

DEEP PURPLE — ON THE WINGS OF A RUSSIAN FOXBAT



FOR A CHANGE, WE'VE DECIDED
TO DO A BOOTLEG REVIEW IN EACH ISSUE.
FIRST OFF IS A BOOTLEG BY DEEP PURPLE AND
IT'S CALLED "ON THE WINGS OF A RUSSIAN FOXBAT"

Recorded in 1975 in either America or Germany (I don't know which), this album features David Coverdale, Tommy Bolin, Glenn Hughes, Jon Lord and Ian Paice. The line-up of songs is even better: side one has "Burn", "Smoke on the water" and "This time around". Side two has "Highway Star", "Not fade away" and "Mistreated". Excellent recording and stereo makes this one of the best bootlegs ever recorded in the world (a bit over-presumptuous perhaps?—Ed). "Smoke" begins after a thundering welcome by Coverdale and within it is the track, "This time around". "Highway Star" is full of energy (far more than "Made in Japan") partly due to the sometimes over-ambitious Tommy Bolin (on this showing, he proves to be a better guitarist than Blackmore).



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"Mistreated", on the other hand, sticks very close to the original which, in a way, is a good thing as it can drag on a bit sometimes. So there you are, an album full of atmosphere that you wouldn't get on an official live because of overdubs (Steve Zodiac?!?) (Eh?—Ed). If you think Made in Japan is good, you haven't heard anything yet—trouble is if you want a copy, you'll have to pay upwards of £25. I've got one so there! Brilliant record though, truly amazing.....

(Our reviewer then dissolved into fits of ecstasy and he hasn't been able to speak properly since—Ed).



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