

## Bite marks point to gladiator cemetery

LONDON

ARCHAEOLOGISTS believe they may have found the world's best-preserved gladiator cemetery after noticing animal bite marks and combat injuries on some of the 80, mainly headless, Roman skeletons unearthed at a site in the city of York in northern England.

"At present, our lead theory is that many of these skeletons are those of Roman gladiators," said Dr Kurt Hunter-Mann of York Archaeological Trust, who is leading the excavations.

Dr Michael Wysocki, a forensic anthropologist at the University of Central Lancashire who examined the remains, called the find an internationally significant discovery.

"We don't have any other potential gladiator cemeteries with this level of preservation anywhere else in the world," he said.

Experts have puzzled over the human remains since the first group of skeletons were exhumed in 2003 in an area slated for a housing development just

# Jovin aims for Manhunt world title

BY VICTORIA BARKER

THE newly crowned winner of **male pageant** Manhunt Singapore 2010 has a big dream – and the confidence that it will come true.

Sports programmer Jovin Koh, 25, plans on being the first Singaporean to clinch the Manhunt title at the international level of the competition. He will travel to Seoul in October to participate in the event.

The strapping hunk – who took home the title at the finals held at The Heeren in Orchard Road last Saturday – told *my paper*: "I want to bring glory to Singapore."

"I believe I need to work on my physique and get a little **leaner** before then, but I think the talking part will just come naturally."

The last Singaporean delegate to place in the top five was then student Brandon Choo, who came in third at the 2000 event held in Singapore. No Singaporean has taken top place in the competition – yet.

Mr Koh beat 18 other beefcakes in the 22nd instalment of the pageant – which was jointly organised by Punch! Events & Promotions and The Heeren – to take home the top prize of \$1,500 in cash and prizes totalling \$15,000.

Last Saturday, the **charismatic** guy was also awarded a slew of other Manhunt awards, including Mr Fabulous Body and Gold-heart Jewellery's Mr Suave.

The second and third places went to personal trainer Norazmi Ali Hassan and self-employed businessman Sean Phua, both aged 29, respectively.



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The event saw the finalists sweating it out in the Gym Routine round, as well as showing off their physiques in the swimwear round and strutting their stuff in a fashion parade.

The question-and-answer segment – during which the lads had to answer tough questions posed by their competitors – may have given Mr Koh his edge, but it was his complete package that bagged him top prize, said one of the judges, Ms Colleen Francisca.

The former Miss Singapore World (2006) said: "Jovin just had it from the start... He had this look on his face that almost said he deserved to win, which we judges noticed."

But this year's Manhunt Singapore competition was not just about glitz and glamour.

Last month, the contestants did their bit for charity by selling cups of Ben & Jerry's ice cream to **raise funds** for the Boys' Town's new dormitories.

They raised \$4,125 in all, with \$825 coming from ice-cream sales, and Punch! Events and The Heeren each doubling the amount to contribute \$1,650 each.

Said Mr Koh of his Manhunt experience on the whole: "It's about more than just looks. I learnt to be more confident and sure of myself."

"It has also been an opportunity to better myself as a person."

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