

RAVEN SOARS AGAIN

Raven Wheesk is an 11-year-old black belt martial artist residing in Thunder Bay, Ontario. He is a member of Bae's Martial Arts in Winnipeg, Manitoba, where he trains under Master Malcolm Edwards, a Canadian World Karate & Kickboxing Council (WKC) coach. Raven trains independently at home every day in his basement that was converted into a dojo/dojang.

Raven started training in martial arts at the age of five and is now in his seventh year. He progressed through his belt levels in Japanese style karate, achieving his junior black belt at the age of nine years. He started training in the Korean Tae Kwon Do style when he was eight years old and has now achieved the rank of a first Dan Black Belt. Raven has been training in the extreme musical form style for most of his martial arts career. He has also dabbled in bo staff, kamas and the katana weapons forms.



Raven competing



Raven wins gold!

Raven holds numerous Provincial, Canadian, and American (USA) titles. He is a three-time World Champion, holding the current titles in Korean and Extreme forms. He has been a member of Team Canada for the past five years and will be heading to the National trials in May 2010, where he holds the promise of earning berths on the Canadian team in up to four events.

Raven has severe asthma and multiple food, environmental and other allergies. He has had to train even harder in order to continue to excel in spite of his health condition. Traveling internationally to compete has posed challenges around the lack of a pet ban on airplanes as well as dealing with multiple food allergies. Raven has always had to be proactive and prepared to deal with asthma symptoms and potential allergen exposure.



Enjoying the victory



Raven has always said that when you see a picture of him, you would say, "That is a normal kid." He does not define himself by his asthma or allergies, and in the martial arts ring, he is just "Raven".

It is Raven's intention to continue with his martial arts training and maintain his world-class standing and high ranking. He anticipates representing Canada in Korean, Extreme, hardstyle Japanese, and weapons forms at the 2010 WKC World Championships in Portugal in October.

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