

MARTIAL ARTS IN THE MEDIA

BBC FEATURES MARTIAL ARTS ON 'SPORTING BUTLER'

Tim Ward, the Managing Director of *Giko* was featured recently on a programme on BBC Midlands, presented by Tony Butler. Tim Ward invited personalities in the Martial Arts to take part in the programme, whilst he was interviewed by Butler, explaining about techniques and the Martial Arts. Taking part were World Karate champions, Jeff Thompson and Pat McKay, who both looked very fast with their techniques. Also included were two of George Canning's *Mugendo* girls from Dublin, Marguerite Hilliard and Geraldine Leggitt, who performed some Self Defence on George Senior and George Canning Junior, who attacked them in the woods at Pebble Mill.

Also taking part was 12 year old Chris Emmanuel, who has been training in Taekwondo since he was 5 and gained his black belt in Taekwondo two years ago. Chris performed some wood breaking with a flying side kick and then carried out 'Martial Ballet' to Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, impressing everyone with his control and expertise at such a young age.

Tim Ward explained, "I tried to distill as many aspects of the Martial Arts into the short time that the BBC allowed us, so that the viewer could see skill and expertise together with basic women's Self Defence."

The general consensus of opinion from not only the viewing public but from the production team was that the feature had been very successful and showed what positive Martial Arts are all about.

TV personality, Tony Butler was seen at the end of the programme being laid out by the *Mugendo* girls after getting too familiar! . . . the lighter side of showbusiness helped to end a good programme.



Taekwondoist Chris Emmanuel in action.



The producers and participants of the programme celebrate a successful 'shoot'.



The *Mugendo* Girls from Dublin 'lay out' attackers, George Canning Snr. and George Canning Jnr.