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timmy wylie

describe your outfit black and red trouser style things, black tape around wrists and black and red leather boots **do you have a special move?** bridging T-bone suplex – a high impact suplex with a pin **ambition?** to wrestle in Japan and America and be in the best physical shape that I can be and also to write an autobiography **here?** I haven't really got one **if you were a drink what would you be and why?** a beer – it's nice and simple and what you see is what you get **how do you relax?** listening to music, eating good food and spending time with friends

deacon despair

describe your outfit It represents the wrestling machine inside me. My bones have been taken out and replaced with metal because inside I'm indestructible **do you have a special move?** The Deconstruction **ambition?** To be able to wrestle for a living and to get into the WWF, what was the **WWE** **here?** Kurt Cobain because he's an inspiration to be yourself. And the wrestler Jeff Hardy who revolutionised wrestling, making it more extreme and high-risk – 'risking all to win' **if you were a drink what would you be and why?** Red Bull mixed with power-aid mixed with lacedade mixed with coffee because I'm hyper hyper hyper and chilled out at the same time **how do you relax?** Sitting back and watching lots of wrestling, with my girlfriend Pauline, she helps me heal. Deacon Despair is me and my girlfriend.

But even when only playing to a handful of Brummies rather than the adoring masses of yesteryear, they gave their all. GBH (a latter day Daddy), Deacon Despair (the Kurt Cobain of modern British wrestling) and rising stars like Five Star Flash do it for the love of the game. These guys (and gals) have learnt from The Rock and the other stars of the WWF, but are also committed to bringing back the finer traditions of British wrestling: a fine mix of theatre, technical skill and a genuine world of pain. And if you think it's all a fix, well, you can tell them that.

See: www.matthew-murray.co.uk



Wrestling at Handsworth Leisure Centre - Rob Hunter AKA Sensation Of The Nation



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