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Sucker For Punishment: Tumbleweeds

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It's another light week for new releases, and mercifully so for yours truly, who is currently recovering from a hot and loud weekend at Heavy Montreal, where the likes of Metallica, Slayer, Twisted Sister (who totally ruled), Voivod, Municipal Waste, Exodus, and dozens more bands played to around 40,000 people over two days. Fellow Decibel contributor Kevin Stewart-Panko could not have disagreed more in regards to Babymetal's performance – you can probably guess which one of us dug it – but we both agreed that the kids in *Unlocking the Truth* just might be the real deal after all. Anyway, be sure to catch his recap in Decibel the magazine soon.

In the meantime, although there are a few decent albums this week, they're all eclipsed by my non-metal choice this week, which is a major Album of the Year contender. And besides, one of the best metal albums of 2014 comes out next week, so you might want to save your hard-earned cash for that one.

**Evil United, *Honored By Fire*** (MVD): Led by vocalist Jason McMaster, who us old-timers remember best as the leader of sleaze rockers Dangerous Toys, Evil United focuses more on classic speed metal, combining double-time tempos, thrashy rhythm riffs and flashy harmonies, and vocal histrionics like classic Exciter and Helstar. Aside from the odd regression into metalcore breakdowns, which are frankly beneath these guys, this is a surprisingly good, not to mention energetic release.

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