



“Tuff as Gutz” teams up with Professor Malin & The BJJ Program

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Tuff as Gutz is new company out of British Columbia founded by Kelly Prokopski and Shane Wood. They specialize in providing athletes opportunities for sport specific training, development of physical and mental toughness, and an unparalleled enthusiasm to help others succeed and achieve their goals. Their mission statement sums up the direction of their program...

“Our Mission is to inspire athletes and all people to seek
their passion and live their dreams.
To take a risk using courage and strength. To truly be TUFF AS GUTZ.”

Co-Founder of “Tuff as Gutz” Shane Wood explains why they sponsored Professor Malin...

“I have been around the fight game, combat sports, and various martial arts for most of my life. I have had the opportunity to train with athletes that were world champions as well as those who were just trying something new or trying to stay fit.

When I met Curtis (now Professor Malin) the first thing that struck me was his hunger to learn. He immediately struck me as the type of person willing to work hard in order to reach his goals. I had no idea he had set such long term goals for himself; from the first Jiu-Jitsu class we were at together, he showed a real appreciation for the people who had put the work in, and complimented them freely on what they had accomplished.

Curt’s desire and ability to push himself made his progression a rapid one. He was a true student with a ton of desire. He was not afraid to sweat, suffer, and bleed if needed. He showed up early and left late to get the most out of every training session.

On top of that he is a truly great person who was always willing to show what he knew and pass it on to other students. He quickly became a strong member of the team, and we enjoyed his fantastic attitude. He also could keep the fun in it; training can be tough and sometimes everyone gets tired or burnt out a bit, his sense of humor was refreshing as we gasped for our breath and winced at our aching muscles.

I look at Professor Malin now and see the same qualities as his early years learning Jiu-Jitsu but also see

a new passion, his drive to teach and pass on knowledge! There is no doubt in my mind that Professor Malin, after over 10 years of study, will earn the coveted Black Belt in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and during the long journey he was able to continuously put others first. This is the part that is the rarest, and cannot be over looked. He has given back every bit as much as he has been rewarded.

This is the kind of athlete and coach that fits in to the "Tuff as Gutz" model. First, he's a great person. Secondly, a great athlete, coach, competitor, and motivator. This is someone you want in your corner, or teaching your children. If you do compete with him you will see the drive he has to succeed.

What do we at "Tuff as Gutz" expect from Professor Malin? Nothing more than the same things he has excelled at for years. When he wears one of our shirts, hats or patch branded with the "Tuff as Gutz" logo, he represents the same type of work ethic and morals as we do.