

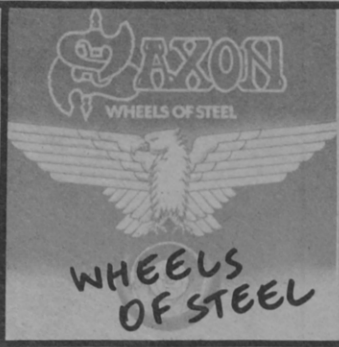
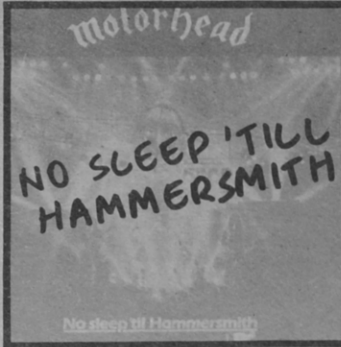
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80's
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Greg's METAL guide

Heavy Metal is a very loose term and encompasses numerous bands and styles of music. Exactly what it is has never been defined, but it can be divided in two — the new wave of British Heavy Metal and the original item, that loud aggressive rock music of the late sixties and early seventies.

AC/DC

I guess the biggest HM act in the world today has got to be AC/DC, currently with four albums in the American Top 200. The re-release of their second album, *Dirty Deeds Done Cheap* is rocketing up at the moment, along with *If You Want Blood You Got It*, *Highway to Hell*, and *Back in Black*. Tragedy struck them in 1980 with the death of lead singer Bon Scott from acute alcohol poisoning, but the band recruited ex-Geordie vocalist Brian Johnson, and stormed back with the killer, *Back in Black*, the ultimate headbanger, which charted number one first week in Britain.

April Wine

April Wine are a Canadian five-piece whose latest album, *The Nature of the Beast* is one of the more melodic metal albums available, but heavy nonetheless. They enjoy a huge following in Canada and the

US, and have toured Europe successfully. 'Sign of the Gypsy Queen', 'Big City Girls' and 'Crash and Burn' are the stand-out tracks on their album. Their previous efforts, *First Glance* and *Harder ... Faster*, are well worth a listen if you like something a bit more subtle.

Black Sabbath

Yes, folks, Black Sabbath are still bashing out HM in copious quantities world-wide, now fronted by Ronnie James Dio, who has had spells with Uriah Heep among others. Their new album, *Heaven and Hell* is just as skull-numbing as their two of over a decade ago, *Black Sabbath* and *Paranoid*, which are probably two of the first classic albums of HM. They still

seem to have a fixation with covens and witches. Still, why not?

Def Leppard

A band from England's industrial north, Def Leppard are one of the youngest HM bands. Their highly successful debut album, *On Through the Night* includes the American FM hits, 'Coulda Been You' and 'Hello America'. Their youth doesn't hold them back — the sheer power of this album will make your eyes water and your knees tremble. No kidding.

Gillan

Although one of the old school (Deep Purple, in fact), Ian Gillan has found fame with his new band. After several label changes and a couple of

ordinary albums, he's now with Virgin, doing incredibly well with *Glory Road* and *Future Shock*.

Girlschool

As the name suggests, an all-female English HM band. Believe me, they don't play like ladies. An excellent hit version of the old Gun song, 'Race With The Devil' off their debut, *Demolition*, shows these women can rock out with the best of them. A new album, *Hit 'n' Run* is out with a five star review from *Sounds* which called it "not just a good HM album, but a great rock music album."

Iron Maiden

Iron Maiden were pounding out HM in the East End of

London during the punk summer of '76. They're still at it. Their recent RWP clip, 'Women In Uniform' (an old Skyhooks' song) is only available on a compilation, but their albums, *Iron Maiden* and *Killers* are both headbangers par excellence. In-depth analysis is pretty futile, with that name, it's fairly obvious what lies in store.

Judas Priest

Judas Priest are another English band who've been consistently cranking out bone-crushing HM. Lead by ultra-macho singer Rob Halford, who looks like an extra from *Cruising*, they feature a twin guitar assault from Kirk Downington and Glenn Tipton. They've just released their sixth album,

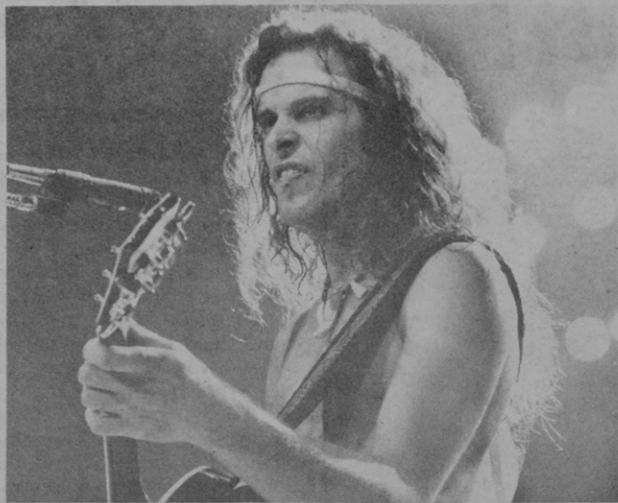
Point of Entry, following their equally good recent releases, *Unleashed in the East* and *British Steel*. You shoulda caught their clip on RWP a few weeks back.

Krokus

Krokus are Swiss and have two albums available, *Collision* and the very recent *Hardware*. More in the Deep Purple tradition, they had 'Rock City' on RWP a few weeks back — a great ballsy single from a band who epitomise all that is wonderful about HM. They play loud.

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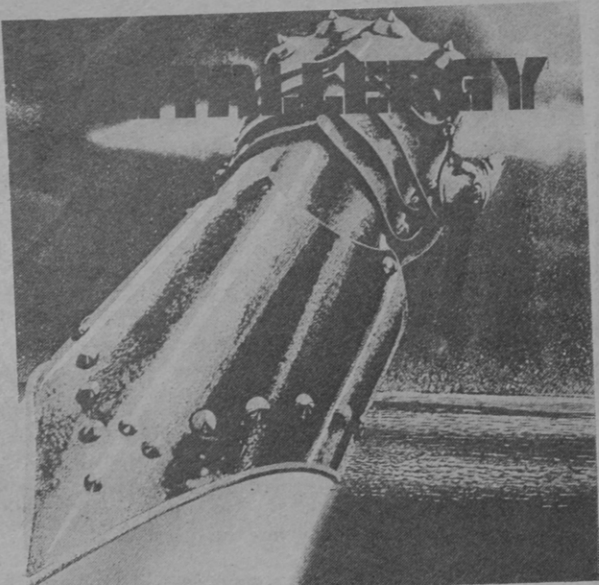
The ear-splitting Motorhead recently bombed to number one in UK with *No Sleep Till*



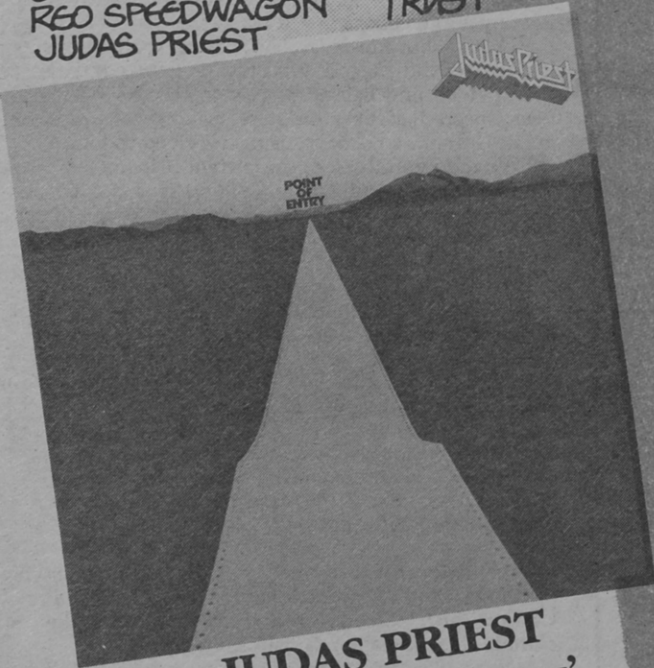
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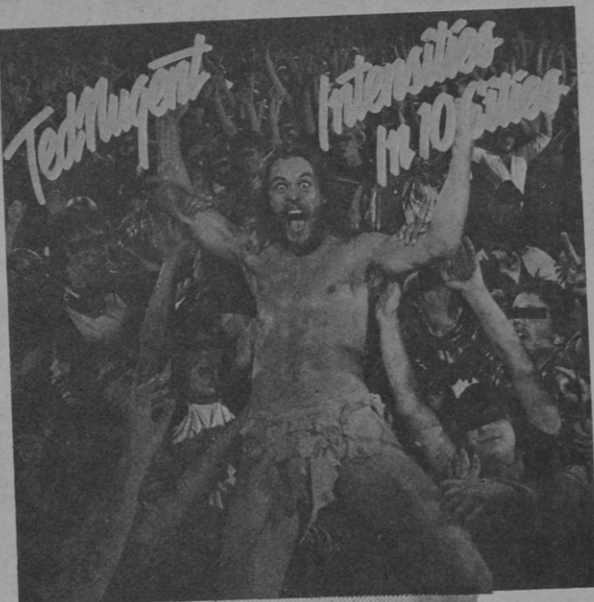


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