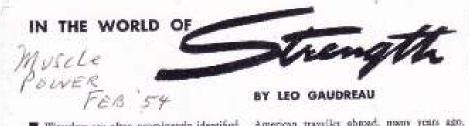


One of the most fabulous wreating coreons in history, was that of George Steadman. He was a wrestling champion for 30 years, ratiring at the age of 54, while still helding the arown.



■ Wrestlers are often pauminently identified with the world of strength and while I don't really know whether or not George Secadnon, old time British wrestling champion, had any experience with the weights, he appears to have been quite a physical robusto.

George Steadman, born February 20, 1846, at Asby, Westmoreland (England), was a typical British sportsman, an honest and honomble man with a long and illustrious career as a westler. He statted wrestling very young and, even as a beginner, his strength and ability attracted attention. While still in his been he was given excellent training and coaching and in 1866 he was good enough to meet one of the best men of that time. Soon afterwards, at Ullswater Sports, at a bedyweight of about 195 pounds, he won the all-weights competition. At Manchester (England), in 1868, he won his first important heavyweight victory and created a tensation in westling circles by defeating one of the way high men of his day.

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These men westled in the Cumberland and Westmoreland style. The natural surrougdings of this unique method of grappling is the picturesque North Country of England. It is a style of westling that had popular appeal only in the people of the North Country—the Cumberland and Westmoreland district. One

American traveller abroad, many years ago, described is as follows:

"The rivals shake hands, and then bending roor with their heads on cach other's shoulders and their bodies and legs here at right angles, they closp each other round the body and begin solumnly to waite slowly around in a circle, waiting for the psychological moment to draw each other close in a furre grip and with every muscle tout my to trip and throw the other."

There is more to the Comberland and West mareland style of wrestling than that simple explanation; it is a style of wrestling that requires much agility and strength. George Steadman possessed these in an abundance. He was a big, powerful man: at the age of forty-six, when he weightd 259 pounds, his measurements were—height 5'11', thigh 25'1/2' and calf 1784''. In his last ten years of wrestling activities his weight never changed, remaining constant within a couple of pounds. In spite of his great weight, as he threw one main after another, has setions have been described as "kittenish."

His last apparamene was in August, 1900. At 54 years of age he was still able to defeat all of his opponents but found the going genting rougher and tougher. These young begons will be killing me in a bit —was his observation as he sat (Constant) on page 15)



Werren Liccoln Trovis was the center of one of the most controversial strangth disputer on record. Read the interesting details here.

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in his dressing tent—"'Ave finished; a'll give 'em a chance." He stuck to his word and decision and after holding the Cumberland and Westmoreland championship for ower thirty years, and probably winning more money in his career than any other weestler (and saving the greater part of it), he settled down in Brough. Here he theed a fairly busy life as a fartner and in assisting his son Matt in the management of Carde Horel. Man Stradman was also a wrestler of considerable reputation.

Geordie, as he was affectionistily called, although essentially a Comberland and Westmoreland style of wrestlet, was able to give a good account of himself in other methods of wrestling. Continental wrestlers came to England and defeated come of the best Comberland and Westmoreland wrestlers with their style of wrestling—Graeco-Roman. When they wrestled Steadman though, it was a different story, he was able to add those in the list of foreign aspirants for which it had been his honor to defend the old country. In Paris, in 1897, he won a competition and the first prize (5,000 France). There were 32 competitors from England, America, Italy, Greece, Sweden, France and Australia. Great wrestless like Tom Cannon and Autonio Pietri were defeated by Steadman at their own style of wcestling. Man Hall, the Lancashire giant 6'7" tall and (Continued on page 58)