

2003 European Weightlifting Championships
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Loutraki, Greece

POST-COMPETITION PRESS CONFERENCE Men's 105 kg.

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Igor Razoryonov (UKR): "It was my first event following knee surgery last year that kept me away from active competition, so I'm very happy that I won the category. I need to work hard to break the European record, although I might have achieved that today, had I had more pressure from my opponents. The organisation was of a very high level and the presence and support of the fans was decisive in helping lifters achieve good results."

Alan Tsagaev (BUL): "I am very satisfied, because I managed to lift in the competition the weights I lift in training. Still, I feel I could have managed 2.5 kg. more each in the snatch and the clean & jerk. I need to work harder, because these weights are not good enough for the Olympic Games, which are the ultimate goal of any athlete."

Vladimir Smorchkov (RUS): "I will try to work harder on my clean & jerk. As far as the Athens Olympics are concerned, first I must concentrate on making the National Team and then work for the best."

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