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## Classic Open Team Coaching Announcement

After a long process we are pleased to announce that the Board have appointed a new Head Coach to the Classic Open team.

Matt Gary has accepted the position and will be with us at the upcoming Open Championships to meet our next Open Classic Team for the 2025 campaign. Matt will be joined by Alex Pearson-Jones in the capacity as coaching lead.

We as an organization believe that these appointments are a very exciting and positive move for the team and the wider federation. Matt and Alex will be working together with our Performance Director Scott Simon to put new procedures in place in the run up to all major championships. Processes that will ensure not only that the team can be the best prepared for their event, but also that the coaching staff have more knowledge about the lifters themselves, with a pre agreed gameplan worked out with both athletes and their coaches.

Their first task is to get to grips with a transparent selection procedure, one that will leave lifters in no doubt as to how and why people are selected for each championship. This will be in place prior to the upcoming Open later this month.

Further details will posted soon on our social media platforms. But for now on behalf of the Board of Directors, I welcome both Matt and Alex onto the team and look forward to a very successful 2025.

James Brincat-Smith

CEO

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