they went to work producing healthy new white cells, red cells and platelets. Engraftment occurred 14 to 28 days following transplant. Until engraftment occurred, Lynne was defenseless against infections and had to rely totally upon infusions of red cells and platelets from donors.

34 days after transplant, Lynne's status was changed from being a full-time hospital patient to a day-care patient. The first thing she did was to join a local gym and begin training. This was a difficult period because gains came slowly due to the large dosages of drugs such as mustatin, prednisone, progesterone, estrogen, zovirax, carafate, reglan, pepcid, nifedipine, bacitrimin, coumadin, moxetel, cyclosporin, cytoxan, amphotericin band total body radiation, all of which Lynne had been exposed to during her cancer and recovery.

As the dosages decreased, Lynne's strength began to increase. In March of 1991, 19 months after transplant, she entered the Maine State Bench Press Championships weighing 90 lbs. and still taking 60 mgs. of Prednisone (catabolic). She benched 125 lbs. One year later she entered her first full contest and went 220-143-253-616 at 92 lbs while still on 40 mgs. of Prednisone, an amazing feat!

Her goal had always been to reestablish her elite classification. In November of 1992 her goal was realized at the Atlantic States Open in Massachusetts. Finally off all her medications, at 95 lbs., she went 240-150-275-665. ELITE!

Today, Lynne is still off all medications, continues working toward her master's degree in nursing anesthesia, and is weight training regularly. Having gone through this "trial by fire" our relationship is now stronger than ever.

# O.K.G....

## The Second Coming?

as told by Frederick Hatfield, Ph.D., Director Sports & Fitness Sciences, International Sports Sciences Assoc.

They say that the second time round is always better. Who are "they," anyhow? Some omniscient beings that direct the affairs of mortals from an unseen, lofty perch in the heavens? The so-called "intelligentsia" of this world? The "significant others" in our respective lives? Or, could it be the self-appointed guardians of truth and justice in the world of sports nutrition, the staff at *Muscle Media 2000* magazine? Hardly. No matter. The truth is, sometimes "they" are right, and sometimes "they" are not.

In the case of OKG (ornithine alphaketoglutarate), those mythic beings of whom we all speak, and whom we address as "they," are apparently right on the money when "they" tell us that OKG is the second coming.

"The second coming," of course, is a phrase "they" usually reserve for the eventuality of Christ's return to Earth. Not this time. This time, "they" are referring to anabolic steroids.

Wait! Time out! Haven't we heard this before? I mean, take a look at what the purveyors of that hot, hotter and hottest "stuff" chromium picolinate, vanadyl sulfate, GHB, MerRx, and the veritable cascade of other substances and concoctions brewed over the years which "they" have tried to get us to swallow (pun intended). All of these fine gentlemen have touted their stuff as viable alternatives to anabolic steroids. All have touted their stuff as... yes, "the second coming" of steroids.

Well fellow iron freaks, "they" were wrong, wrong, WRONG! Worse, they purposely misled us just to make a buck or two. You know it and I know it. So what's so different about OKG that we should believe them (the "they" people) this time?

Whoa! Burning question! In this case, "they" are the research scientists, and NOT the scrofulous marketers. (Remember, "they" say that research scientists don't have axes to grind.) For my money, the peer-reviewed research literature is almost as trustworthy a place as the Gospel to look for the really relevant prophecies of "they." Since, I can assure you, the Gospel speaks naught of OKG, the best place to look for good, reliable information on OKG is in the research literature. I did. OKG has been clinically shown to:

- 1) decrease muscle protein catabolism (Cynober, L., 1991; Vaubourdoille, et al., 1991).
- 2) improve nitrogen retention in muscle tissue (Vaubourdoille, et al., 1991; Jeevanandam, et al., 1992).
- 3) augment muscle tissue polyamine (PA) response (Jeevanandam,

(there's that word again!) are the only legitimate and true guardians of truth and justice, and "they" are the only ones who has the real stuff. So buy from them. It's strange that so often "they" want to be the only ones to make a quick buck in this business. Bet that it'll be at your expense.

I leave you with this admonishment:

Be careful from whom you buy OKG! There are hucksters out there (you already know who they are) who will sell you:

- 1) Useless baking powder they're calling OKG.
- 2) Ornithine mixed with alphaketoglutarate. That is NOT ornithine alphaketoglutarate! In simplistic terms, the two substances must first be mixed in water where ionization takes place (forming a compound called OKG). Then, the compound has to be freeze-dried. Ornithine is cheap, and so is alphaketoglutarate. But the compound OKG (because of the processes involved) is a bit more expensive than the two components.
- 3) Real OKG in such small doses you will gain nothing from it except an empty wallet.

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By the same mathematical formula, a person weighing 114 pounds but only 4 percent body fat will need about 5 grams daily.

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132	5.75	5.5	5.3	5	4.8
148	6.5	6.1	6	5.65	5.4
165	7.2	7	6.6	6.3	6
181	8	7.6	7.2	7	6.6
198	8.6	8.3	8	7.5	7.2
220	9.5	9.2	8.8	8.4	8
242	10.5	10	9.7	9.2	8.8
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- 8) better training
- 9) better and faster recovery so you can train harder more often
- 10) better muscle building
- 11) better life, and probably a longer life
- 12) better self-esteem
- 13) better image.

Be sure you'll think of other benefits too. Hey, I'm not "they," so I won't say that OKG is indeed the second coming of steroids. I will say it's a safe bet to be the best alternative to steroids I've ever come across in the research literature.

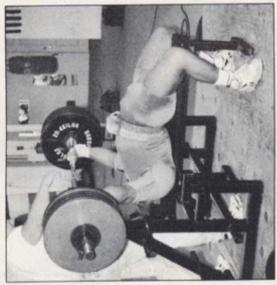
In a recent issue of *Muscle Media 2000*, an article appeared touting OKG as a potential "second coming" kind of product. Then they went on to tell you that some guy in Colorado got exclusive rights to OKG. This is hogwash!

See, OKG is so hot that they're trying to convince people that THEY

# THE BENCH

## Craig Tokarski Seminar as told to PL USA by Jon Smoker

thing he credited with his rapid rise usually settling for 4x5 with 365-405 on Wednesday. He doesn't go real heavy because it takes too much out of his shoulders. He also does leg curls in the 16-20 rep range with around 180 pounds. In general, regarding bodybuilding movements, he tends to do more of it right after a contest, and then he gradually eliminates it as he goes through a cycle, dropping all assistance work when he's 4 weeks out from a meet.



**Craig Demonstrates the proper form in the bench press (photo by Brian Hurley)**

When training for a contest, he likes to start concentrating on a cycle about 12 weeks out. For the first 4 weeks, he does sets of 5, which he, along with Ed Coan and a lot of other experts, thinks are just about perfect for developing size and strength. He usually does 3 to 5 sets on Monday, his heavy bench day for the week. Eight weeks out he goes to triples. The final 4 weeks he uses doubles and a few 95% singles to finish off his preparation, hitting his last heavy workout two Mondays before the meet. He also takes a lot of time between sets when training heavy, waiting up to 10 minutes between heavy sets so that he can handle more weight. Anything less and he feels you're getting too close to bodybuilding again. Friday is his light day and he sticks with 365 for the entire cycle. Anything more doesn't allow him to recuperate enough and he comes back still sore somewhat on Monday.

For supplementation he takes vitamins and minerals to hit anything in his diet that might be deficient. He also takes a weight gain powder when he's trying to gain weight, partly because he's lactose intolerant. He believes one should have an adequate food intake

so that you're just over your weight limit, so you don't get in a position where you have to eat like a bodybuilder. He also likes to eat just before he works out, because an empty, uncomfortable stomach is a distraction. Other than that, he believes in getting plenty of rest (eight hours per night plus a nap) and taking it easy on weekends, if powerlifting is your main interest.

The two main points Tokarski emphasized when addressing the subject of motivation, were to surround yourself with positive people and to never put limitations on yourself. If someone he comes in contact with in the gym or out, tries to say something negative about his lifting, like it's a useless endeavor or he could never hit a certain lift, he'll turn a deaf ear to them and no longer associate with them. Psychologically he thinks it's of utmost importance to have positive influences in your life and positive thoughts in your head. "Never say to yourself 'I could never lift X amount of weight,'" he stressed.



**Craig in his supportive benching shirt (Hurley)**

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## Record Breaking Contests



**Craig Tokarski got an APF/WPC 308 lb. class world record with a bench press of 639 lbs. (Budweiser photographs by Brian Baertlein)**

Finally crack the 628 barrier and do it strongly, and under severe scrutiny. Tamara Rainwater-Moser set a WBC record at our December meet on this day. Her 147.5 (125) opener was a world record, obviously, and it was done explosively. By her reaction, it was clear that she had come from a long and hard struggle to make this lift. She was belittled by 152.5 as it went out of the groove almost immediately, but came back for a very strong finish on the attempt. Now she has a lift that had more in her. The Record Breaker Meet was a night and a day ago. Newcomer Bob Bahan is a tough and fierce player at Indiana State. He has a lift that was as good as done in a matter that places them at a disadvantage. It is, however, expected that all of the rules will be followed by every lifter. This is all I have ever seen. Chris Confessore bench press with 267.5, and then went to the record of 285 kg. It was a duplicate of the lift I mentioned above, and it was not passed due to lack of competition. Chris was extremely pleased to

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**Budweiser World Record Breakers**  
11 Jul 93 - Bend, OR (kg)

Women	SQ	BP	DL	Total
B. Bellis-61	114	52	114	280
A. Magliano-59	25	57.5	45	127.5
D. Davis-98	72.5	47.5	82.5	202.5
C. Stewart-114	70	35	110	215
M. Stewart-112	82.5	45	102.5	230
Men				
K. Long	205	107.5	190	502.5
A. Hatch	175	90	190	462.5
B. Shaw	160	127.5	167.5	455
D. Woodard, Sr.	115	120	137.5	372.5
Men Junior				
D. Hatch	202.5	105	197.5	505
C. Simpson	195	117.5	240	552.5
Men Novice				
V. Shaw	185	127.5	210	522.5
S.H.W.	305	175	365	745
D. Money BL	232.5	187.5	250	712.5
B. Duncan	242.5	150	220	612.5
C. Tokarski	45	290	45	380
Men Open				
Philips-187	45	202.5	45	292.5
J. Chapman	272.5	160	250	682.5
R. McCane	282.5	172.5	325	782.5
J. Conley BL	320	212.5	280	812.5
R. Wright	255	165	260	680

(Thanks to Gm Kretsch for sending the results)

**World Games (kg)**  
24,25 Jul 93 - The Hague

Women	SQ	BP	DL	Total
C. Cognacq-48	142.5	67.5	167.5	377.5
C. Koolman-51	157.5	62.5	162.5	382.5
A. Leverett-46	130	75	147.5	352.5
J. Natalie-46	155	75	147.5	377.5
L. Lin-51	185	102.5	195	482.5
C. Boudreau-56	205	95	182.5	482.5
B. Amelen-59	205	95	182.5	482.5
I. Mars-55	177.5	85	180	442.5
E. Stantone-47	175	77.5	185	437.5
Women 3				
C. Miller-81	230	150.5	237.5	618
S. Gurney-90	245	135	200	580
H. Herchen-96	215	142.5	225	582.5
M. North-78	185	95	197.5	477.5
M. Chao-94	220	112.5	185	517.5
G. Mc-Namara-59	240	155	250	645
R. Hippold-65	255	135	285	675
H. Zhuravskiy-51	205	115	200	520
H. Moore-35	200	115	200	515
Men 2				
F. Schramm-88	355	227.5	305	887.5
S. Andreessen-88	322.5	197.5	322.5	842.5
C. B. B. B.	325	225	325	875
W. Finney-81	265	127.5	272.5	665
Men 3				
G. Bell-90	340	215	315	870
B. B. B. B.	320	210	300	830
B. B. B. B.	305	230	320	855
J. Jorkewich-135	350	225	330	905
Germany 7, 4. France, 8. Great Britain, 6. New Zealand, 10. Ukraine, 11. Spain, 12. Belgium, 13. Russia, 14. Ukraine, 15. Netherlands, 16. Sweden, 17. Austria. (results courtesy Jay Palumbo and Stella Henrick)				



**Jennifer Moser got new APF Teen Records in the squat and deadlift**



**Tamara Rainwater-Grimwood with a world record 336 lb bench (Tuite)**

On May 8, 1993, in Elkhart, Indiana, Craig Tokarski gave a seminar that was both rich in useful information and highly motivational. He began with a detailed explanation of his technique while he warmed up to a 600 and then 625; this is at the starting point of his cycle. The first thing that he stressed was the importance of taking the shirt off between attempts. He said that when you leave it on, it stretches that shirt out and gets it into a loose groove. Taking it off between attempts really helps to keep it tight. He sets up with a wrestler's bridge, really: back arched, radically, feet tucked way under the bench, and then he brings the bar down to the highest point of his abs and tucks his elbows in against his side. He wants the bar to go up in a straight line, feeling that a stair-step technique is inefficient. For all the world, it looks like a close grip bench, kind of the mirror image of Anthony Clark's reverse-grip style. It's a radical departure from his old Texas-T style and one of the things he credits with his rapid rise to success.

The belt and wrist wraps are also important elements in his technique because when used properly, they help to maintain tightness. The main secret with the belt is to notch it again once you lay down on the bench because your stomach is flatter then and you can get another notch or two, which will keep the shirt pulled down tight. The key with wrist wraps is to have them up on the bottom of the hand to create a cast-like effect, thereby adding a great deal of stability to the wrist. The last thing he emphasized was to get a huge breath of air at the start of the lift to stay tight, expand your rib cage and have plenty of oxygen.

The second most important



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# Ask the Doctor

This column will answer questions about drugs used by athletes and detection techniques for these drugs. Because of the demand, I will occasionally answer questions concerning health and training problems which do not directly relate to drug use and detection. If you wish a personal response to your questions send \$15 to cover office and secretarial expenses. Please, no questions about how and when to use anabolic steroids. Send questions to: Mauro Di Pasquale MD, 23 Main St., Warkworth, Ontario, Canada K0K 3K0 (Four reasons of brevity or clarity, some letters may be edited, however, every effort is made to retain the spirit of the original question).

**DEAR MAURO:** For about a year and a half my arm muscle between the bicep and triceps hurts and gets numb and shakes every time I bench. It has become worse lately. I have been to three doctors. The first one told me it was arthritis in my collarbone which was broken in 1976, the second doctor told me it was my rotator cuff which was slightly torn and the third doctor told me it was nerve damage in my C-5 joint muscle in my arm. Who I should listen to? I might add I have taken Naprosyn and Lidaine before workouts and after meals, but I still have the problem. I even laid off my bench press for two months, but when I went back it started hurting again. I would appreciate your response. Thank you, **Randy B.**

**DEAR RANDY:** It's difficult to diagnose your problem without examining you. It doesn't sound like any of the diagnoses involving the other three doctors, but could be a chronic tendonitis involving the brachialis muscle. This muscle lies between the biceps and the triceps and can be bothersome for lifters. Often the arm will hurt in both the bench and squat. You didn't mention if you had any physiotherapy or cortisone injections. Both might be of some use. **Mauro**

**DEAR MAURO:** I tore my left bicep and had it reattached. I was in a cast and then a sling for 8 weeks. I started benching and squatting light about a month ago. The doctor who did the operation told me to give the tendons 6 months before I deadlift or work the arm directly. I am writing to you because I was told that you had the same type injury and I'm hoping that you could suggest some rehabilitation work. It's been 6 months since I placed any real stress on the arm. The funny thing is I tore it playing flag football and not lifting. I am 5'10" and I weigh 230 lbs. My best lifts are 625 squat, 375 bench, and a 610 deadlift. Any help that you can give me will be greatly appreciated. **Sam T.**

**DEAR SAM:** I've seen many biceps tears over the years, in both bodybuilders and powerlifters. The etiology is either a direct blow on a contracted muscle or more commonly an indirect force through the tendon while performing a stressful activity. An indirect force may be violent from a very strenuous activity such as lifting or jerking a heavy weight, or subtle from repetitive less stressful activities. Yours may have been the result of a direct blow on the contracted muscle. I partially (about 50%) tore my distal biceps tendon in 1984 because I overtrained the deadlift. At the end of my last workout before the

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Worlds and in the last lift of this workout - a 695 deadlift (which I debated on doing, but did anyway since 660 had felt so light), my left biceps partially tore away from its insertion at the elbow - like so many piano strings breaking. I lifted anyway a week after the injury (in the 165 lb or 75 Kg class) for team points. I deadlifted over 600 lbs. at the meet but had to reverse my grip so that my injured left hand was now overhand and the right underhand. I decided not to get it repaired but did give the arm a rest for about four weeks before I started working it. In most cases, however, lifters with torn biceps are able to start training in earnest by five or six months or so after surgery. Since it's been six months, I'd say you're more than ready. There's no reason why you can't be doing light squats, benches and other exercises right now. These won't tax the biceps but will give you a feel for your injured arm. After about four weeks I would begin to do some light deadlifts - your grip should be reversed with your left hand overhand (similar to a reverse curl grip). This puts minimal pressure on the biceps tendon. Work up to about 350 lbs in an eight week cycle. Next do another cycle maxing out at 500 lbs. Your next cycle should take you close to 600. After that try to beat your best lift. Let pain and discomfort be your guide all through the rehabilitation period. If it hurts the left arm, slack off a bit. **Mauro**

First item for review this month is a book called the *Kelso Shrug System*, described as a practical guide for bodybuilders and strength athletes. It is written by Paul Kelso, a long-time popular author in *Powerlifting USA*. The book itself is nicely done - 2-color cover, nice artwork, and it concerns itself with the concept of using struts in unique ways to assist in physical and strength development. This is a result of work that has been ongoing since 1968 in Paul Kelso's mind, developing many variations of strong movements that are not commonly utilized by powerlifters, but have a lot of potential in bodybuilding as well as strength applications. It's an 'exotic' kind of assistance work and since so few people give these exercises much of a try, the average person could well derive many gains from studying this book and applying some of the principles. There's also a big section on using the Gerard Trap Bar and much on how to work with your existing bone structure and initiate growth. The book brings out many ideas from the old days which may be very pertinent to today's powerlifting training. One of the overall impressions that I derived from reading the book was that powerlifting is really an expression of the underlying desire of people to improve themselves. Paul personalizes his feelings in this regard by telling his own tale of starting out in the Iron Game. He currently resides in Japan teaching English, writing articles, and covering the Asian powerlifting scene but he does have an agent in the United States who is handling the book sales for him. You can purchase a copy of the book for \$9.95 (US) plus \$2.00 shipping and handling from Middle Coast Publishing, P.O. Box 2522 Dept. KP, Iowa City, IA 52244.

The next item up for review this month is the new book by Jim Williams, self-described, and eloquently so, as "powerlifting's greatest bench presser." He certainly was a man who moved the ultimate bench press mark well upwards in a relatively short period of time, and his marks were not approached for many, many years afterwards. Jim was assisted in writing this book by his close friend Sam Diana. One thing that should be mentioned at the outset is that if you are an English teacher, you're not going to like this book because there are many examples within it of 'creative' spelling, punctuation, sentence structure and so forth. To a powerlifting enthusiast that will be almost irrelevant, because despite those inadequacies, the spirit of Jim Williams - his intuitive knowledge, and his intuitive understanding of bench pressing comes across forcefully. Much of what Jim expounds in the book is simply common sense, but he does apply his unique reasoning to many aspects of the form and function of bench pressing, as exemplified by his rather heretical theory of training the bench press on an almost daily basis. He still has the lift in him, and talks in the present tense of doing a 770 lb. bench even though his best years are chronologically behind him. He reveals some true training secrets from his own years under the bar. One of the items (which ties in with our previous review item) is the so-called "lying shrug". Jim also explains how riding a bike also helped of dozen chapters, none of them

powerlifting's great world championship lifters on the tape, Tom Magee, who has been trying to make it as an actor in Los Angeles these last few years. Appearing bearded and quite lean, he recounts some of his achievements in powerlifting and in strongman competition. You can purchase this 3rd edition of *POWERLIFTING VIDEO* Magazine through their ad on page 84 of this magazine, and that concludes this month's powerlifting review section. (Submissions for review are welcome to Box 467, Camarillo, California 93011)

Another item for review in the video realm is the Summer '93 edition of *Powerlifter Video*, the third installment in this video magazine series. The host of the production is again Chuck LaMantia, looking relaxed and performing professionally. The tape starts out with Anthony Clark's squat workout with his own personal commentary. There are some neat special effect, wide-angle looks, of his training.

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long, which cover a range of subject matter. One of the most interesting sections is what he calls his "honor roll", where Jim expresses his feelings about a number of the great figures in powerlifting. Flowing through Jim's conversational writing style is the undeniable dedication that this man had to a single lift, the bench press, and how he totally involved his mind and body in understanding the movement and achieving his goal of greatness in that field. For those who are only vaguely familiar with Jim's achievements, they are well described in the book. There's hardly any detail of the Williams' training ideology or his personal history or his layman's philosophy of strength training that goes unmentioned in this rather lengthy treatise which includes items such as workout sheets as well as very detailed workout schedules. The book is available for \$19.95 from Jim Williams, 512 Adams Ave., Scranton, PA 18510, and a whole sale price is available for dealers.

Next up for review is something that is not, I believe, available for purchase, but it shows what is going on with Pete Gison's meets and may help you decide about tapes of his future meets. Pete makes a supreme effort to get media coverage, radio and TV, for his contests and his ADFPA New York State Meet in February culminated in a very fine videotape production, covering the event in a style appropriate to, say, ESPN. The video included interviews, highlights, well edited music, etc. A tape of this quality of powerlifting meet would be among the most professionally produced ever offered for sale, and I believe Pete may have tapes available from his ADFPA Deadlift Nationals, so keep an eye out for them.

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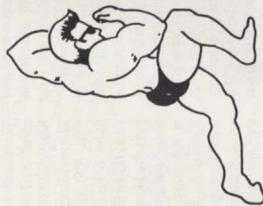
This footage was shot barely nine days after his all-time record total of 2460. Also included is footage of the 992 lb. squat that nearly killed Anthony some time back, via tape from KAVU TV. The workout is presented in two sections, and in between them is some interesting coverage of the California State championships (including the most 'yelps' uttered by a lifter prior to a lift, 17!). They also review the Ed Coan squat videotape, which shows him squatting 950 for two easy looking reps without the straps on the suit pulled up. Coaches Corner with Bernie Gagne is back with some bench press technique tricks this time. Bernie's daughter, Vickie Hembre, the first woman to deadlift 500 lbs., is also interviewed. There is also video coverage of the meet up in Fresno where Rick Couch bench pressed 377 lbs. and Scott Werner made attempts at 475, 510, 520, 530 as a middleweight; and there is coverage of the ADFPA World Gym/Bench Press Challenge with the likes of Keith Kanemoto, one of the great drug free benchers in the state. John Inzer reviews some of his squat suit equipment with some tips on how to put a suit on, a demonstration of how 'suit slippers' work. One of the American Gladiators, 6'3" Shirley Eason goes through a workout. There is some footage of the ADFPA California State Championships. Doug Wilkerson, widely known for his strength as a player, now serves as strength coach of the Los Angeles Raiders, and he explains his training philosophy in keeping the Raiders strong. He emphasizes a lot of leg work; and in both leg and upper body work, he likes to work with dumbbells and equipment that stresses one limb at a time because he feels that is more realistic in a football situation. From there it is on to Anthony Clark's workout part II where he hits some power squats, leg presses, and curls and gives us some of his philosophy on training. It was also great to see one of powerlifting's great world championship lifters on the tape, Tom Magee, who has been trying to make it as an actor in Los Angeles these last few years. Appearing bearded and quite lean, he recounts some of his achievements in powerlifting and in strongman competition. You can purchase this 3rd edition of *POWERLIFTING VIDEO* Magazine through their ad on page 84 of this magazine, and that concludes this month's powerlifting review section. (Submissions for review are welcome to Box 467, Camarillo, California 93011)

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620	TENPENNY, J	07SEP88
614	HARDMAN, T	23OCT83
611	WILSON, D	10MAY92
611	PIECH, B	16AUG87
611	HANSEN, G	21JUL90
605	HITTINGER, M	23APR88
601	MORAN, L	25FEB89
601	DONNEN, K	24JUL83
601	BENTLEY, T	20JUN87
601	THOMPSON, G	17JUL88
600	MILEY, K	20AUG88
600	CHOL, D	10AUG86
600	APRBR	10AUG86
600	WOOD, J	13NOV88
600	WEH, M	19NOV88
600	ROBINSON, J	09NOV91
600	WILSON, D	09NOV91
600	ISSAC, T	14MAR93
590	CAREY, S	27OCT88
584	PALMELLA, D*	07FEB87
584	RESHEL, G	08APR88
582	NOGALES, F	13JUN92
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575	LANC, K	10APR88
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573	UPCHURCH, E	14MAR92
570	D'AREZZO, A	09NOV85
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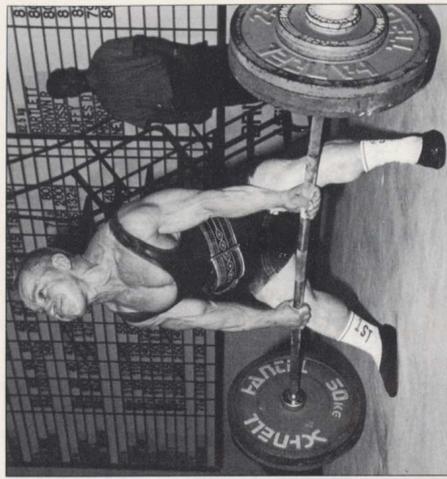
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Alex Degovets zooms up the all time ranking list in the 114 lb. class.

Table with columns for name, weight class, and various performance metrics. Includes names like I. Walker, J. Kins, C. Naylor, etc.

Maneuvering lifting in a heavier bodyweight class Peter Tregloan was the first to enter the men's bodyweight field in the UK. He was the first to squat the iron, 145 x 225 lb. total in the UK. He was the first to squat the iron, 145 x 225 lb. total in the UK...

ADFFA Southern Bench/Deadlift 8 MAY 93 - Hinesville, GA

Table listing results for Southern Bench and Deadlift events. Columns include name, weight, and lift amount.

Special thanks to Jim Gizzard, Julio Cruz, Dave and my wife for their support and my wife for her support. (Thanks to Debbie Ferone for the results.)

USPF Drug Free Bench Press 1 May 93 - Lima, OH

Table listing results for USPF Drug Free Bench Press event. Columns include name, weight, and lift amount.

Best Lifters: Light - Galea Scott, Heavy - Dennis Murray. (Thanks to Alicia Bell for the most results.)

Table titled 'BPF British Championships 26,27 Jun 93 (kg)'. Columns include name, weight class, and performance metrics.

When Jamie Carney puts his three big lifts together we will be looking at a total in excess of 2300 lbs. The 165 lb. class saw World Champion David...



Jamie Carney squats 881 at 220 lb. bodyweight at the BPF British Championships (James Benbow photos)

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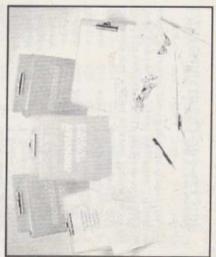
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I. Annis	270	210	340	820
L. Jaques	55	320*	135	510
R. Haxmasier Bl.	500*	370*	445	1255*
D. Anderson	400	210	420	1090
A. Sofichalk	400	240	445	1085
B. Hanson	365	280	440	1085
B. Vitek	330	275	380	985
D. Baldorf	320	255	400	975
R. Dodge	330	200	415	945
J. Poplawski	405	305	480	1190
T. Mass	425	265	495	1185
D. Treat	400	340	420	1160
C. Erickstrup	550	350	550	1450
F. Sheridan	475	325	540	1340
Z. Bachmiller	500	345	475	1320
M. Edlestein	615	390	635	1640
J. Cahill	625	350	605	1580
M. Dowall	480	445	530	1355
C. Payne	480	440	530	1350
K. Bellie	545	350	505	1400
W. Cillingham	635	420	585	1640
B. Hudyma	570	390	515	1475
R. Proskany	570	390	515	1475
T. Schepner	705	515*	705	1925*
R. Bilson	600	395	630	1625
G. Reed	390	370	460	1220
W. Schmitt	760*	455	625	1840
K. Sarwin	715	450	585	1750
R. Sadovnik	540	300	565	1405

**Women's Open**

W. LeBlanc	165*	105*	145*	415*
S. Radtke	215	160	250	625
D. Lundgren	195	165	255	615
S. Nelson	245*	140	280*	665*
L. Eason	235	140	280*	655*
W. Jaroslowski	240*	110*	240*	590*
L. Dorance	200*	110*	250*	560*

**ADFFA Northwest Open (continued)**

M. Naah	175	110	170	455
S. Nelson	245*	140	280*	665*
L. Dorance	200*	110*	250*	560*
M. Schmitt	275	180	320	775
C. Reed, Jr.	390	370	460	1220
K. Sarwin	715	450	585	1750
K. Skarwin	500	360	550	1410
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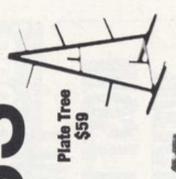
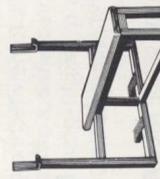


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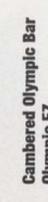
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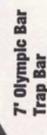
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R. Knacke	305	350	655
C. Walsh	310	320	655
M. Grimsmyer	175	320	655
A. Duce	295	510	805
A. Rothelstuter	340	455	795
B. Dawson	350	440	790
M. Parker	350	475	825
D. Jacobson	250	410	660
R. Irbay	485	550	1035
K. Ortiz OL	350	475	825
C. Hoffman	345	475	820
D. Wasonen	225	465	710
L. Williams-148	225	300	525
L. Williams-132	115	125	275
C. Knecht	125	240	365
Outstanding Lifter BP/DL: Tees-Damion Collins;			
315 lbs. Knut Ortiz Light; Tony Carvers Submaster			
315 lbs. Knut Ortiz Light; Heavy-Knut Ortiz; Light;			
Carlos Rojas; Team Awards BP & DL-Weight Room;			
BP-Wyoming Team. (results from Weight Room.)			

11th Mississippi State Bench Press

1 May 93 - Jackson, MS

Open

M. Powell	3260	SHW	545
A. Lockhart	285	J. Wheeler	
A. J. Jolt	375*	J. Bailey	275
J. Vining		K. Wittich	
K. Willich		M. Middle	
B. Wimbush		K. Francis	315
L. Raiffel	355	J. Stevens	
C. Trins		C. Theill	Heavy
L. Wright		R. Creighton	500
M. Lawrence	340	B. Lee	
M. Poole		J. Walker	165
M. Welch	500*	N. Tester	555
B. Shinn		A. Pospol	200
J. Grifflin	430	L. Fitzgerald	385
J. Grifflin	430	D. Minotte	240
J. Grifflin	430	C. Vasquez	255
J. Grifflin	430	D. Orr	265
J. Grifflin	430	K. Buser	210
J. Grifflin	430	B. Sherwood	350
J. Grifflin	430	C. Siller	475
J. Grifflin	430	A. Siller	455
J. Grifflin	430	R. Lantry	555
J. Grifflin	430	L. Fitzgelder	385
J. Grifflin	430	R. Jackolin	510
J. Grifflin	430	P. Fyre	245
J. Grifflin	430	R. Morell	650!
J. Grifflin	430	E. Pasternak	360
J. Grifflin	430	E. Ramirez	300
J. Grifflin	430	B. Moore	675*

APA "Drug Tested" DL Nationals  
 18 Apr 93 - Port Charlotte, FL

Women

R. Lantry	555
L. Fitzgerald	385
R. Jackolin	510
P. Fyre	245
R. Morell	650!
E. Pasternak	360
E. Ramirez	300
B. Moore	675*

Men

R. Lantry	555
L. Fitzgerald	385
R. Jackolin	510
P. Fyre	245
R. Morell	650!
E. Pasternak	360
E. Ramirez	300
B. Moore	675*



Meet Director Gordon Weir, at left, presenting Mark Welch his award at the 11th Mississippi State Bench Press Championships, where he took 1st place in the 220 lb. class with a lift of 500 lbs.

m-Masters world record, 1-Teen world record, 1-Open world record. \*FL state record. Meet Director Gordon Weir, at left, presenting Mark Welch his award at the 11th Mississippi State Bench Press Championships, where he took 1st place in the 220 lb. class with a lift of 500 lbs. (Thanks to Meet Director, Gordon Weir, Court-House Recreap Club, for providing these results)

he benched 375 lbs. Mark Welch benched 500 lbs. The top lift of the day was 545 lbs. in the 219kg class. The 220 lb. class was won by Mark Welch with a lift of 500 lbs. The 214 lbs. and pressing 500 lbs. in the open 220 lb. class. (Thanks to Meet Director, Gordon Weir, Court-House Recreap Club, for providing these results)

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willing to put themselves and their careers on the line. Those that do are usually the ones at the top.

Let me warn you about something, too. Once you start taking such risks, your whole life changes. Every day is exciting and new. You learn who you are and what you can become. It's magic.

During my career, I've heard a lot of athletes say things like, "I'm not going to compete in that meet or against that guy. I don't want to look bad." The hell with looking bad! What's wrong with looking bad now and then? I enjoy a lot of things that I do badly. Some of my most rewarding and meaningful moments in my life have occurred when I looked bad. In fact, what I consider one of my greatest accomplishments in my life I looked absolutely foolish doing. What did I do? I climbed the Great Wall of China. Now I know what you're thinking: "Blasto, what's the big deal about that?" Thousands of people climb the Great Wall every day. Even young children have climbed the Great Wall. I know, but none of those people are suffering from extreme acrophobia. Let me tell you, when it comes to heights, I have about as much courage as an Iraqi soldier after thirty days of bombing. I get scared half to death even if I just jump a little too high. Consequently, climbing the Great Wall was a monumental task. In case you've never seen the Great Wall, it's a million miles high. At least that's the way it looked to me. I'm not ashamed to say that I was completely petrified, and as soon as I started climbing it I became even more terrified. When I got halfway up the wall, I actually got down on my hands and knees and started crawling. The other people who were climbing were laughing and poking fun at me. Some of them even stopped and took my picture. As frightened and embarrassed as I was, though, I didn't quit. Slowly but surely I crawled one step at a time until I reached the very top of the wall. I know I looked bad, but I climbed the wall and, in the process, faced and won over my fear. I'm really proud of that; as I said before, it's one of my greatest accomplishments.

The risk that I had taken was great, at least for me, but what had I learned was even greater. I learned that I could be anything I wanted to be, provided that I had the courage to suffer a little, struggle a little, and work a little. I also learned that happiness comes only when we push our hearts and minds to the furthest reaches of our capabilities, and that the meaning of life is to matter, to be all that you can be. Then and only then, can you go into the stars. *Judd Blasiotto, Ph.D.*

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or five. We were in the mountains for a week's vacation. It was dark outside, and my mother told me to stay away from the lake. Of course, when she told me that, that's exactly where I wanted to go. So, as soon as she turned around I was off to the lake. She came down after me and told me to go back up to the cabin. Then I heard my dad say, "I still remember his words." Let him go. You told him about the danger, let him find out for himself." As soon as she let me go I hauled butt back down to the lake. I couldn't have been down there more than five minutes when I accidentally walked off the back end of the dock. On the way down I hit my head on a rowboat, opening up a nice gash on my head. The next thing I knew my Dad was pulling me out of the water. I know my mother's heart was in her throat, and I'm sure my dad was eating his heart out too, but they knew that if they restricted me from living life fully, I'd never grow. All growth involves risk. I'll say this too, experience is the best non-directive teacher you'll ever have. It's a beautiful thing - real magic. It will give you the skills to deal with reality, the courage to live life to it's fullest. Like I said, magic.

You know, there's one thing I'm certain of: if you don't have the "guts" to put yourself on the line now and then, your chance of success is limited. I firmly believe that in order to reach the top, an athlete has to know how to live on the edge. He has to enjoy the element of risk and danger just a bit. I'm not talking about taking needless, senseless, uncalculated risks. "Bungee jumping" from 10,000 feet or attempting a 500 pound squat when your personal best is 300 pounds proves nothing except that you have the intelligence of a turp. What I'm talking about is intelligent, calculated risk-taking in which the action in question is a risk that has a legitimate cost-reward relationship. As I've already mentioned, I believe that, in order to reach the pinnacle of your field, you have to learn to live on the edge, to enjoy the element of risk and danger - at least to a reasonable degree. Look back through the annals of time, and I think you'll find that people who had the courage to take a chance, who faced their fears head-on, were those who shaped history. The people who played it safe, who were afraid to take a risk - well, have you ever heard of them? Sports are full of great physical specimens, but there is a real shortage when it comes to athletes who are willing to play their game with reckless abandon. Athletes who are

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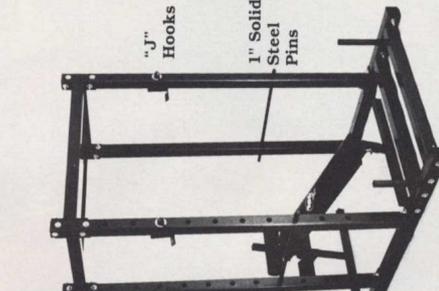
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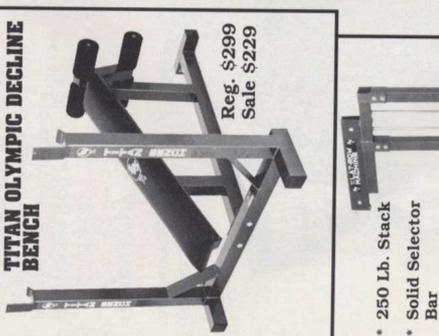


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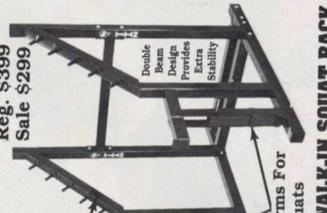


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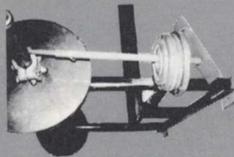
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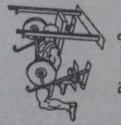


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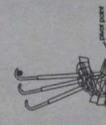


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- 19 SEP. ADPA Ocean State Open Bench Press (men, women), John DeBosis, 1487 Park Ave., Cranston, RI 02920, 401-942-8659.
- 19 SEP. ANI A 1st Annual Illinois State Bench Press (men, jr., lifetime, submaster, master, teen, and women), Larry Chapman, Jr., 4108 Greenleaf Ct., Park City, IL 60085, 708-363-9415.
- 19 SEP. NAPA N. W. Illinois Championships, David Greenwald, The Power Store, Box 33, Dixon, IL 61021, 815-288-7432.
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