

# SENSATIONAL EVENT AT THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: Peshalov defeated Suleymanoglu



A Hungarian town claiming an increasingly important position in international weightlifting, Szekszárd gave home this April to the 71st European Championships. Lifters gathered there from twenty-six countries (including Israel, Lithuania, Croatia and Slovenia) in a total number of 149.

Despite the recent undeniable shifts in the power-relations again the former Soviets—for the first, and probably the last, time in the history of European Championships under the name of the Commonwealth of Independent States—and the Bulgarians fought their own battle. Also for the first time ever, the CIS failed to enter a lifter in their favourite body-weight category, the +110 kg.

The Championships preceding the Olympic Games by three months, the contest of the best (?) Europeans was generally regarded as a dress rehearsal for the Olympics. Nevertheless, we had to witness the same process as several times before, at European championships held in Olympic years: many of the Olympic favourites skipped the continental meet. Among the Olympic winners only Marinov, Suleymanoglu, Khrapaty and Zacharevich had participated also in the preceding European Championships. The rest of the would-be Olympic winners missed the continental championships.

The only real Olympic favourites of Barcelona who did participate in Szekszárd were Ivanov and Suleymanoglu—with the latter obviously regretting having done so. He was the one to serve the sensational surprise of the European Championships: he won merely a silver and Peshalov took the gold. This was Suleymanoglu's first defeat since 1983, when at the Moscow Worlds Mirzoian had overtaken him.

Only Peshalov and Yotov were able to defend their 1991 European titles. The winners' list includes many new names. For instance, 100 kg champion Taimazov came out of the blue sky.

The host city, Szekszárd, a site of successful World Cup Tournaments, deserves special mention as a perfect organiser and one which rightly aspires at eventually staging world championships.

Now, let's see the European contest in brief, category by category:

## 57 kg

Two juniors, Minchev and Mutlu, challenged the "old fox" Ciharean. The latter managed to win the snatch, but was unable to defend his title in the total. Silver medalist of 1991 world championships, Minchev finished off his rivals in the jerk. On this lift, Mutlu too overtook Ciharean.

## 51 kg

The great champion of the 52 kg class, Ivanov may thank his victory over Nasibulin only to his lighter bodyweight. Surprisingly, 32-year old Gutowski still dominated the field in the snatch. In the clean and jerk, Nasibulin equalled Ivanov, but the latter in fact lifted the same weight as his own world record one category lower. That is what he expects to achieve in this true category—in Barcelona.

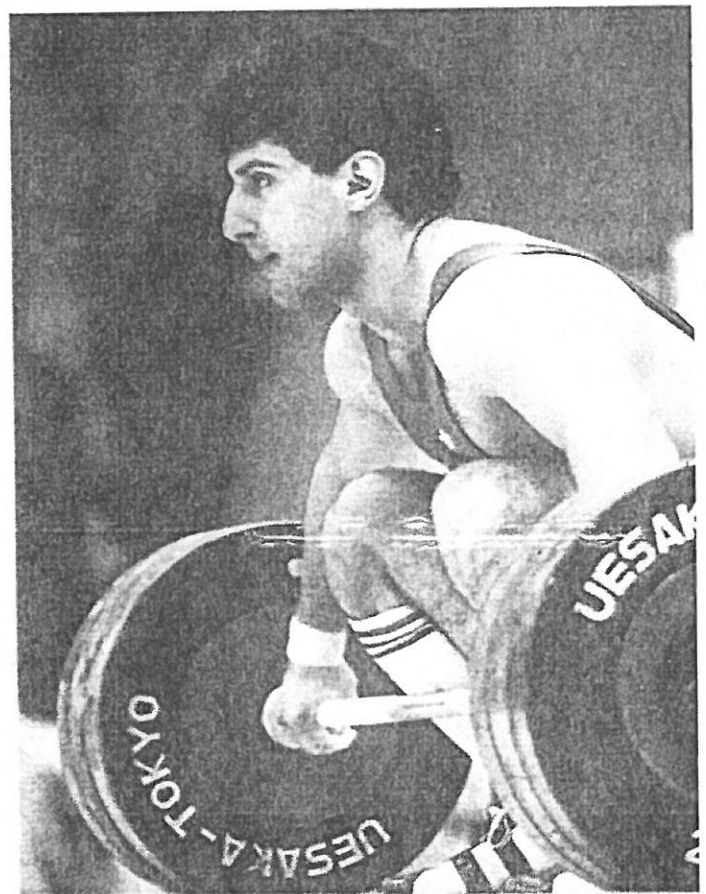
## 60 kg

Suleymanoglu finished the snatch 5 kgs in the lead before Peshalov, but the Turkish champ got stuck at his opening weight in the jerk, while Peshalov went through this lift without a hitch (160, 165, 175). We saw an auspicious progress by Lavrenev, who promises 310 for Barcelona.

The duel goes on between Yotov and Militosian. Since 1989, Militosian has been unable to overcome his Bulgarian competitor. Again the old pattern: Militosian leading in the snatch, yet Yotov did not even need a third jerk to win the overall.

Title defender Socaci set anchor at 350 kg (the score he had made at the 1991 worlds). In contrast, Kuznietsov added another five kilos to his last year's best of 350 kg and won, despite two abortive attempts at 195.

The world champion, Samadov, was forced into a much closer fight than expected. His challengers were: Siemion, improving 15 kg since Donaueschingen, and 21-year old new Greek acquisition Dimas (formerly an Albanian citizen). Samadov seemed to be timing for Barcelona, since he fell short his Donaueschingen score by 12.5 kg.



Kakhi Kakhiashvili CIS (Georgia)

**90 kg-**

Defender Chakarov underbade his last year's best of 390 kg by 15 kg. Thus, even if five kilos short of his 1991 best, Kakhiashvili (Georgia) won confidently. Zawada's victory in the snatch was unexpected.

**100 kg-**

Taimazov (belonging to the ethnic group of the Northern Ossets) came, saw and won—with a plus of 15 kg. Tournefier repeated his Donaueschingen result; what had won him the bronze there, was just enough for 6th place this time. Malak improved 17.5 kg since the world championships, while Raichev, runner up at the worlds, declined by 15 kg.

**110 kg-**

Through splendid lifts in the snatch, Kachurin attracted attention, yet he does not yet represent the same class as the defender Akoev. Surprisingly enough, Schubert from Germany—formerly an outstanding participant in the +110 kg—zeroed this time. At the age of 32, Italy's 1984 Olympic champion Oberburger finished in 11th place—as last among those classified.

**+110 kg-**

Five-times junior world champion (1983 and 1985) Kolev won hands down despite mediocre results (Taranenko had scored 447.5 kg last year in Aalborg) since no serious opponents were around. Zubricky underbade his own Donaueschingen score by 15 kilos.

## THE CREAM OF THE NATIONS' RANKING

1	CIS	394 points with 10 lifters
2	BUL	365 points with 9 lifters
3	POL	305 points with 8 lifters
4	ROM	267 points with 8 lifters
5	TUR	225 points with 9 lifters
6	HUN	220 points with 10 lifters

## MEDAL TABLE

CIS	13	7	5
BUL	11	3	4
POL	2	7	2
ROM	2	4	3
TUR	1	6	2
ISR	1	2	3
HUN	—	1	1
GRE	—	—	4
TCH	—	—	2
GER	—	—	1
LAT	—	—	1
FRA	—	—	1
SWE	—	—	1

**52 kg-**

1	Minchev Sevdalin	BUL	1974	51.85	115.0	140.0	255.0
2	Ciharean Traian	ROM	1969	51.90	117.5	137.5	255.0
3	Mutlu Halil	TUR	1973	51.80	110.0	137.5	247.5
4	Piekorz Bernhard	GER	1964	51.65	97.5	127.5	225.0
5	Genci Barkici	ALB	1967	51.90	92.5	127.5	220.0
6	Bonnel Eric	FRA	1974	52.00	95.0	115.0	210.0
7	Kantola Petri	FIN	1962	51.75	92.5	112.5	205.0
8	Conciauro Biagio	ITA	1970	51.85	90.0	115.0	205.0
9	Hodulák Petr	TCH	1967	51.90	92.5	110.0	202.5
10	Macanovic Borivoj	YUG	1975	51.55	82.5	100.0	182.5
	Takos Dimitrios	GRE	1962	51.90	0.0	110.0	0.0

**56 kg-**

1	Ivanov Ivan	BUL	1971	55.65	117.5	155.0	272.5
2	Nasibulin Albert	CIA	1969	55.85	117.5	155.0	272.5
3	Sirbu Aurel	ROM	1971	55.55	115.0	150.0	265.0
4	Gutowski Jacek	POL	1960	55.50	117.5	145.0	262.5
5	Zurera Jose	ESP	1966	55.50	112.5	137.5	250.0
6	Karczag Tibor	HUN	1967	55.80	110.0	135.0	245.0

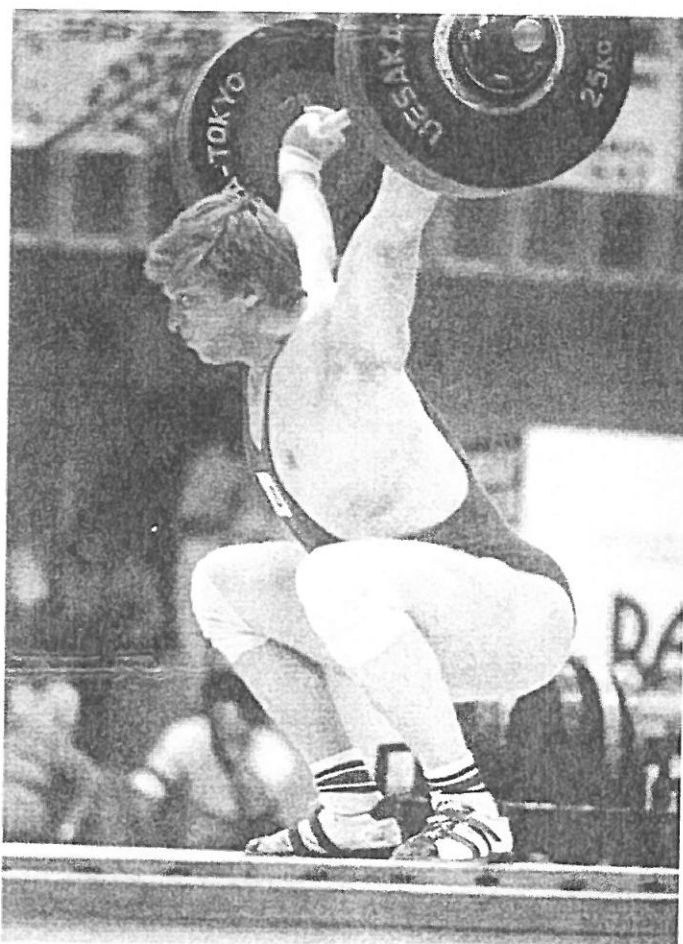
7	Fombertasse L.	FRA	1965	55.80	102.5	142.5	245.0
8	Martinez Jose Luis	ESP	1968	55.35	110.0	132.5	242.5
9	Scarantino G.	ITA	1966	55.70	110.0	130.0	240.0
10	Lénárt Ferenc	HUN	1964	55.90	110.0	130.0	240.0
11	Miseikis Alvydas	LIT	1962	55.75	102.5	127.5	230.0
12	Alves Nuno	POR	1973	55.30	95.0	117.5	212.5
13	Alilomov Nikola	YUG	1974	55.20	85.0	120.0	205.0

**60 kg-**

1	Peshalov Nikolai	BUL	1970	59.50	137.5	175.0	312.5
2	Suleymanoglu N.	TUR	1967	59.90	142.5	170.0	312.5
3	Lavrenyov Sergej	CIA	1972	59.70	140.0	160.0	300.0
4	Terziiski Neno	BUL	1964	59.80	130.0	157.5	287.5
5	Czanka Attila	HUN	1969	59.85	130.0	157.5	287.5
6	Leonidis Valeiros	GRE	1966	59.65	125.0	160.0	285.0
7	Spanehl Marco	GER	1967	59.40	117.5	160.0	277.5
8	Toroczoi Paul	ROM	1968	59.75	122.5	150.0	272.5
9	Chadinatov R.	ISR	1969	59.90	125.0	145.0	270.0
10	Kuhles Andreas	GER	1969	59.60	115.0	150.0	265.0
11	Balp David	FRA	1970	59.10	117.5	145.0	262.5
12	Maldzius Erikas	LIT	1969	59.35	112.5	142.5	255.0
13	Rinne Tommi	FIN	1966	59.60	110.0	140.0	250.0
14	Goncalves Antonio	POR	1965	59.65	100.0	120.0	220.0

**67.5 kg-**

1	Yotov Yoto	BUL	1969	67.25	152.5	185.0	337.5
2	Militosian Israil	CIS	1968	67.30	155.0	180.0	335.0
3	Edelkhanov Umar	CIS	1963	67.10	147.5	177.5	325.0
4	Feri Attila	ROM	1968	67.40	140.0	182.5	322.5
5	Dimitrov Radostin	BUL	1971	66.80	145.0	175.0	320.0
6	Batmaz Ergun	TUR	1967	67.20	142.5	170.0	312.5
7	Gronman Jouni	FIN	1962	67.20	135.0	165.0	300.0
8	Popa Adrian	ROM	1971	67.30	120.0	165.0	285.0
9	Mariaca Fernando	ESP	1959	66.75	125.0	157.5	282.5
	Bushi Fatmir	ALB	1963	67.30	125.0	0.0	0.0
	Cruickshank Stuart	GBR	1970	67.35	122.5	0.0	0.0
	Bishanaku Sokol	ALB	1971	67.45	0.0	157.5	0.0



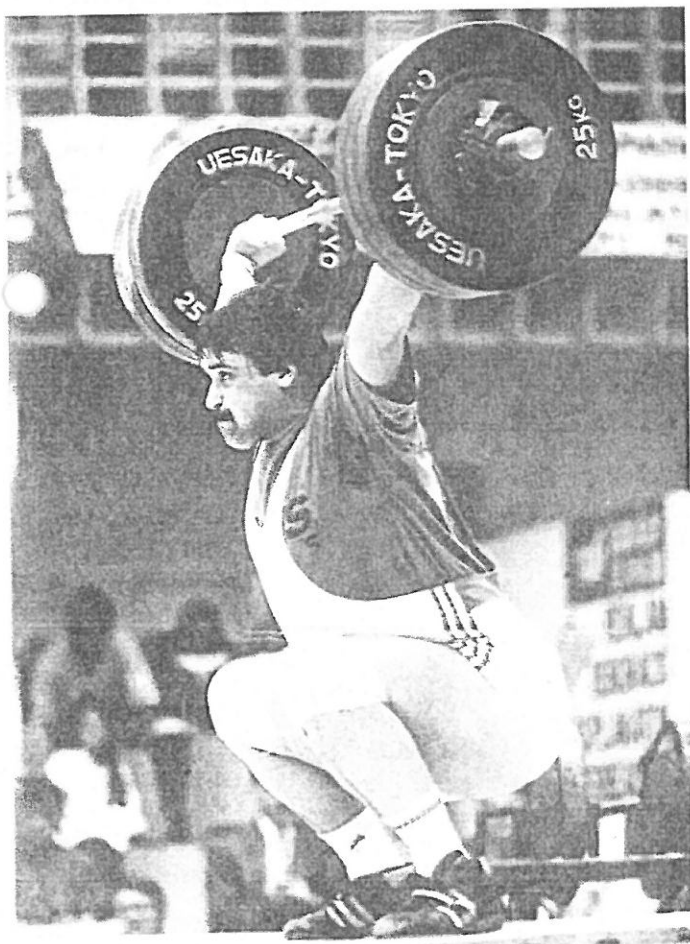
Igor Kachurin CIS (Russia)

**75 kg:**

1	Kuznetsov V.	CIS	1963	74.70	165.0	190.0	355.0
2	Socaci Andrei	ROM	1966	74.60	160.0	190.0	350.0
3	Sadikhov Oleg	ISR	1966	74.55	155.0	187.5	342.5
4	Steinhofel Ingo	GER	1967	74.85	155.0	187.5	342.5
5	Zherebkov A.	LAT	1969	74.60	157.5	182.5	340.0
6	Nitu Nikolae	ROM	1966	74.40	145.0	185.0	330.0
7	Suleymanoglu M.	TUR	1969	74.25	152.5	175.0	327.5
8	Gosmann Ringo	GER	1971	74.75	140.0	180.0	320.0
9	Lindquist Mats	SWE	1963	74.90	145.0	175.0	320.0
10	Grammatikopoulos P.	GRE	1959	74.05	135.0	172.5	307.5
11	Morgan Tony	GBR	1969	74.50	137.5	167.5	305.0
12	Kraushofer Manfred	AUT	1969	74.55	135.0	170.0	305.0
13	Aksu Ayhan	TUR	1967	74.70	135.0	170.0	305.0
14	Mannironi Sergio	ITA	1967	74.80	137.5	167.5	305.0
15	Andersen Henrik	DEN	1967	74.85	132.5	172.5	305.0
16	Jakovlev Gennadi	LAT	1970	74.70	127.5	170.0	297.5
17	Gracia Fernando	ESP	1964	74.20	132.5	162.5	295.0
	Lacarpia Gaetano	ITA	1970	74.75	130.0	0.0	0.0

**82.5 kg:**

1	Samadov Ibrahim	CIS	1968	81.85	165.0	205.0	370.0
2	Siemion Krzysztof	POL	1966	82.15	165.0	202.5	367.5
3	Dimas Pyrros	GRE	1971	82.25	165.0	202.5	367.5
4	Cofalik Andrzej	POL	1968	79.70	152.5	192.5	345.0
5	Tuinea Daniel	ROM	1967	81.35	150.0	190.0	340.0
6	Caruso Oliver	GER	1974	75.05	150.0	180.0	330.0
	Mészáros István	HUN	1967	81.75	147.5	177.5	325.0
8	Durbak Rene	TCH	1968	82.25	145.0	180.0	325.0
9	Sageder Stephane	FRA	1971	82.30	140.0	185.0	325.0
10	Pirkkio Jaarli	FIN	1967	82.25	140.0	180.0	320.0
11	Iliadis Giorgos	GRE	1964	82.40	135.0	175.0	310.0
12	Mancino Rafeale	ITA	1965	81.90	142.5	165.0	307.5
13	Buzanic Mladen	CRO	1968	81.20	125.0	162.5	287.5
	Barsi László	HUN	1962	79.60	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Goosen Maurice	HOL	1959	82.15	135.0	0.0	0.0
	Nielsen Kenneth	DEN	1965	82.40	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Gusakov Alexandr	CIS	1964	82.40	0.0	0.0	0.0



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**90 kg:**

1	Kakhiashvili Kakhi	CIS	1969	89.30	175.0	225.0	400.0
2	Zawada Slawomir	POL	1965	89.65	180.0	212.5	392.5
3	Chakarov Ivan	BUL	1966	89.60	175.0	210.0	385.0
4	Krukowski Piotr	POL	1964	89.85	165.0	197.5	362.5
5	Matzku Jürgen	AUT	1966	88.85	162.5	197.5	360.0
6	Plancon Cedric	FRA	1969	85.15	160.0	195.0	355.0
7	Schult Mario	GER	1966	89.90	157.5	192.5	350.0
8	Halász István	HUN	1965	88.95	152.5	192.5	345.0
9	Tahvanainen Keijo	FIN	1959	89.80	147.5	187.5	335.0
10	Polom Roman	TCH	1966	89.70	150.0	175.0	325.0
11	Kanerva Janne	FIN	1970	87.85	145.0	177.5	322.5
12	Dökmetas Hussein	TUR	1969	86.70	140.0	180.0	320.0
13	Leenders Ton	HOL	1959	89.40	140.0	175.0	315.0
14	Dimas Odisseas	GRE	1968	87.55	137.5	172.5	310.0
15	Stangl Josef	AUT	1963	89.05	135.0	170.0	305.0
16	Uranker Marko	SLO	1967	85.20	140.0	162.5	302.5
	Bozo Kristo	CRO	1964	88.70	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Vivaldi Yves	HOL	1959	89.65	0.0	0.0	0.0

**100 kg:**

1	Tajmazov Timur	CIS	1970	99.60	190.0	225.0	415.0
2	Malak Waldemar	POL	1970	98.90	182.5	212.5	395.0
3	Szanyi Andor	HUN	1964	98.85	175.0	217.5	392.5
4	Dandyk Igor	ISR	1965	96.95	177.5	212.5	390.0
5	Ostapski W.	POL	1966	99.10	172.5	210.0	382.5
6	Tournefier Francis	FRA	1964	99.10	165.0	217.5	382.5
7	Raichev Ivalin	BUL	1967	99.20	170.0	200.0	370.0
8	Egorov Oleg	LAT	1970	98.70	165.0	195.0	360.0
9	Krol Petr	TCH	1965	99.05	160.0	195.0	355.0
10	Drakopoulos P.	GRE	1965	99.70	160.0	195.0	355.0
11	Immesberger Peter	GER	1960	99.30	157.5	195.0	352.5
12	Rezaei Bijan	SWE	1964	98.00	150.0	197.5	347.5
13	Jokel Jaroslav	TCH	1970	97.15	155.0	190.0	345.0
14	Leister Andreas	AUT	1967	98.55	147.5	195.0	342.5
15	Akkaya Hussein	TUR	1962	94.65	152.5	187.5	340.0
16	Larsson Arne	SWE	1968	98.65	150.0	180.0	330.0
	Denisov Andrei	ISR	1963	94.50	180.0	0.0	0.0
	Voggenberger T.	AUT	1969	97.75	150.0	0.0	0.0
	Schweizer Thomas	GER	1968	99.05	155.0	0.0	0.0
	Bököfi János	HUN	1963	99.95	0.0	0.0	0.0

**110 kg:**

1	Kachurin Igor	CIS	1967	107.00	197.5	217.5	415.0
2	Dandyk Yuri	ISR	1960	105.55	190.0	217.5	407.5
3	Banasak Piotr	POL	1964	109.00	180.0	210.0	390.0
4	Saltsidis Pavlos	GRE	1963	109.55	170.0	212.5	382.5
5	Németh László	HUN	1970	109.40	170.0	190.0	360.0
6	Ciernik Milos	TCH	1963	107.30	155.0	202.5	357.5
7	Dekaj Dedé	ALB	1970	108.65	155.0	200.0	355.0
8	Lindsjö Anders	SWE	1969	109.30	160.0	195.0	355.0
9	Vasil Vladimir	TCH	1968	107.10	157.5	192.5	350.0
10	Günes Tamer	TUR	1972	110.00	152.5	195.0	347.5
11	Oberburger N.	ITA	1960	109.25	157.5	185.0	342.5
	Schubert Michael	GER	1967	108.65	150.0	0.0	0.0
	Savonen Arto	FIN	1960	109.00	0.0	197.5	0.0
	Thomas Mark	GBR	1963	109.20	0.0	0.0	0.0

**110 kg:**

1	Kolev Kolyo	BUL	1965	129.30	185.0	225.0	410.0
2	Arslan Erdinc	TUR	1968	123.90	175.0	220.0	395.0
3	Zubricky Jiri	TCH	1964	158.40	165.0	212.5	377.5
4	Nilsson Rickard	SWE	1960	113.70	170.0	205.0	375.0
5	Lauzana Vanni	ITA	1961	119.25	160.0	210.0	370.0
	Bergmans R.	LAT	1966	110.45	167.5	200.0	367.5
7	Hírskó Tibor	HUN	1970	139.20	160.0	207.5	367.5
8	Bergström Anders	SWE	1966	123.95	160.0	205.0	365.0
9	Laggner Stefan	AUT	1958	145.45	152.5	207.5	360.0
10	Tsintsaris Yannis	GRE	1962	120.60	155.0	180.0	335.0
11	Kadijevic Dusko	CRO	1959	110.90	140.0	170.0	310.0
	Hudeček Petr	TCH	1965	131.10	157.5	0.0	0.0