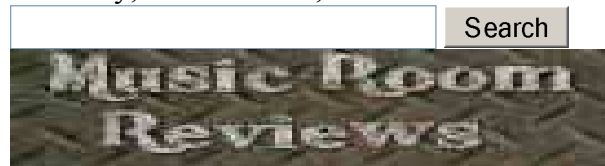


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## The Superbees CD Review

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**The Superbees Top Of The Rocks CD** released on 9-7-10 by Acetate Records/MVD presents to us a late 90's LA garage band, with all original songs written by frontman Dave James (vocals, guitars) (except for one, S.O.S. Too Bad written by Joe Perry and sung by Aerosmith's Steve Tyner), and backed up by other band members Scott Carlson (guitar and vocals), Dat Ngo (bass, vocals), and Johnny Sleeper (on drums). Although performing in the late 90's, the Superbees definitely show all the signs of classic rock and would have fit right in touring with bands of the 70's Aerosmith, The Sweet, Thin Lizzy, Pat Travers, and Nazareth (had they been old enough then!). All of their songs start high-energy and continue

throughout to the very last note!


In the song Bad news, Dave Jones tells us how he “stays at home on a Saturday night/trying not to break everything in sight” and doesn’t want to telephone his girlfriend because every time he does, she says he’s “bad news!” In Greyhound Tooth “all you ever want to do is fight” which carries (in its chorus) music similar to the odd strains of the Bangles’ Walk Like An Egyptian. Sin and Glitter is an emotional roller coaster, and in the sad The Lonely Kind the singer and his girlfriend are exactly that, since “We’ll see what’s on my mind, I get the feeling that you’re The Lonely Kind.” The additional beautiful background vocals of Reggie Kat and Brian Ballard add to its sense of isolation.

The sound of the Superbees is bright and definitely filled with rock energy and a glint of pop, the kind of band you’d love to go see at a club to dance the night away. More than a small selling point is that each band member is also an excellent musician, not the typical fare of “local” rock bands (it’s to Rick Ballard’s credit that he remembered them from years ago and strove to have their work digitally remastered now). The only flaw of this CD is that there are only six songs on it since the band stayed together briefly until the early 90’s. A must-hear from a comet that rose and fell swiftly, sending out sparks of energy as they flew by! The bright red color of the CD cover with the band members in black silhouettes attracts us initially (and the inside black backgrounds with dark grey/silver lettering shows us their seriousness), but it’s the music that will keep you listening and make you play each song over and over again!

Tracklist:

1. Silver Jet
2. Bad News
3. Greyhound Tooth
4. Sin & Glitter
5. The Lonely Kind
6. S.O.S. (Too Bad)


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