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Three of the Best

Top Live Action at the 2006 Dirt Bike Show

Everyone agreed that last year's Live Action at the Dirt Bike Show was the best yet! We interviewed hundreds of people and all rated it as either 'good' or 'excellent'. The only problem was that no-one could agree which one of the three acts they enjoyed the most.

An estimated 9,000 people were treated to a non-stop spectacular featuring Steve 'Mr Showman' Colley, the Xtreme Trials 'Kickstart' competition and Gary Taylor's Freestyle MX stunt show.

The fun started with Steve Colley (www.theshowman.co.uk) demonstrating why he's known as 'Mr Showman' with a series of breathtaking tricks including break dancing on a bike, bunny hops and culminating in a burn out ... on the bonnet of a Rover car!

Next up the minibikes of Gary Taylor, Dave Wiggins and Danny Veale burst into the arena (www.myspace.com/ukfmx) and proceeded to raise the rafters with a sequence of crazy jumps and stunts. MC Wayne was lost for words to describe what they were doing. "Superman, nik-naks, tic-tacs, flip flops and kit kats" were just some of the names that he may have made up.

Then, before the audience had time to catch their breath, it was time for the return of 'Kickstart' from the Xtreme Trials team (www.xtremetrials.co.uk). The 'young guns' (World Youth Champion Alexz Wigg, European Youth Champion Jack Challoner and Ross Danby) each teamed up with an adult rider (current British Solo Trials Champion Graham Jarvis and the legendary duo of Dan Clark and Martin Crosswaite) to battle it out over a course featuring see-saws, limbo poles, climbs, jumps and dragon's teeth, for a place in the final. For the first round they tackled the course individually against the clock, tagging their partner once they'd finished. The slowest pair was eliminated, then the remaining two teams went head-to-head in real time. It was fast and furious with thrills, spills and, as you'd expect from the Xtreme Team, a few laughs along the way.

With the cheers still ringing out, Colley reappeared on his trials bike, minus the front wheel, and performed several neat donuts. The next thing you knew, he was hopping over the dragon's teeth and then up and over the, by now rather battered, Rover hatchback.

Then the minibikes returned for a grand finale, including back-flips. How they avoided crashing through the roof we will never know!



Roll on 2007!

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