

This interview with Raw Power was conducted in the basement of Scott Andrews by Scott with Maurizio and Fabiano translating.

FOE Who's in the band.

RP Maurizio plays bass, Fabiano plays drums, Davide plays lead guitar and sings, Giuseppe plays guitar and Mauro sings. Mauro and Giuseppe are brothers.

FOE How long have you been playing punk?

RP Three years, before that it was punk.

FOE How many records do you have out?

RP Two, but only one came out in the US. The other came out in Italy only, its called "You are the victim". The other is called "Screams From the Gutter". It was recorded in Indianapolis on the last tour. We also recorded a 4 song 45 ten days ago in Indianapolis(May 5). It will be out very soon(probably by the time this gets to print), before we go back to Italy that is if we go back to Italy. We have also done another album.

FOE What was the deal with your tape out on Bad Comp. Tapes?

RP The deal with BCT was that Antonio from GCM mailed our self produced tape to Chris Chaka and he liked it and started printing it. Thats how the whole thing in America started. Hey take pictures of me(Al was taking a few snapshots) I'm kidding, Antonio sent it to Chris and he liked it, but thats not the tape of the album.

FOE Are you good friends with GCM?

RP Yeah

FOE Are they a good band?

RP Yeah, but they can't come, they can't come because they've been in jail. They are involved in politics and stuff like that and the singer punched a police man very bad and he got arrested for that. They don't like that in Italy. And he can't get a visa for America, cuz you can't get a visa if you've been in jail. Even though our replacement for Mauro was in jail we didn't have a problem getting over.

FOE Are politics hard to practice in Italy? Is it hard to be a political band?

RP No, you're not really bothering anyone, no one cares.

FOE Are you a political band, what do you sing about?

RP Yeah we're a political band, we're not a political party band, ummm

FOE Who writes the lyrics?

RP Mauro and Giuseppe write the music and lyrics.

FOE How old are you guys?

RP Fabiano-24, Maurizio-25, Davide-21, Mauro-24, and Giuseppe is 27.

FOE When you're not in Raw Power what do you do back in Italy? Do you have jobs?

RP Yeah we all work. Fabiano and Davide play in a band. FOE For a living? RP Yeah

FOE What kind of band is it? What's it called?

RP Its a heavy metal band called RAFF. Its very commercial metal, you know Motley Poo, Plastic Maiden.

FOE What does the rest of the band do?

RP Mauro works in London as a waiter, Giuseppe and Maurizio work in an industry putting parts together for cars.

FOE Someone told me that one of you guys is a professional soccer player...

RP Giuseppe used to play, but not professionally. If he was a pro. he wouldn't be playing with Raw Power. You get so much money for being a pro in Italy it's disgusting.

FOE Before the show on the 14th(May)Raw Power played GBH in a game of soccer. Who won?

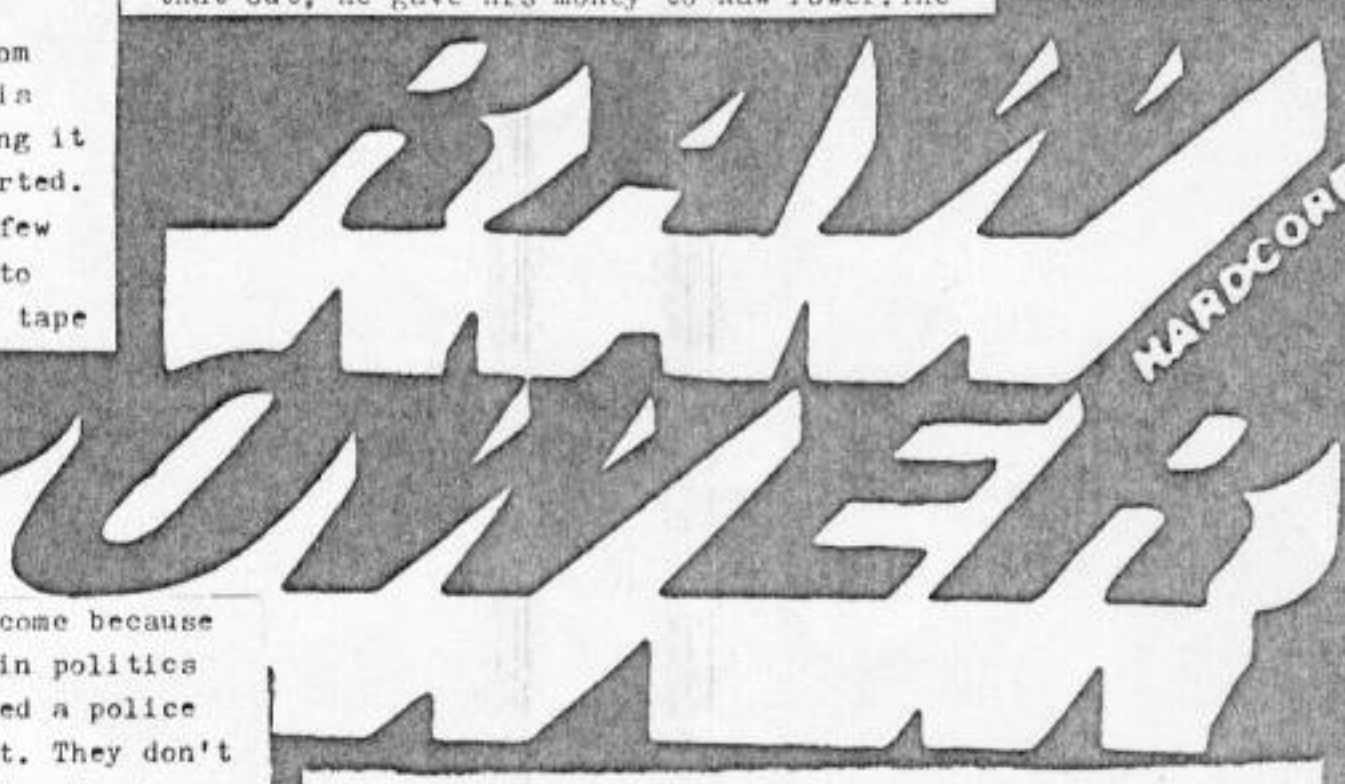
RP We won, we killed them! Raw Power beat GBH 4-0. Then Giuseppe went on GBH's side and scored two goals for them, but we scored 2 also.

FOE Ok back to the music, What are your future plans. What's going on with the tour? RP --- Beating the D.K's in baseball!

FOE Do you know the Dead Kennedys?

RP Yeah, they're the nicest people! Last year when we played at the Olympic, Raw Power was going to get \$50, thats what we were getting paid to do a show, and when Jello Biafra found that out, he gave his money to Raw Power. The

Dead Kennedys gave 1300 to RP last year. It didn't cover the plane tickets but you played you got your money and you gave it to somebody who didn't have any thats real nice. They're the nicest people we met so far.
FOE Have you ever been screwed over by anyone? RP Have you had any bad experiences since you've



been in the country?

RP Yeah and I have his name written down somewhere.

I gotta tell you his name! It was a skate rink in SAN Angelo. He didn't pay us, he almost stopped our tour, we didn't have enough money to get to Lubbock the next place on the tour. We went around with a hat just to get the money to get to Lubbock. He didn't want to pay us because before the show he asked us how long we were gonna play and we told him 45 min. per band, Raw Power and the Breakouts. After the show he came up to us and said we were each supposed to play 2 hrs. We said why didn't you tell us before the show? He said it was on the contract and if we didn't sign it that was not his business and he did not pay us.

FOE What happened on the first tour that Chris BCT set up is he getting anything out of this tour?

RP No but he is getting a lot of money, because he made a live tape with stuff from six different shows last tour and he is selling them and we aren't getting anything and he is selling a lot of them, he came to see us at the Corn Husker in LA and he had so many of these and after we played he sold all of them. He's making money.

FOE Are you still friends with him, do you have good relations?

RP Yeah he's real nice, he's really a nice person.

FOE He got all the money back he lost...

RP I wonder why nobody ever asks if Raw Power ever got their money back?

FOE Well, did Raw Power get their money back?

RP We lost on the plane ticket...

FOE You mean you had to pay for your own plane ticket by yourself..

RP Yeah and working visas too. \$100 each.

FOE Yeah I understand...

RP GBH they had their tickets and visas paid for by the agency

FOE This is their 3rd or 4th tour

RP Yeah they're a big band

FOE They stayed in a hotel last night, not on someone's floor. If you can afford it you can afford it.

RP Anyway its alright, they're famous and get everything paid but we thought we were gonna get paid back (for our tickets) when we got here. We thought Toxic Shock was gonna pay for them, but we have to pay for them.

FOE How are your relations with Bill (Toxic Shock) are they ok?

RP Yeah we're ok with him but i don't know.

We don't think he can help us very much. We would like to stay here and keep on playing and playing. We don't know if we can do that. We're friends. We'd like to do something better

FOE Do you have anyone who will help you stay in the US? RP No

FOE So you're just looking for a contact.

RP Yeah. FOE Who's setting up the tour after

the Breakouts?

RP In philly we're gonna stop with the Breakouts and we're gonnatour with the Inbreed a band from Morgantown, all the way to the west coast and we start start with Decry and then we go to Canada with GBH their last 6 shows. Decry will be with us too, exceptfor the Santa Barbara

FOE Decry were here, that was my first show.

RP Decry are a good band.

FOE They left a phone bill here but I don't want to go into that now.

RP We have a number that you dial and the calls paid. FOE Well, they didn't

RP Riisteyt did that last year and they blamed it on raw power until they found out that the calls were made to Finland. Raw Power are not from Finland

FOE Did you like Riisteyt?

RP Musically they were like new wave and traditional punk. As people they were rock starish. They complained a lot and din't like conditions they played under sometimes.

FOE Closing comments

Fabiano I wanna rock

Maurizio I'll pass.



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