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## Stemm - Blood Scent



Stemm is a NY-based metal band that should ring a bell with the UFC fans out there as their songs have been used in all the fights since 2002. They have recently released a new album called "Blood Scent" on which the staccato guitars along with vocalist Joe Cafarella's growls are reminiscent of Pantera, especially on tracks like "One King Down". They are not afraid to embrace a more melodic style either as they more than adequately prove on a track like "Beneath The Skin". Another standout track is the NIN cover of "Wish", which they adequately make their own.

Overall I'd say their sound is a throwback to what was popular a couple of years ago with bands like Sevendust, Bloodsimple and Drowning Pool. Unfortunately enough for them they are a couple years late seeing as most of those bands have already reached their peak a while back and I'm afraid people have since moved on to other sounds.

**Score: 6.5 out of 10**

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