

METALGATE 3 massacre

MetalGate Massacre vol.3 – onward to the semifinals!

On **Thursday, February 23, 2012**, the Prague based **Matrix club** hosted the **fourth basic round** of the third installment of metal bands contest **MetalGate Massacre**, during which the thrash metalheads **Blackshard** from Šenov, metalcore-metal band **Stormy Flight** from Hranice, another thrash metalheads **Postmortem** from Ryžoviště near Bruntál (appearing as a substitution for dropped out The Yours) and Slovak death-acid act **Revenge Division** from Povážská Bystrica **competed for victory**. Since this round **concluded the entire basic leg** of the contest, the competing bands thus had the **last chance to advance into the semifinals**.

Despite a bit lower attendance, all bands delivered **excellent performances**. The whole commotion was once again **streamed online** on the official contest website.

The outcome was thus. **Revenge Division**, receiving **27 votes**, became **the winner** and thereby the **fourth semifinalist**. The **second place** was gained by **Blackshard** with **19 votes**, **third** by **Stormy Flight** with **11 votes** and the final **fourth place** by **Postmortem** with **8 votes**.

Therefore, we now know all four direct qualifiers for the semifinals – **Hellocaustor**, **Neurotic Machinery**, **Aposepsis** and **Revenge Division**.

That same day also brought conclusion of MetalGate Massacre vol.3 **Wild Card voting**, which guarantees two bands with the highest number of votes a direct advancement into the semifinals. In the current installment, the **total of 2131 fans** submitted their vote! And the result? The **first Wild Card** went to the thrash-death band **Eternity** from Ostrava with **318 votes**. The **second Wild Card** went coincidentally to **Revenge Division** with 278 votes, yet since they already advanced as Round Four winner, their Wild Card was passed to the third band in line, the rock-metal act **Gibon's** from Hazlov that received **195 votes**.

All that remained for the completion of the semifinal line-up was selecting the so-called **second best places**, that is, we compared how many votes was gained by bands that ended in all four rounds as second and two of those with the highest number of votes also advanced into the semifinals. The lucky two were death-acid act **Keep On Rotting** from Litoměřice and heavy metalheads **Solar System** from Havířov.

Now, nothing stands in the way of commencing the **semifinal battles**. The **first one** shall take place on **Saturday, March 17**, again in **Matrix club**. The advancement into the grand finale will competed for by **ETERNITY, KEEP ON ROTTING, HELLOCAUSTOR** and **NEUROTIC MACHINERY**.

We begin at 20:00. Doors at 19:00. Free entrance as always! For those that cannot attend, online live stream on the contest website will again be available.

Come to support your favorites! We are looking forward to see you there!

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