

PRIMAL FEAR live in Moutfort, Luxembourg

After all the years in the Metal Circus, and all the concerts in various places in Europe, it took me last weekend for the first time to Luxembourg. What luck, I can say afterwards! But let's take one step after another...

In the moment it becomes clear that PRIMAL FEAR will headline the Metal Night in Moutfort on 26th March 2010, there is no doubt for the Metal Commando Germany that we will join this event!

Unfortunately, not everything runs on schedule first, so we have to skip out plans for a common drive to the location and so two teams start from different places but with one and the same goal: our meeting point in a hotel in Luxembourg. Lucky me I have purchased a new GPS a week ago :-), a real brilliant piece of modern technology! This leads me not only perfectly to the goal, but thanks to its modern technology, we leave difficult traffic chaos behind us and additionally hands-free phone calls while driving make the long time in the car pass quicker. Last, but not least this great system calls me again and again to slow down the speed at speed limited parts, haha.

After three hours we reach the meeting point and the excellent service already starts at the hotel: our rooms are booked by the organizer, everything fits perfectly.

After our team is completed and everything settled so far, a quick call is enough and few minutes later our shuttle is ready to take us to the concert hall.

Boris, our nice driver for this evening, brings us safely to the scene, where Francis Rollinger gives us immediately a warm welcome. Our backstage-passes are waiting for us, now the great evening can start!

I must admit that we do not notice much from the opening acts. After the long trip, we go to the first Italian restaurant around the corner and then end up at the merchandise shop, where we sink into a long talk with our friend Krusty.

Full of praise I want to mention at this point that not only the location is great and offers a very good sound and atmosphere, but also the operation of the beverage stalls is smooth and nice, just like the security, which today is not necessarily self-evident.

Furnished with a delicious, cold beer, we wait in anticipation for Primal Fear. When it is getting close to 10 p.m., we are of course already totally electrified waiting in the front row.

Then we hear the intro and the obligatory goosebumps arises immediately.

A great audience gives Primal Fear from the first second a warm welcome and a great feedback! We can feel that the spark jumps over from the beginning on both sides - band and fans - and this always is a special kick for a concert.

The setlist is pure power and gives us one quick hammer song after another. Taking deep breath or relaxing stands not on the program :-), just more rockin', head banging and singing along, like there's no tomorrow. It's exactly like a metal show should be!

The band smashes hits from the current album such as "Riding the Eagle", or the title song "16.6." like a thunderstorm, and during the show they play songs from nearly

each and every album. Title track numbers such as "Nuclear Fire" and "Seven Seals" are as much part of the set as the good old stuff like "Running in the Dust," "Chainbreaker" and the hymn "Metal is forever", just to mention a few of them. A real highlight is the soulful ballad "Hands of Time", where Mat takes over the main vocals.

This is something completely different and for us it's finally time to breathe a little :-). "Seven Seals" and this pearl are really the only exceptions where the tempo slows down.

After more than 90 minutes full of a tremendous playing, Primal Fear leave the stage and what remains, is a satisfied crowd of metal heads.

After this performance and our action in the front, we need a moment to relax, so we sit down with another beer, and enjoy the D.J.'s playing.

But soon Francis leads us into the VIP area, where we meet some nice people, and get offered some delicious and very creative arranged appetizers.

Soon Ralf Scheepers joins us, and then Mat and Henny follow.

We end the evening in a large and nice round all together before our shuttle brings us back to the hotel again.

The next morning we have a breakfast together with Primal Fear, before we finally spread away and leave all in different directions.

At this point, we express our special thanks to Francis Rollinger and his team, for a perfect organization and warm hospitality. Also a big thanks for a memorable evening and a great time together goes to "our Primals" - you're the best! :-)

See you soon, when it's time again for a loud "METAL IS FOREVER"!

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