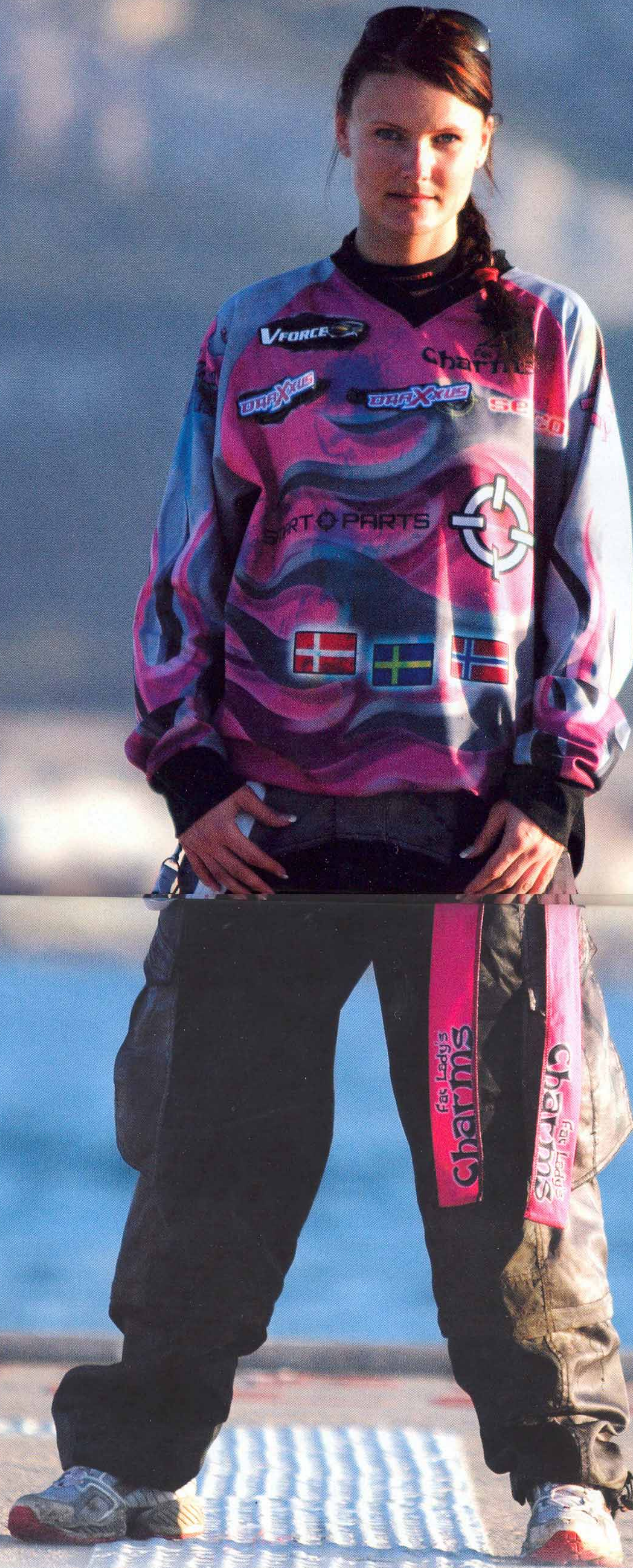


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**Not many sportsmen or women can claim to have been a pioneer in their chosen field, fortunately for her, Anja Kristensen doesn't suffer from this and has swiftly become one of the most recognizable female paintball players in the world.**

By Nick Truter/Photography by Olivier Marchetti

Many players will know of her for her more recent achievements as a player with the Scandinavian all female team the Fat Lady's Charms (FLCs), but Anja was a paintball player long before many of the Charms had even heard of the sport let alone thought about playing in a competitive team.

Anja first started playing back in her home country of Denmark way back in the day when paintball was played in the woods with pump action markers—yes that's right, paintball was played in the forest without ramping modes of fire! Being the highly courteous magazine that we are, we have agreed to keep Anja's age a secret, so you'll just have to do a little research. After a few years of playing for fun, she hit the Scandinavian circuit after having joined up with friends Torben, Jesper and Sarah on a young Danish team called the Icemen. The Icemen played the Millennium Series circuit throughout the 2000/2001 season with mixed success. Regardless of the results,

Anja learnt valuable lessons in what was required to form and maintain a team that could not only compete at a high level, but also win.

As well as increasing her knowledge of paintball, Anja was fast becoming noticed by players and potential sponsors alike; one person who was impressed by Anja's stature on and off the field was a Norwegian Oil Sheik called Steiner. Steiner had a harem of 5 girls under his protective wing, but he had a problem in that they were becoming increasingly restless. Steiner found that if he let them loose on a paintball field for a few hours to vent off some steam, they were pleasantly calm afterwards. Unfortunately for Steiner, they all became hooked on paintball and wanted more! To satisfy their appetites to compete in the big 7-man competitions, Steiner needed more players, and of course you don't invite another man to spend time with your harem, meaning that Anja was invited to become a member of the Charms permanently. Since becoming a member of the Charms, the team has gone from strength to strength; securing major sponsorship deals from Smart Parts and Procaps in recent years and are currently competing in Division 2 of the Millennium Series this season.

Anja has firmly established herself as a core member of the team and has without doubt helped the team's progression through the ranks in recent

years. It's evident that Anja clearly still enjoys playing paintball as not only does she rule the roost on the field, but she is also one of the most approachable people within the paintball world off the field, always willing to spend time helping less experienced players as well as devoting time to talk with her adoring fans.

## FROM EVERY ANGLE

**"ANJA IS A GREAT PLAYER. THE FACT THAT SHES A GIRL (AND VERY GOOD LOOKING TOO) WILL SOMETIMES MAKE SUCKERS FEEL THAT THEY CAN UNDERESTIMATE HER. IT'S JUST AS FUN EVERY TIME I SEE THAT BECAUSE THEY ALWAYS WALK OUT WITH DISBELIEF AND PAINT ON THEIR FACE. ANJA AND FELLOW CHARM PLAYER LOIUSE ARE IN FACT THE BEST FEMALE PLAYERS IN THE WORLD. NO DOUBT."**

Magued Idris, Joy Division.

**"ANJA IS ONE OF THE RARE WOMEN WHO MANAGED TO MAKE A NAME FOR HERSELF AS A PLAYER, HELPING THE OTHER GIRLS FROM FAT LADY'S CHARM BECOME BETTER AND BETTER. I ADMIRE THE FACT THAT**

**AS A WOMAN, SHE APPROACHES THE GAME SERIOUSLY AND WORKS HERSELF AND HER TEAM HARD TO BECOME BETTER. ANJA IS NOW A WELL-KNOWN NAME IN EUROPE AND IS APPRECIATED BY EVERYBODY, UNLIKE MANY PLAYERS SHE IS ALWAYS SMILING AND DOESN'T GET INTO STUPID ARGUMENTS WITH OTHER TEAMS AND PLAYERS WHICH IS A GREAT QUALITY ESPECIALLY NOWADAYS. I AM GLAD THAT SHE KEPT PRACTICING HARD TO KICK SOME GUY'S BUTT, AND MANY ARROGANT MALES SHOULD WATCH OUT BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T PLAY YOUR A GAME, SHE'S GONNA SHOOT YOU."**

Fred Halmoné, Baltimore Trauma.

**"BEAUTY IS NOT NORMALLY ASSOCIATED WITH PAINTBALLERS, BUT HOPEFULLY ANJA WILL HAVE STARTED A TREND. SHE PLAYS SOME FANTASTIC PAINTBALL AND IS VERY POPULAR ON THE CIRCUIT. DEFINITELY THE TYPE OF ROLE MODEL TO YOUNG ASPIRING PAINTBALLERS THAT OUR SPORT NEEDS."** Clint Moore - London Nexus.

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| 1. <b>Any Nicknames/Age?</b> Mammaduck. Don't you know that you shouldn't ask a lady about her age? Oh what the ... I'm not a lady and I'm 28!  | 9. <b>Where do you see yourself in fifty years?</b> In fifty years I'll be a really good looking senior citizen in the stands cheering for my kids and grand kids. | 17. <b>With which celebrity would you pick a fight?</b> Jessica Simpson is so stupid it hurts and a slap in the face might kick her brain into gear. |
| 2. <b>Childhood dream job?</b> I think I've been shot in the head too many times because I can't remember.  | 10. <b>Will paintball ever be a big TV hit?</b> Any thing is possible, we already have an X-box game so of course it will be a TV hit.                             | 18. <b>Something you like?</b> I love paintball, the game and the people.  |
| 3. <b>Actual profession/Occupation?</b> Hair dresser  | 11. <b>Favorite CD?</b> D.A.D and Metallica  | 19. <b>Something you hate?</b> Vegetables and negative people  |
| 4. <b>Where are you from?</b> Aalborg, Denmark  | 12. <b>Favorite TV show?</b> My name is Earl!!   | 20. <b>Who is your favorite (super) hero?</b> My mom is my super hero!   |
| 5. <b>Where do you live?</b> Aalborg, Denmark   | 13. <b>Favorite movie?</b> hmm...  | 21. <b>Boxers or briefs?</b> Boxers.   |
| 6. <b>When and where did you discover paintball?</b> It's a looong time ago, a friend brought me to a field and I was hooked. This was way back in the days where we played in the woods... | 14. <b>Favorite quote?</b> I don't have a favorite quote but you might have heard me say "I shot him first" on the field!  | 22. <b>What is your pet's name?</b> Junior, English Bulldog.   |
| 7. <b>What did you do before paintball?</b> A time before paintball? When I was younger I had a horse.  | 15. <b>Girlfriend/Boyfriend?</b> Lalle, Swedish and blond!   | 23. <b>Favorite vacation spot?</b> When you play paintball, you don't have time for vacation... maybe Thailand.                                      |
| 8. <b>Where do you see paintball in ten years?</b> I think that paintball will keep growing, more will start to play and hopefully we will see more girls!                                  | 16. <b>Celebrity you would like to date?</b> I'm happy with the  | 24. <b>Favorite food?</b> Anything with bacon and cheese.  |
|   |  | 25. <b>Coke or Pepsi?</b> Coke, of course.   |



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01. FLC custom Shocker vision 06, with Black heat board, Q-lock feed, micro max flow air system  
 02. V-force profiler goggles  
 03. SP gear backpack  
 04. R7 modular pack system and belt  
 05. Adidas runners  
 06. Batteries from altitec.com

07. Freak kit  
 08. Kleenex box  
 09. Power candy  
 10. Tools  
 11. Aspirin  
 12. Screwdriver  
 13. Cash  
 14. Spare parts

15. Pen  
 16. Shocker lube  
 17. Procaps pants  
 18. Team jersey  
 19. FLC custom headband from Smart Parts  
 20. Procaps gloves