

## Ozzy's Blizzard keeps blowing →

As Black Sabbath's frontman till 1979, Osbourne was one of the first rock singers to link an image of Satanic power with the gut-wrenching kick of the music he performed. Ozzy sang on Sabbath's seven gold LPs, creating such standards as "Paranoid" and "War Pigs," but narcotics and liquor took their toll upon His Ozzness. He quit the Sabs, and after a short layoff started Blizzard of Ozz with Bob Daisley, Lee Kerslake and the late Randy Rhoads.

Although plagued by problems including laryngitis and an April divorce from his wife Thelma, Osbourne's shown an almost vaudevillean zeal as a trouper. The Ozz took his *Diary of a Madman* tour spectacle through America for six months in '82, making up lost dates in May and June with temp guitarist Brad Gillis. Now, Jet Records is marketing a picture disc EP, *Mr. Crowley Live*, the only record that Ozzy's 1981 touring band (featuring Rhoads, Rudy Sarzo, Tommy Aldridge and Lindsay Bridgewater) ever made. "That was the first real road show I put together myself," notes Osbourne, who at press time was still seeking a full-time replacement for Rhoads to join Aldridge, Sarzo and keyboardist Don Airey in his current lineup. They hope to record two new studio LPs in the fall.

*John Michael Osbourne: "Just your garden variety madman," says organist Donald Airey.*

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