

Day 1 Recap

The first day of competition at the 2012 Youth National Championships saw the youngest wave of competitors be crowned as champions of their respective divisions. On the girls side, Maya Uemura captured the 35kg title with a six for six performance and a 63kg total, while Carolyn Cohen ran unopposed in the 39kg category and still put up an impressive 48kg total. Sofia Poblano was also able to go six for six on her way to a 83kg total, to win the 44kg division. In the 53kg category, Ruby Haman proved to be 26kgs better than the competition with her even 100kg total. Emily Camacho continued the six for six theme on her way to the top spot in the 58kg category and a 94kg total. Madison Stenbo was held off her competition with a 118 kg total to win the 58+ kg category, merely 2kg ahead of the second place finisher.

The boy's action kicked off with Terry Roberson putting on a strong performance to claim the 35 kg title with an impressive 83kg total. William Cohen used his picture perfect form to top the 56kg category with a strong showing of 145kg. Kongmong Vanchiasong needed his final lift to hold off the runner up in the 62kg category as he came away with a 112 kg total. Vedder Miller's 116kg total was good enough to crown him as the top 69kg lifter in the 13U age division, while Michael Epstein was able to easily claim the same title in the 69+kg division with a 150kg total.

An early candidate for the best performance of the tournament may have come from Bret Pfeiffer in the 39kg class. Not only did Bret go six for six, but every time he completed a lift he set a new Youth American Record in the 13U, 39kg division. Starting from his first snatch, to his last Clean and Jerk, Bret set nine American Records finishing with a 44kg snatch, a 60kg C&J and a 104kg total. Simultaneously, because of the two platform format, the former 39kg snatch record holder, Stan Luttrell, was busy winning the 44kg category. Stan Luttrell put together an impressive 102kg total to put himself on top of the podium. Brett Pfeiffer's impressive performance could only be matched by Clarence Cumming's. Clarence already held all the youth records in the 44 and 50 kg category. Competing in the 50kg category, Clarence decided to go ahead and re-write the record book. Clarence's record numbers of 68kg snatch, 88kg C&J and 161kg total were set just earlier this year at the 2012 Junior National Championships. Just about six months later he put up the incredible numbers of a 75kg snatch, 100kg C&J and a whopping 175kg total (all numbers that would be the school age record for the 14&15 category).

All results reflect the 13U age category. Competition will resume on Saturday Morning at 9am.