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rob hunter aka sensation of the nation

describe your outfit Black tights with red crosses down the side, black wrestling boots and kick pads, black elbow pads and black wristbands and 'Christina' socks **do you have a special move?** Rob Contact And The Money Maker - a double end hook pile-driver **ambition?** To get as far as I can in wrestling and to get British wrestling noticed again **here?** Bret Hart **if you were a drink what would you be and why?** An alepop 'cos it's bubbly and sweet **how do you relax?** Listening to music and chillin' with mates

gbh aka great british hero

describe your outfit A blue bib-suit and union jack flags **do you have a special move?** A choke slam - I got them around the throat with my hand, lift them off the floor and then slam 'em down **ambition?** Hopefully to win a British Singles Championship this year. I've already won a Tag-Team Championship twice this year **here?** Ken Shamrock, an American wrestler who also does mixed martial arts **if you were a drink what would you be and why?** Vodka 'cos it's big and strong **how do you relax?** Weight lifting and eating

decided that the 'sport' drew the wrong sort of demographic (he introduced Roland Rat to pull in a younger crowd). And without the TV coverage, interest waned. British wrestling today is both a fragile and fractured affair, with various associations and promoters struggling to draw a new generation of grapple fans into venues across the country to watch the latest wave of wrestling talent. Photographer Matthew Murray found these lords of the ring playing to no more than 40 people "tops" at Handsworth Leisure Centre in Birmingham. (Although a last-minute change of venue may have affected turnout, says Murray).

Wrestling at Handsworth Leisure Centre - Timm Wylie



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