

THE RIVERBOAT GAMBLERS

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Kick-ass rock 'n' roll live and direct from the Lone Star state

"I'M IN bad shape right now," sighs The Riverboat Gamblers frontman Mike 'Teko' Wiebe. "My ankles are both blackened, I've got really bad tendonitis in one knee, a pinched nerve in my neck, my elbow is huge and swollen and I've got about 12 stitches in my forearm. That's just from this tour!"

Stand aside Casey Chaos, there's a new madman in town. Wiebe and his awesome band – who hail from Denton, Texas – have recently been busy tearing the Warped Tour a new asshole. The vocalist is no stranger to lunacy, being a man whose deranged repertoire includes diving through tables and knocking himself out. Sometimes, he even excels himself.

"There are certain nights where it gets out of hand," he admits. "A lot of the stages are right next to each other, so while we were playing, another band would be setting up. There'd be a mass of kids who were there waiting to see the other band, so I'd crawl over there and mess with them. There was strong emo movement on the tour and they didn't wanna see a sweaty guy screaming at them, they wanted to see a sweaty guy crying."

Not a band for the backpack brigade then, but Wiebe is more than happy with a description touting The Riverboat Gamblers as a cross between The Hives and New Bomb Turks.

"I love that!" he beams. "Yeah, it's punk rock, rock 'n' roll, garage-rock and pop. Hopefully we stand somewhere in the place where all those four things cross over."

And whatever you'd call it, you will never see the same Riverboat Gamblers show twice.

"Whatever happens, happens," grins Wiebe. "Hopefully it'll be fun and I won't have to go to hospital!"

We'll tell them to keep a bed ready, just in case.

HEAR: The album 'Something To Crow About' is out now via Gearhead.

MORE INFO AT: www.theriverboatgamblers.com



"Excuse me, Sir, did I drop my clothes down there?": The Riverboat Gamblers (Mike 'Teko' Wiebe, centre)