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Xtreme MARTIAL ARTS

Last year saw a group of the most talented martial arts performers in the UK audition for a coveted position in Team Revolution UK. Sponsors of the team, Stuart Wilks of United Professionals, Jon Jepson of Nest Management and Ashley Edwards of Bytomic Distributions held the auditions and sent video clips of each performance to Mike Chat, former Power Ranger, TV/Movie star and creator of XMA.

Mike spent much time deliberating over the right people for the team and eventually made a decision on Danny Ball, Chloe Bruce, Ryan Phillips, Sammy Smyth and Liam Richards. Within a month the team were flown out to Florida to compete in the prestigious US Open where all the team did extremely well culminating in Chloe Bruce bringing home gold. The biggest lesson learnt was how much bigger and tougher the competition is on a world wide stage.

The team's main goal is to spread the word of the exciting XMA Performance Training

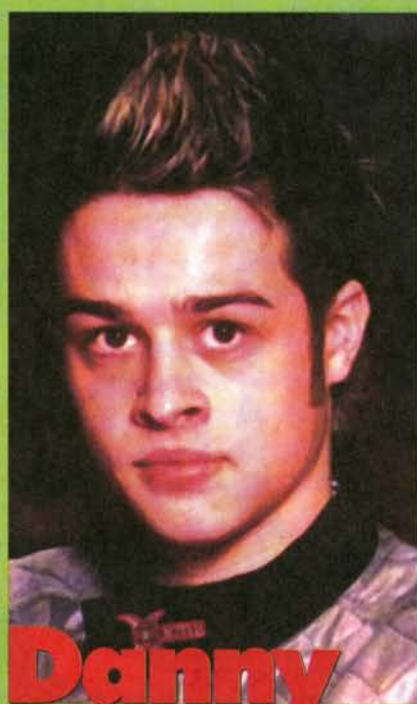
Programme which is a fusion of Martial Arts, Gymnastics, Acrobatics, Performance and Dance. Mike Chat's programme forms the essential core of XMA by providing martial arts school owners with the opportunity to hit the market of "Xtreme" youths, teens and adults who might never be interested in a traditional martial arts programme.

Aimed at and guaranteed to increase student retention and enrollment as well as boost excitement and motivation in the school, Mike Chat's XMA Performance Training has been developed to be flexible to the needs of virtually every martial arts school.

The team are also keen to elevate the standards of martial arts in the UK and martial arts instruction throughout. The team are well versed in all aspects of martial arts instruction, in fact three of the team members are full time professional Instructors at full time martial arts academies.

Mike Chat and his International Performance Team will be performing at Seni 05 and will be hosting an XMA UK Challenge.

If you are interested in the XMA Performance Training Programme or having Team Revolution UK at your school, call Stuart Wilks on 0870 224 5652.



Danny

Name: Danny Ball

Age: 18

Style: Taekwondo/Xtreme Martial Arts

Grade: Black Belt 3rd Dan

Years Training: 6

Residence: Doncaster

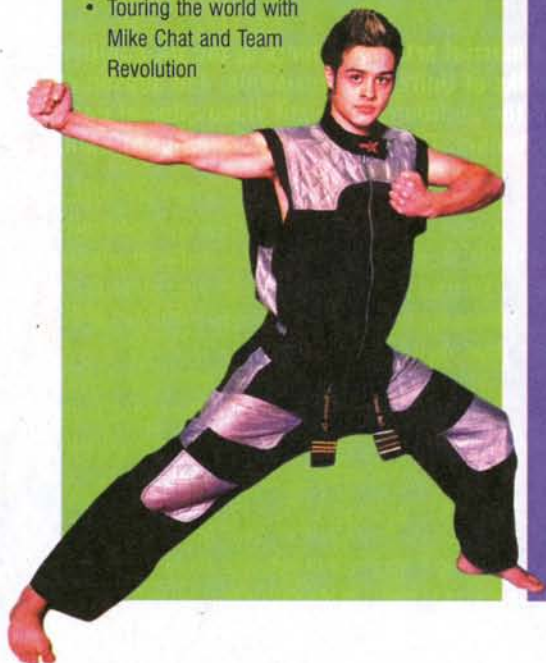
Likes: Performing, teaching martial arts, KFC, going out with my friends and sparring.

Dislikes: Cats, waiting around at tournaments and food that is good for you.

Ambition: To become fighting world champion and open my own martial arts academy

Honours and Achievements:

- European Fighting Champion
- Did shows with Jean Claude Van Damme
- Getting into the XMA Team
- Getting my black belt
- British Forms Champion
- Touring the world with Mike Chat and Team Revolution



Liam

Name: Liam Richards

Age: 16

Style: Freestyle Karate/Kickboxing, Xtreme Martial Arts

Grade: 2nd Degree Black Belt

Years Training: 9½ years in Freestyle Karate

Residence: Sheffield

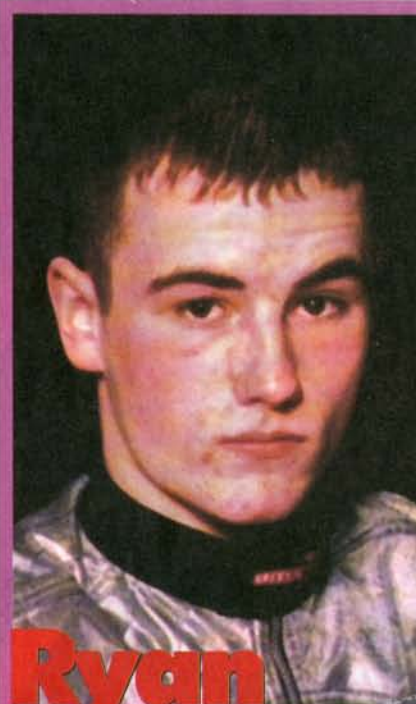
Likes: Karate, Snowboarding, Trampoline, Gymnastics, Sparring, Football, Rugby, Basketball, going out with friends, tricking, performing, teaching martial arts, music and fashion.

Dislikes: Fishing, bad judging and bad sportsmanship.

Ambition: To be a World Champion in musical forms and fighting. Want to be a graphic designer.

Honours and Achievements:

- Black Belt
- British Champion in fighting and forms
- European Champion for fighting
- Getting into XMA Team
- Being an instructor
- Toured with Jean Claude Van Damme.



Ryan

Name: Ryan Phillips

Age: 19

Style: Wado Ryu Karate, Xtreme Martial Arts

Grade: 3rd Degree Black Belt

Years Training: 11

Residence: Burton-on-Trent

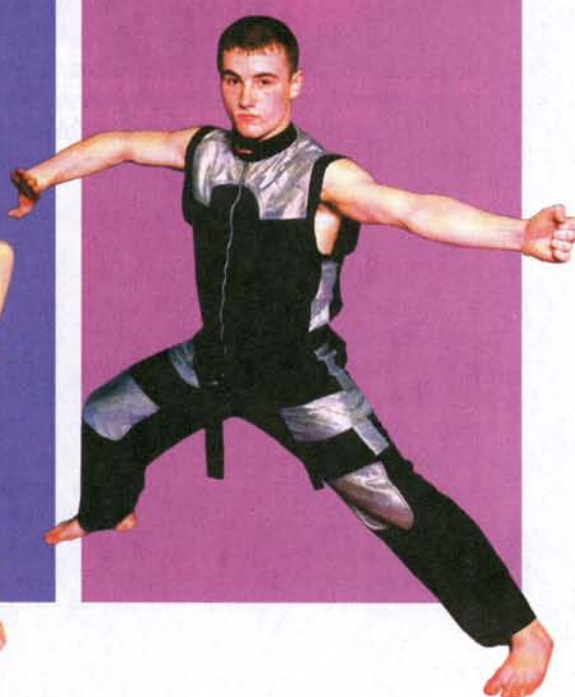
Likes: Karate, Gymnastics, Breakdancing, music, hanging out with friends, teaching, performing, tricking and eating.

Dislikes: Spiders and negative people

Ambition: To be World Champion in musical forms and to be a successful school owner.

Honours and Achievements:

- Black Belt
- Getting into XMA Team
- Being a professional instructor
- Toured with Jean Claude Van Damme





Chloe

Name: Chloe Bruce
Age: 21

Style: Tang Soo Do - Xtreme Martial Arts

Grade: Black Belt 2nd Dan

Years Training: 13

Residence: Canvey Island, Essex

Likes: Travelling, visiting different countries, performing, competing, seeing friends and socialising and seeing my family (as I don't get to see them as much as I travel a lot).

Dislikes: Bad judging at tournaments

Ambition: I want to continue training hard and being successful within my martial arts. Would really like to do more within the TV and film industry.

Eventually open my own Karate school.

Honours and Achievements:

Film & TV

Masters of Combat

- BBC 2 martial arts series

Rewind - music video

The Purifiers

- martial art film released 2005

Double Zero

- French film released end of 2004

So Solid Crew - music video

Miss Dynamite - music video

Toured with Van Damme

Pepsi TV Commercial

- stunt double for Jennifer Lopez and Beyonce Knowles

Titles

WKA World Champion '96 '97 '98 '99

Irish Open Champion '99 '00

French Open Champion '00 '04

Overall Women's Champion

(Charlie Lee Nationals, Virginia) '04

Women's Musical Forms Champion

(US Open, Florida) '04



Sammy

Name: Samantha Smyth
Age: 18

Style: Xtreme Martial Arts and Freestyle Kickboxing

Grade: 3rd Degree Black Belt

Years Training: 10½ years

Residence: Sheffield

Likes: Performing, competing, teaching, anything martial arts! I love to travel to different countries and meet new people. I love my friends so it's great when we all get to hang out and train.

Dislikes: Disrespectful people... but nothing else in particular.

Ambition: To lead a healthy and happy life. To continue with travelling, doing shows and competing. Hopefully to have my own successful martial arts school. A chain of them, haha. And also to get more involved with the TV and film industry.

Honours and Achievements:

- Gaining my 3rd degree black belt
- Running my own classes and performance team
- Doing seminars and shows with XMA!
- Toured with Van Damme
- Performances and seminars all round the world in places including Germany, Holland, USA, Romania, France, Italy, Switzerland and Norway

Film & TV

- Motion capture for the Playstation 2 game Alias.
- *Star Hyke* - Sci series - Stunt fighter
- *Love Struck* - British movie - Screen fighter
- *Team 1* - British movie - Screen fighter
- *Left For Dead* - British Movie - Screen fighter

Titles

- French Open Champion '04
- National All Stars Cup, Women's Forms. Champion '03
- Vice-WAKO European Champion
- World Championship Winner - Germany
- English, British and European Champion

