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OWAL GATHERING

At Duncann, in Argyllshire, the clansmen of the Scottish Highlands gather for the world famous Owal Gathering. More than 25,000 people, from every part of Scotland, looked on at a day of Highland sports and pageantry.

Along the Tartan Mile came 11 bands to compete in the pipe-band championships.

To every Scot, at home or abroad, the skirl of the pipes brings back many memories.

With the sun and the pipers to greet them, the crowd settled down for the start of the programme of 93 events. First was the Highland Juniors' foursome real contest.

Next came the Sword Dance.

After the dancers came the athletes. Throwing the hammer - reserved for the men.

Also reserved for big fellows, putting the shot, all 16 pounds of it.

But the toughest test of all is tossing the caber.

To end the men's contest - the wire hammer throw.

And to round off a great day for Scotland - massed pipers line up for the finale.