

# Mustaches, James Brown, and Southern Belles: TMI talks with The Expendables – 7/28/2011

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Rising temperatures and even greater rising crowd anticipation swept over the [Vans Warped Tour](#) and the Verizon Wireless Amphitheater in Charlotte, NC as the Santa Cruz, CA quartet, [The Expendables](#), prepared to take the stage. The guys, along with their stellar staches, got the crowd swaying back and forth when they opened with “Down, Down, Down” followed by “Let Loose.” At this point, the crowd was feeling like the aforementioned song and was ready to turn it up a notch. When it was announced, “This next song is called ‘War Cry!’” the blood started pumping just as fast as the guitars started shredding, and the pit broke out into a frenzy of action. The one problem with the Warped Tour is that set times are extremely limited, but The Expendables managed to pack quite a punch when they wrapped up their short time on stage with crowd favorite “Sacrifice.”



Fortunately for The Music Initiative, our time with The Expendables wasn't restricted to their performance, and we got a chance to chat with singer and guitarist Geoff Weers and bassist Ryan DeMars before they took the stage...

**TMI:** Oprah, Maury Povich, and the hottest girl you've seen on the Warped Tour. You have to sleep with one, marry one, and get rid of one. Go!

**RD:** Marry Oprah cuz she's rich. You can probably get away with fooling around on her for a bit since she's so busy herself. At least get her money for a little bit until she catches you banging hotter girls. Obviously, sleep with Maury cuz he's a gray fox, and get rid of the random girl.

**TMI:** On a scale of 1 to 10, how much do you like James Brown?

**GW:** Seven

**RD:** As a person? Yeah, I'd probably say around 7. Not totally awesome but just awesome enough.

**TMI:** This if for Ryan. Why do you play Stingray basses? Do you have a Flea itch?

**RD:** Umm, yeah! That's not the reason though. I got into those because as a kid I grew up watching punk bands, and a lot of those bands played those basses. I was like “Sick!” That's what I need!

**TMI:** If you had your own traveling festival like the Warped Tour, what bands would you have headline it or what would the style be like?

**GW:** I'd like to make a tour that has a lot of the California reggae band sound. Making a big tour of that would be pretty sweet and have [Slightly Stoopid](#) headline. Put a lot of ska bands on it and have a big ska revival!

**TMI:** Being from California, what about the South do you like?

**RD:** The girls are f\*\*\*ing hot and they're Southern Belles!



**TMI:** What bands are missing from this year's Warped Tour?

**GW:** Any punk band.

**RD:** You gotta have NOFX or Bad Religion.

**GW:** No Doubt would cool too!

**TMI:** One last thing. Since you've guys have been growing such awesome mustaches this summer, I was wondering if you have ever heard of [Mustaches for Kids](#)? Basically, it's a organization that raises money for children's charities through the growing of mustaches. You guys should definitely check it out!

**GW:** For sure. Sounds awesome!

**TMI:** Thanks guys! We look forward to seeing you out there today!



Be sure to check out The Expendables on the "Last Calls and Liabilities" tour this fall with [Pepper!](#)

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