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NINETAIL

Half Truths & Hand Grenades

DRP Records



Pennsylvania based Ninetail release their second disc, *Half Truths & Hand Grenades*, thanks to DRP Records. Blending a bit of groove metal with a healthy dose of hardcore (mainly in the vocals), the band delivers what I would dub "tough guy metalcore" or something like that.

The music here is riff-driven, catchy, and full of grooves. Breakdowns are present, but not completely abused and overused (for the most part at least). The keyboards and samples are used a bit, but don't really add too much to the music if you ask me. While there are many catchy and entertaining riffs thrown around here, the vocals take away a lot from the music (multiplied by the fact that they are mixed way too high). The tough guy chanting isn't too bad I guess, but the clean vocals are poorly done and really drag this disc down.

This is overly generic and ultimately boring music. Maybe as the band matures they'll be able to create more interesting and listenable music, but thus far they haven't achieved that at all.

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