



Mighty Morgan lifts three silver medals

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CAMBRIDGE'S David Morgan today added to his massive Commonwealth medal haul with three silvers in the weightlifting competition.

He claimed runners-up spot in both the snatch and clean and jerk sections of the under-77kg event and claimed his third silver with the combined total of his lifts.

Appearing at his sixth Games, Morgan began with a silver in the snatch with a lift of 145kg. He finished behind Australian gold medallist Damian Brown, who equalled the Commonwealth Games record with 147.5kg.

Morgan did not come into the event until the bar had reached 140kg and lifted it comfortably at the first attempt. The seven times gold and twice silver Commonwealth medallist failed to make his lift of 142.5kg but with Australian Craig Blythman falling by the wayside after failing to lift the same weight, Morgan was assured of a medal.

Having passed his second lift at 142.5, he punched the air with delight after lifting 145kg with his final attempt. But it was not enough to prevent Brown from winning.

There was less luck for Morgan's brother Tony, who came 10th after failing in his attempt at 125kg. His top lift was 120kg.

In the clean and jerk, David Morgan lifted 160kg, second behind India's Satheesha Rai on 175kg.

His combined total of 305kg left him on the second step of the podium, also behind Rai, who lifted a combined weight of 317.5kg. The haul takes Morgan's lifetime Games medal total to seven golds and five silvers.