



**VADER**  
**And Blood Was Shed in Warsaw**  
(METAL MIND)

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**BRING ON THE DARKNESS:** When in a lengthy, engrossing, and utterly candid interview on *And Blood Was Shed in Warsaw*, which is alone worth the DVD's sticker price, Vader frontman Peter Wiwczarek muses, "More has changed in the world than in the band," he hits on the essential transcendent reason why Vader has maintained its place amongst the upper echelon of European black/death metal bands since the release of its legendary 1990 *Morbid Reich* demo. The band simply keeps becoming a better version of itself. The songwriting and production quality of its releases may improve, but Vader has never abandoned that initial core, like uranium in a reactor, powering them forward. Thus, in *And Blood Was Shed in Warsaw*, the band is able to draw on material from throughout their career without the set ever seeming choppy or broken up. Filmed in a small club before a rabid crowd, this is certainly among the best looking/sounding DVDs to come out of extreme music so far. Cameras seem omnipresent, capturing everything from the full band thrashing and guitar fretwork close-ups to fan reaction and pit shots, as Vader pulls off classic after classic without a hitch. *And Blood Was Shed in Warsaw* is a great package for fans and the curious alike, and is another document justifying Vader's hard won reputation as one of metal's best and darkest. — *Shawn Macomber*