

Alice Cooper goes to hell!



RATINGS

- * A LOSER!
- ** POOR
- *** FAIR
- **** GREAT
- ***** A WINNER!

(****) GOES TO HELL-ALICE COOPER (WARNER BROTHERS RECORDS)

I've waited a year and a half for this follow-up album to "Welcome To MY Nightmare", and the wait was, for the most part, worth it. The many high points overshadow the few low ones on this continuing nightmare about "Steve".

"Go to Hell", which opens the album, is a typical Cooper song, featuring a solid wall of sound fronted by Cooper's patented shock lyrics:

"You'd poison a blind man's dog and steal his cane

You'd gift wrap a leper and mail him to your Aunt Jane

You'd even force feed a diabetic a candy cane"

The above tune is a stand out on the album, but has to take second place behind "Wish You

Were Here" as being the best rocker of the album. Guitarists Hunter and Wagner dominate the song, riffing, switching leads, and carrying the cut into the Cooper Hall of Shame.

The album is certainly not restricted only to rock. In fact, this is far from the case. "Wake Me Gently" and "I Never Cry", his latest single, are both beautifully constructed ballads, greater in overall effect than "only Women" from his previous album.

"I'm the Coolest" and "Give The Kid a Break" are good for a couple of

laughs, as is Cooper's attempt at disco ("You Gotta Dance"), but the brilliance of the rest of the album rates this a four star effort.

(***) HIT THE ROAD - STAMPEDERS (MWC RECORDS)

This is the most commercial sounding album the Stampeders have ever produced and the quality therefore is not up to the capabilities of the band. Already, three singles have been released from this record, with the record company at least picking out the three best so songs from the album, "Playin' In the Band", "How Does He Do It" and "Things Are Getting Better". You'd be better off buying the singles you like and forgetting all about this futile effort.

(****) STATUS QUO STATUS QUO

Do you know what it feel like to climb in your car, stomp the gas pedal to the boards, and zip along at 120 miles per hour for forty minutes? Well if you don't want to try that, you can always buy a Status Quo album and experience the same sensations. These limeys motor along all album in high gear, only stopping at the service station for "Blue For You". If you love the straight

ahead rock'n roll boogie sound, don't miss this one.

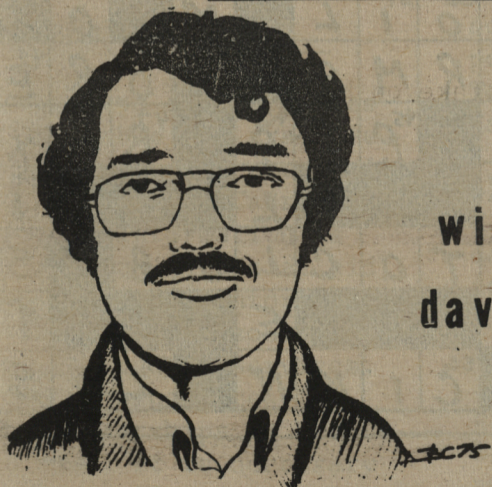
(****) OLE ELO-ELECTRIC LIGHT ORCHESTRA

Since their inception in 1972, ELO has produced some of the best and most interesting music of any of their contemporaries.

The album presents the songs in the order they were released, which points out the basic change in ELO's music over the past four years. Their early albums featured long pieces with heavy classical injections (and I'm not just referring to "Roll Over Beethove"). From "On The Third Day" the track "Showdown" was released as a single. This is the first notice Jeff Lynne serves us that he and his band can produce beautifully haunting four minute masterpieces. This is backed up by the four huge singles that round out the album, "Can't Get It Out of My Head", "Boy Blue", "Evil Woman", and "Strange Magic."

This is one of the greatest of the greatest hits albums. It covers the history of ELO perfectly. This record should be part of your collection!

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winning defence
david p. gallant

led and run to your partner's king. East returns the nine of clubs and South plays the three. How do you defend?

If your partner's nine of clubs is a singleton you can defeat the contract by giving him a club ruff. But first see if you can count the hand. Declarer had two spades and presumably five diamonds (if he had only four he is going down anyway). He must have four hearts or he would not have inquired for majors (Stayman), therefore he cannot have more than two clubs. Since a club ruff is no longer a possibility, your best chance is to take your ace of clubs and lead a fourth round of

spades. Declarer has surely no losers left in the side suits, so the ruff and the discard cannot help him. On the contrary it is likely to embarass him considerably, and if your partner's remaining diamonds are as good as 7 6 3 it will defeat the contract for certain. The missing hands:

EAST

S 10 6 5
H 9 7 5 3
D K 7 6 5
C 9 7

SOUTH

S 7 2
H A J 10 4
D Q J 10 4 3
C Q 3

NORTH

S J 8 4
H K Q 6
D A 8
C K J 8 4 2

BIDDING

N	E	S	W
1 NT	-	2C	2S
--	-	3D	All pass

Against South's contract of three diamonds you start off with three rounds of spades, declarer ruffing the third round. The queen of diamonds is

WEST

S A K Q 9 3
H 8 2
D 9 2
C A 10 6 5