



MetalGate Massacre vol.4: news from the semifinal battles

After a short break, the **fourth installment** of metal bands contest **MetalGate Massacre** returned on **Saturday, March 23, 2013**, with its **first semifinal round** that took place as usual in the Prague based **Matrix club**. With stakes being significantly higher this time, since the advancement into the final itself is now around, **four competing bands**, this time those being the metal-rock band **Silent Hill** from Kunštát, appearing as the first contest Wild Card, followed by the rock-metal act **Nobody Knows** from Liberec, death metalheads **Anime Torment** from Litoměřice and the thrash-death metal formation **Spreading Dread** from Prague, once again strived for victory.

Beside the usual suspects frequenting the contest round, the attendance was this time boosted with **buses full of supporters** of those bands from outside Prague, thus bringing the headcount to about **250 fans present!** It was then up to them to vote and decide, who the **first of the two finalists** will be.

The decision about the **second one** was up to **our committee**, which was present with the following members: **Bruno Kovařík** (bassist and vocalist of the Czech death metal icon Hypnos), **Jan Martínek** (editor of the online magazine Rockshock), **Pavel Bartoň** (editor of the Fobia zine), **Filip Robovski** (bassist of the Czech thrash metal legend Kryptor) and **David Třeška** (freelance music journalist).

What was the outcome you ask? **The spectator vote** brought the following running order: the **first place** went to the locals **Spreading Dread** with **84 votes**, **second place** to **Anime Torment** with **77 votes**, **third place** to **Nobody Knows** with **59 votes** and the final **fourth place** to **Silent Hill** with **six votes**.

The committee then declared **Nobody Knows** as the **winner** by giving them **six of their votes**, with **second place** going to **Spreading Dread** with **five votes** and the joint **third place** to **Anime Torment** and **Silent Hill** that both scored **two committee votes**.

Spreading Dread and Nobody Knows thus became the first two finalists!

Now, the second semifinal round is ahead, taking place on Saturday, April 6, 2013, again in the Matrix club. The battle for the remaining two positions in the final shall be waged among **MERESIEW**, **ATTACK THE HERO**, **INTO DUST** and **SUNSET TRAIL**.

That evening we shall also **officially christen the new Kryptor album Best Of Fuck Off!!!**, with **Bohouš Němec** doing the honors, followed by a **meet & greet** with members of this cult band.

We begin at 20:00; doors at 19:00. The entrance is free as usual!

Come to support your favorites. See you there!

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