

Transgender wins international women's weightlifting title ... come on!

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A transgender woman won the first international women's weightlifting title after breaking four national records.

Laurel Hubbard, a transgender who was born male, won the women's over 90-kg division by lifting 268 kilograms (591 pounds). She bested the second-place finisher, Iuniarra Sipaia, by 19 kgs (or 42 pounds), the NZ Herald (http://www.nzherald.co.nz/sport/news/article.cfm?c_id=4&objectid=11821399) reported.

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Hubbard's victory is being hailed as a pioneering moment for the LGBT community. Laurel Hubbard, 39, previously competed in men's powerlifting as **Gavin Hubbard** before transitioning in her mid-30s.

Hubbard's inclusion in the women's division has angered some athletes, but **Garry Marshall**, president of the Olympic Weightlifting New Zealand, said she's allowed to compete against women as a transgender.

"We have to follow the policy of the International Olympic Committee and the International Weightlifting Federation," Marshall said. "They do not acknowledge in any way the gender identity of an athlete other than male or female; they're not described as transgender."



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(<http://www.bizpacreview.com/2017/02/28/national-debate-heats-old-transgender-won-girls-wrestling-championship-testosterone-453129>) into a male beat out a field of teenage girls win the state wrestling championship.

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Meanwhile, Twitter reacted to Laurel Hubbard's weightlifting championship with its usual snarky humor.



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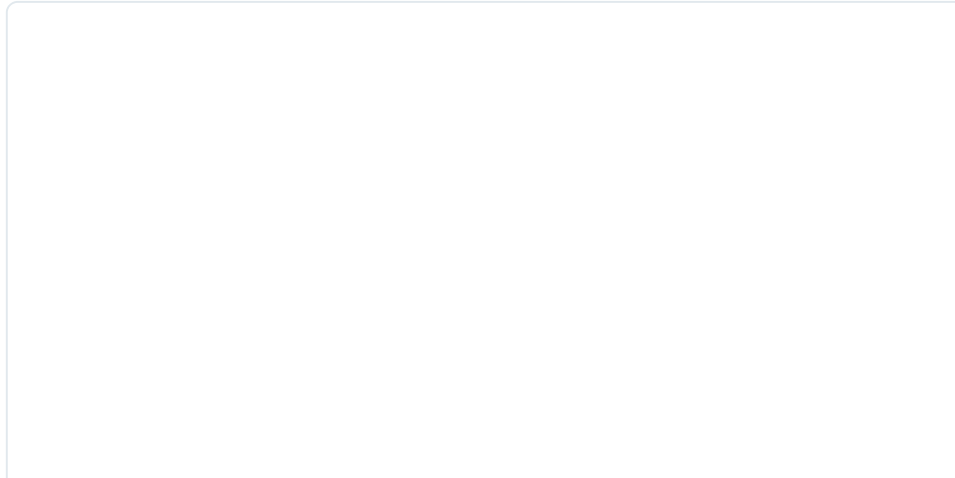


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