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WORLD FAMOUS HEADLINERS! A MUST HAVE ALBUM! The World Famous Headliners feature Big Al Anderson, Shawn Camp and Pat McLaughlin, who need no introduction. Big Al is one of my heroes, and he kicks off the opening track on this self-titled album by shouting out a little encouragement to the band, "Come on, don't be pussies!", before they launch into a Dave Edmunds-styled rocker, "Give Your Love To Me", in which Big Al proceeds to shred the bejesus out of a guitar solo hotter than anything I've heard since his days in NRBQ (the best band of alltime). WFH is a fantastic band and album, reminiscent of and comparing favorably to, say, Rockpile (the great Dave Edmunds/Nick Lowe rock 'n roll collaboration) or Little Village (the star-studded John Hiatt, Nick Lowe, Ry Cooder collaboration). Like Rockpile's "Seconds of Pleasure" (their only official album), WFH marries Everly Brother's vocal harmonies with Chuck Berry's wit and guitar riffs. Like Little Village, there's a nice polyrhythmic vibe that gets thrown into the mix, to go along with the star power and musical chops. And, like Little Village's lone album, WFH is mostly full of light hearted, upbeat tunes, but includes a beautiful ballad as its centerpiece. In this regard, Al Anderson's delivery of "I Bleed" (all songs are credited to Al, Shawn and Pat) is comparable to John Hiatt's delivery of "Don't Think About Her When You're Trying To Drive". Awesome. This is a once-in-a-decade album. A must have. We'll be giving it lots 'o spins, so tune in at <http://RadioFreeAmericana.com/>. The album was added to the rotation today.

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