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Vader's latest DVD, 'And Blood Was Shed In Warsaw,' would have been a wild show to see live, but lacks any of the theatrics that make a great live show worth watching on your shitty TV screen. They don't do the costume thing, no makeup, no scantily-clad women, no whips, chains, no pyrotechnics, not even an elaborate set. Oh lights, they had good lighting. Just four dudes on a stage showing that they know how to kick metal ass. And they do.

Vader plays their set flawlessly. All the glorious headbanging death metal that we've come to know and love and expect from Vader is unleashed on their friends, family and fans in their home country of Poland. Their home crowd worships them. Without a gesture or much more than a look, the crowd screams "Va-der! Va-der!" when the band stops playing for more than a few seconds.

The wicked tunes and well lit stage monkeys last for an hour and a half and during that time found myself mulling about doing other things because, while the music was always great, the visuals weren't holding my attention. I would much rather be there live. They've got better speakers, a better view, and a mosh pit. But it's a DVD, so there's other stuff on it.

There are a couple music videos included, those are always cool. One is for a song they did for a video game, the other is for 'Helleluya (God is Dead).' The music videos aren't bad. There's even an interesting interview with Peter, the band's lead singer. Too bad it's in Polish with English subtitles. Good thing you can read. Speaking of reading, there's a full 14 page history of the band on there too. My eyes burned after trying to read 14 screens full of text on my television. There are a few other goodies on there too.

If they had made a live album on CD of the same concert, you wouldn't have to buy this DVD. But there is no CD, so you must buy the DVD.

Buy It Here!

By Jamie Horsley

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