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Matt and Chris, the stars of Fox8's reality show, *The Stafford Brothers*, discuss molesting inflatable sheep, shelving umbrellas and launching T-shirt mortar rounds into the mosh...

G'day, guys. The Potbelleez told us every time they go drinking with you, you guys call it quits early to go back to your hotel and curl up together watching Hugh Grant movies. True or false?

Chris: The Potbelleez... umm, aren't they those two fat Irish guys?

Matt: They're living in a fantasy land. Obviously we dominate them so much that they have to come through the press to make these outlandish statements. You'd think two Irishmen would be really good at drinking...

Chris: Potbelleez is a really good name for their group. I remember them calling us The Stafford Sisters. Pretty imaginative stuff...

So, what is your favourite Hugh Grant movie?

Matt: Ha ha! The robot boxing one - that's great. Robots hitting the f**k out of each other. Good stuff.

Be better if Hugh Grant was in it...

Chris: I know. Sadly, it's Hugh Jackman. Although, I have long suspected Hugh Grant is, in fact, a robot.

Matt, is it true your attraction to blonde hair and dark eyebrows - which your girlfriend and ZOO babe Brooke Evers sports so stylishly - stems back to a childhood obsession with MacGyver?

Matt: MacGyver once made a hot air balloon with a plastic sheet and some matches when he was trying to escape a forest. That's talent and it deserves recognition. So, to answer your question about Brooke... yes, it probably is all due to MacGyver.

You guys had great success with your single, *Come My Way*. Just to clarify, what way do you come?

Chris: Well... er, usually not my way. I prefer onto a towel or a female.

Matt, what's up with wearing the Warwick Capper mullet?

Matt: Three years ago, I bought tickets to AC/DC and decided to grow my hair for headbanging. Then, when the concert was over, I decided to keep it. You should see me in my leather print undies - I'll wear them in my upcoming

porn shoot with my girlfriend.

Chris: [shuddering] I always imagine Capper lying in bed saying, "I'm cheap and easy..." For the life of me, I can't remember at all the product he was advertising, just Capper in a robe, looking ready for his next home movie.

Matt: I do enjoy him, though, because he's a Queenslander, much like the delicious XXXX Summer Lager. What a drop that is... and, incidentally, great sponsors of our tour, ha ha!

Chris: It's low-carb, too! The Potbelleez should start drinking it to trim up.

everything... we just didn't find any, that's all.

Chris: I went to a few but I just wanted to talk to them, get some culture, y'know. One went to work on my feet but I'm not sure for whose benefit that was.

What's your best groupie story?

Chris: I was given a blow-up sheep by a girl once. We named her Lucy, and one of my mates actually popped her. When I confronted him about how he popped it, he admitted to "testing the sheep out".

Matt: Wow... that was probably the worst groupie story ever.

Chris: Put it this way, if we hadn't shot them pretty much straight in the air, there would have been T-shirts landing outside the festival grounds!

What does your rider look like?

Chris: Two bottles of vodka, a bottle of Jäger, 12 delicious XXXX Summer Lagers (naturally), six Red Bulls, six waters, six white towels... and some green Skittles.

That's not too outlandish...

Matt: Not much fazes us. We just did the Future tour and there was a shortage of dressing rooms, so we said, "Just give us our rider and we're happy". We were



As DJs who fly internationally on a regular basis, do you get to choose the customs officer who makes you bend over and cough at the airport based on his or her finger width?

Matt: I've never been examined. Although, I do love it when you have a laptop bag and they ask if you have an umbrella in there. Who am I - the Penguin from *Batman Returns*? I get that they're just doing their job but I clearly do not have an umbrella.

This season you're in Thailand but we didn't see any footage of you guys visiting the rub 'n' tug... er, massage venues. How can this be?

Matt: Well, the show should really be called *What Happens On Tour No Longer Stays On Tour*, so you see

Chris: I know but I just wanted to make sure it got mentioned!

Chris, we hear you're quite adept at wooing journos who interview you?

Chris: Er, sure... Next question?

Good talk. Guitarists give their picks to the crowd, singers their sweaty T-shirts. What do DJs give their fans? Herpes?

Matt: We actually just got these guns from China which shoot T-shirts into the crowd. I wasn't sure how powerful they were so I shot Chris with one and... wow, it looked pretty painful.

Chris: Not great.

Matt: Anyway, so at Summafieldayze, there's 30,000 people in front of us and we pull out the guns, and... shit, those things covered some distance.




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thrown in a communal room and it was great – heaps of people to chat to.

What was playing in Vegas like?
Chris: I have no idea. I pretty much spent all my time at In-N-Out Burger. I just love that you can go up to the counter and say you want something "jungle style", like it's some secret, off-the-menu code, and you get all this extra stuff.

What would be the Stafford style?
Matt: We got a pizza at a place a few nights ago that was a Stafford pizza. There was a lot of seafood on it.

So Stafford style is a vaguely fishy smell. Not showering much, boys?
Matt: Ha ha! Yeah, if only we could make it into a cologne.

Paris Hilton is releasing a new album. You must be bummed you're not collaborating with her, right?
Matt: Meh. We've played two of her parties before and all she wanted played was hip-hop. She did the same thing in Miami with Steve Angello and he ended up in a fight with her bouncers.

You guys appeared on the finale of Australia's Next Top Model when Sarah Murdoch revealed the wrong winner. Did you console her?
Chris: We couldn't get to her, unfortunately. The bouncers just crowded around her straight away.

Matt: it was hectic because we were backstage at the time...

Just sitting in a broom closet with your rider, we're guessing?
Matt: Ha ha! Close enough. There was talk that it was a set-up, but seeing people's faces drop once it was stuffed up convinced me it was for real.

Chris: I'm sure she'll be fine for coin. She can come on our show if she needs some work, though.

On the show, your manager, Joey, has a colonic. Does he do that often?
Chris: Twice a day for 14 days. But it would have been a really boring show if that's all we filmed – our manager getting an enema twice a day.

Do you have any burning questions for ZOO's resident sexperts?
Chris: I'm just lost down there to tell you the truth. Am I normal?

Any relationship questions, Matt?
Chris: Don't be shy, brother...
Matt: I'll pass. Thanks, though!

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