

NORTH AMERICAN SCOTTISH GAMES ASSOCIATION (NASCA)

RESULTS OF HEAVY EVENTS IN MAJOR UNITED STATES SCOTTISH GAMES: 1976

Bill Anderson, Aberdeen, Scotland, won the second Annual United States National Heavy Events Championship in Santa Rosa, California edging Brian Oldfield 38 pts. to 32 pts. Ed McComas won major titles at the Delaware Highland Heptathlon (Fair Hill, Md.), Delco (Devon, Pa.); Grandfather Mtn. (Linville, N.C.); Virginia (Alexandria, Va.); Stone Mtn. (Atlanta, Ga.); and Alma (Mich.). Fred Vaughan won at Dunedin (Fla.); Ellerbe Springs (N. C.); and Charleston (S. C.).

BEST THROWS AND RANKINGS IN U. S. HIGHLAND GAMES: 1976

Putting the Stone: Thrown from behind a four foot trig with a seven foot six inch approach. Inasmuch as competitive stones vary from 16 lbs. to 22 lbs. and more, and because the 17 lbs. stone is thrown in more U. S. Games, only it will be considered here.

British Record: 63' 2", B. Oldfield, at Breemar, 1973

American Record: 57' 9½", B. Oldfield, Santa Rosa, Ca. 1976

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| 1. | B. Oldfield, San Jose, Ca. | ... 57' 9½" | Santa Rosa, Ca. 9/5 |
| 2. | E. McComas, Baltimore, Md. | ... 49' | Grandfather Mtn., N. C. 7/10 |
| 3. | W. Anderson, Aberdeen, Scotland | ... 48' 2½" | Santa Rosa, Ca. 9/5 |
| 4. | K. Tice, Santa Rosa, Ca. | ... 47' 8¼" | Santa Rosa, Ca. 9/5 |
| 5. | F. Vaughan, Myrtle Beach, S. C. | ... 46' 6" | Grandfather Mtn., N. C. 7/10 |

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Dunedin Highland Games (Fla.) : F. Vaughan, Myrtle Beach, S. C. 3/20
Richmond Co. Scottish Fair (Ellerbe Spr., N.C.) : R. Short, Greensboro, N.C. 5/1
Alma Highland Games (Mich.) : E. McComas, Balt., Md.
Delaware Highland Heptathlon (Fair Hill, Md.) : R. Short 6/5
Delco Scottish Games (Devon, Pa.) : R. Short 6/19
Grandfather Mtn. Highland Games (Linville, N.C.) : R. Short 7/10
Virginia Highland Games (Alexandria) : R. Short 7/17
No. Calif. Championship (Santa Rosa) : W. Anderson 9/4
U. S. Caber Championship (Calif.) : W. Anderson 9/5
Charleston Scottish Games (S. C.) : R. Short 9/25
Stone Mtn. Highland Games (Ga.) : B. Porterfield, Charlotte, N. C. 10/16

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Throwing the 28# Weight for Distance: With one hand only from a nine foot approach, behind a four foot six inch trig; a metal weight to which a chain and ring are attached and over all length not to exceed eighteen inches.

British Record : W. Anderson, 87' 2", Crieff, 1966

American Record: F. Vaughan, 80' 7", Stone Mtn., Ga., 10/16/76

(Note: B. Oldfield threw 83' at Meadowbank Stadium, Scotland 6/18/75)

Dunedin, Fla. ... F. Vaughan, 69' 5", 3/20
Ellerbe Springs, N. C. ... F. Vaughan, 70' 9", 5/11
Fair Hill, Md. ... F. Vaughan, 74' 4", 6/5
Devon, Pa. ... F. Vaughan, 65' 11", 6/19
Grandfather Mtn., N. C. ... F. Vaughan, 71', 7/11
Alexandria, Va. ... F. Vaughan, 74', 7/19
Santa Rosa, Calif. ... W. Anderson, 77' 1", 9/4
Charleston, S.C. ... F. Vaughan, 70' 9", 9/25
Stone Mtn., Ga. ... F. Vaughan, 80' 7", 10/16
Savannah, Ga. ... F. Vaughan, 76' 10½", 12/4

1. F. Vaughan, Myrtle Beach, S. C. ... 80' 7", Stone Mtn., Ga. 10/16
2. W. Anderson, Aberdeen, Scot. ... 77' 1", Santa Rosa, Ca. 9/4
3. E. McComas, Baltimore, Md. ... 71' 4", Stone Mtn., Ga. 10/16
4. R. Short, Greensboro, N. C. ... 71', Stone Mtn., Ga. 10/16
5. B. Oldfield, San Jose, Ca. ... 70' 1½", Santa Rosa, Ca. 9/4

Throwing the 56# Weight for Distance: With the same rules and regulations as the 28# Weight. Also thrown with one hand only!

British Record : W. Anderson, 41' 11", Aboyne, 1968

American Record: F. Vaughan, 36' 2", Stone Mtn., Ga., 10/16/76

Dunedin, Fla. ... F. Vaughan, 34' 11", 3/20
Ellerbe Springs, N. C. ... F. Vaughan, 31' 6", 5/11
Fair Hill, Md. ... F. Vaughan, 33' 2½", 6/5
Grandfather Mtn., N. C. ... R. Short, 31' 2", 7/11
Alexandria, Va. ... E. Mc Comas, 32' 2", 7/19
Santa Rosa, Calif. ... W. Anderson, 34' 7", 9/5
Charleston, S. C. ... R. Short, 30' 5", 9/25
Stone Mtn., Ga. ... F. Vaughan, 36' 2", 10/16

1. F. Vaughan, Myrtle Beach, S. C. ... 36' 2", Stone Mtn., Ga. 10/16
2. W. Anderson, Aberdeen, Scotland ... 34' 7", Santa Rosa, Ca. 9/4
3. R. Short, Greensboro, N. C. ... 33' 1", Fair Hill, Md. 6/5
4. E. McComas, Baltimore, Md. ... 32' 2", Alexandria, Va. 7/19
5. K. Tice, Santa Rosa, Ca. ... 28' 8½", Santa Rosa, Ca. 9/4

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Throwing the 56# Weight for Height: Although some Games allow a two handed delivery, all following results are from one hand only! Generally a foul is called if the bar is touched or "knocked off"! Three throws at each height.

British Record : W. Anderson, 15' 7", at Lochearnhead and also at Meadowbank Stadium, 1970

American Record: B. Oldfield, 15', Santa Rosa, Ca., 1975

Dunedin, Fla. ... F. Vaughan, 12', 3/20
Ellerbe Springs, N. C. ... E. McComas, 13', 5/11
Fair Hill, Md. ... E. McComas, 13' 6", 6/5
Devon, Pa. ... E. Mc Comas, 14' 3", 6/19
Grandfather Mtn., N. C. ... R. Short, 13', 7/11
Alexandria, Va. ... E. McComas, 13' 9", 7/19
Santa Rosa, Ca. ... B. Oldfield, 14' 6", 9/5
Charleston, S. C. ... F. Vaughan, 14', 9/25
Stone Mtn., Ga. ... F. Vaughan, 13' 6", 10/16
Savannah, Ga. ... F. Vaughan, 14' 3", 12/4

1. B. Oldfield, San Jose, Ca. ... 14' 6", Santa Rosa, Ca. 9/5
2. E. McComas, Baltimore, Md. ... 14' 3", Devon, Pa. 6/19
3. F. Vaughan, Myrtle Beach, S.C. ... 14' 3", Savannah, Ga. 12/4
4. B. Porterfield, Charlotte, N.C.... 14' , Santa Rosa, Ca. 9/5
5. R. Short, Greensboro, N. C. ... 13' 6", Fair Hill, Md. 6/5

Heavy Hammer: Thrown Scottish style; a 22# metal ball on a Hickory or cane shaft, total length not to exceed 50", and thrown from behind a 4' trig in such a manner as not to allow the feet to move until the hammer leaves the hands.

British Record : W. Anderson, 123' 5", Crieff, 1969

American Record : W. Anderson, 103' 4", Santa Rosa, Ca. 9/5/76

Dunedin, Fla. ... F. Vaughan, 74', 3/20
Fair Hill, Md. ... E. McComas, 83' 7", 6/5
Devon, Pa. ... E. McComas, 79', 6/19
Grandfather Mtn., N. C. ... E. McComas, 77', 7/11
Alexandria, Va. ... E. McComas, 84' 5", 7/19
Santa Rosa, Ca. ... W. Anderson, 103' 4", 9/5
Charleston, S. C. ... F. Vaughan, 80', 9/25
Stone Mtn., Ga. ... E. McComas, 92', 10/16

1. W. Anderson, Aberdeen, Scotland ... 103' 4", Santa Rosa, Ca. 9/5
2. E. McComas, Baltimore, Md. ... 92' , Stone Mtn., Ga. 10/16
3. K. Tice, Santa Rosa, Ca. ... 88' 1", Santa Rosa, Ca. 9/5
4. F. Vaughan, Myrtle Beach, S. C. ... 87' 7", Stone Mtn., Ga. 10/16
5. B. Oldfield, San Jose, Ca. ... 85' 2", Santa Rosa, Ca. 9/5



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Light Hammer: Thrown Scottish style in the same manner as the Heavy Hammer, and also from behind a four foot trig.

British Record : W. Anderson, Aberdeen, Scotland, 151' 2" at Lochearnhead, 1969

American Record: W. Anderson, Aberdeen Scotland, 132' 3½", Santa Rosa, Ca. 1976

This event is only thrown at one major American Games that is known of and therefore the following ranking all came from the U. S. Scottish Heavy Events and Caber toss Championships held in Santa Rosa, California, 9/ 4 & 9/ 5

1. W. Anderson, Aberdeen, Scotland ... 132' 3½"
2. K. Tice, Santa Rosa, Ca. ... 114' 7 "
3. B. Oldfield, San Jose, Ca. ... 114' 3½"
4. J. Ross, Santa Rosa, Ca. ... 100' 1½"
5. B. Porterfield, Charlotte, N.C. ... 96' 4 "

Sheaf Toss: The Sheaf is a 16# bag of straw or hay which is thrown, by the use of a pitchfork, over a crossbar (similar to that used in the Pole Vault). In most American Games a Foul is called if the bar is touched or knocked off. The Sheaf is thrown at a majority of Southern, Middle Atlantic and Northern Games. There is no recognized record in this event as it is not a regular part of Heavy Events competition in Scotland. Three throws at each height.

Dunedin, Fla. ... P. Hoyte and F. Vaughan, TIE, 20'
Ellerbe Springs, N. C. ... R. Short, 20'
Fair Hill, Md. ... R. Short, 23'
Devon, Pa. ... P. Hoyte, 22'
Grandfather Mtn, N. C. ... M. Label. 21'
Alexandria, Va. ... R. Short
Charleston, S. C. ... R. Short, 21'
Stone Mtn., Ga. ... B. Porterfield, 22'

1. R. Short Greensboro, N. C. ... 23' (Delaware Col. Highland Hepta)
2. P. Hoyte, Altavista, Fla. ... 22' (Delco Games)
3. E. McComas, Baltimore, Md. ... 22' (Delco Games)
4. F. Vaughan, Myrtle Beach, S. C. ... 22' (Delco Games)
5. B. Porterfield, Charlotte, N. C. ... 22' (Stone Mtn. Highland Games)

In the future, any Canadian or other U. S. Scottish or Highland Games results will be appreciated if such Games include at least five (5) of the Heavy Events; otherwise they are not a true test of over-all competitive efficiency, as in all

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of the above mentioned Games each athlete is expected to compete in most if not all of the seven to eight events. It is hoped that with better reporting of Games results it will be possible to present a more comprehensive standings in 1977.

Because of lack of information on most foreign efforts by American athletes only the best throws in the United States have been considered here.

If you are interested in a quarterly newsletter reporting the athletic highlights of American Scottish Games and periodic rankings or if you have any information pertaining to the Games, please write the following address. Also, a \$3.00 contribution to help defray the cost of printing and mailing would be appreciated.

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