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<<INTERVIEW WITH MIKE EDWARDS-CONTINUED>>

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE SKATEBOARD TRICK ?

Wow!! All the ones i cant do, i think!!
I could think of nothing more futile than learning names for tricks-Barry goes in for that! What i tend to do is see someone do a trick and i think "Hey! thats really good, i'll have a go at that" and i do. The whole point in skating is to just to get on with it, it seems pointless to sit down and make it all 'academic'!

HOW DO YOU THINK THAT THE GROUP HAS CHANGED AND PROGRESSED SINCE "INFO FREAKO" REGARDING IMAGE ETC. ?

We never actually sat down and made any conscious decisions about our image, we just wear what we want.
As people i dont think that we've changed at all...we've been on top of the Pops and stuff like that (Stuff like Smash Hits!!!-RP)...Yeah!thats right!! It not as momentous as you would think, maybe i should tell you it is! I should maybe go for the more Rock & Roll thing! That is one thing thats saddened me, i think we ought to be a lot more Rock & Roll. When i started doing interviews at first...er...i use to talk a load of old bollocks half the time, now i try to get some of my ideas over more.
Musically we've opened ourselves up to a lot more ideas-we've learned different things. "I dont want that kind of love" was a big milestone, the singing style is a lot different. There is a lot more variety in our new stuff-with the album we had a VERY fine point which we kept hammering home.

HOW RELIGIOUS ARE YOU ?

Not at all!!! I dont like the idea of religion much as it tends to be big business. When it becomes organised it tends to loose the attention to individuals-which is what faith is all about, faith is far more important. People who have their own faith are far more interesting, when they make decisions for themselves.

IF YOU HAD A WISH TO BE GRANTED KNOW, WHAT WOULD IT BE ?

That i had a little bit more sleep and a LOT more energy...erm...I suppose the most obvious one is world domination!!!!!!

DO YOU LIKE DIESEL PARK WEST'S VERSION OF INFO FREAKO ?

Yeah, i do, honestly! The first time i heard it, it confused me totally, i got completely lost in the thing. It reminds me of the Rolling Stones 'Street fighting' era which i like a lot-yeah, i do like it a lot! Its very pleasing to write a song which somebody else can interperate, there are a lot of contempary bands around whose song could be interperated in a different way.

DO YOU LIKE CABBAGE ?

Yes, i do, yeah. I had some purple cabbage to eat earlier, and very tasty it was too.

TO BE CONTINUED... ANSWERS

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I was wondering what the hell Jesus Jones were playing at, climbing into a private car park with a blue, glittery football, I was to find out that this is the way they amuse themselves, playing "One Bounce" in deserted car parks.

We all stood in a circle and Gimpo kicked the ball against the large building's wall, Mike runs and kicks it into the air, it bounces twice , therefore Mike has lost, I understand now (yet what the attraction is i'll never know!!!)

Gen's turn now, he skillfully kicks the ball to Jerry (star player) who in turn kicks it to me. I clumsily kick it to Gimpo who boots it over the wall, Gen retrieves it quickly.

So it goes on, and on, and on... Al is quite pleased with me, i'm the only person in the world who is worse at One Bounce than he is. The reason that Al never mastered the game is reliant on two prime factors:-

- 1) His hair covers his eyes, he hasn't seen anything since the Labour government.
- 2) His boot keeps coming off, his excuse is there is no point in tying his laces as 'You just have to untie them again'. (Quite)

We had acquired ourselves quite an audience of Jesus Jones fans now, they spread the word that a bunch of mad popstars are playing football in a car park.

After an hour we retired, Barry, Gen, Al and Gerry go to the pub, Gimpo to his room and we followed Mike to his tiny hotel room. This hovel was to be Mikes home for a couple of days, it is not the glamorous affair one expects. "Well i've got one kettle and one cup," Mike informs us, "So i'll make myself a cup of coffee, if theres a glass you can have some water." (Your generosity excites me Mike)

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