

**OZZY OSBOURNE 'Crazy Train' (Epic)** Randy Rhoads made one of rock's more bizarre exits some five years back and this is extracted from the very live 'Tribute' to raise a few dollars more. Oz puts on his best Oz – a grotesque parody of the crazed, hard living and rockin' gent – but it's Rhoads' guitar that holds it all together.

Riffing, chording and making those ludicrous quicksilver runs that may have tried but few get anywhere near, it's fun while it lasts. About four minutes.

**OZZY OSBOURNE 'Back To Oz' (Epic)** A potted history of Ozzy, 'Back To Oz' features 'The Ultimate Sin', 'Bark At The Moon', 'Mr Crowley' and 'Diary Of A Madman', all of which true Ozzy fans will already possess. This record will therefore sell solely to

■ **OZZY OSBOURNE** honours his guitarist Randy Rhoads, who died in a freak plane crash in 1982, aged 25, with a live double album called 'Tribute'. Says Ozzy: "I have hesitated to release this album for many reasons. But now Randy's mother and I feel this is the right time. Building the band with Randy was one of the happiest times of my life."

...axis in the last programme of this series.



OZZY: METAL maniac

## OZZY GUITARIST AXED

**OZZY OSBOURNE's** guitarist Jake E Lee has left the band after being with them for four years.

The reasons behind the split are still unclear. A statement from Ozzy's camp said simply: "Ozzy decided he had to let him go after all this time."

But *Sounds* understands that Jake is no

longer being managed by Sharon Osbourne, Ozzy's wife and manager.

Jake joined Ozzy in '83 succeeding Brad Gillis and was the fourth guitarist in the group which has also seen five bassists, four drummers and three keyboard players.

Ozzy is now auditioning new guitarists in Los Angeles. Jake's plans are not known.

## OZZY FANS GO ON RAMPAGE

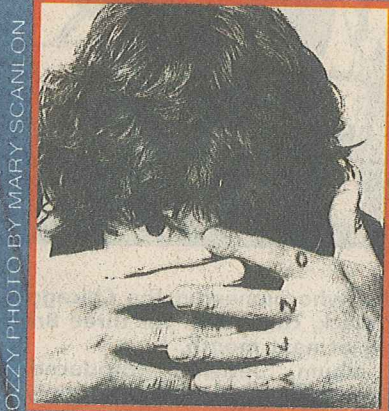
**OZZY OSBOURNE** fans went on the rampage at Nottingham Rock City last week after Ozzy lost his voice and had to cancel his show at the last minute.

He'd been suffering throat ulcers for a couple of days and had defied doctors' advice not to sing at Hull City Hall the previous night.

He'd intended to soldier on, dosed up with anti-biotics, right up until showtime, hoping that his throat would loosen up during the day. But instead it tightened up.

What made matters worse was that the audience had already spied various Ozzy band members waiting by the stage, and when the cancellation was announced fans rioted and trashed the PA and some of the stage equipment.

Ozzy pronounced himself "very very distressed" and has promised to try and reschedule the show "if Rock City will have me back". In the meantime, ticket monies are being refunded.



OZZY PHOTO BY MARY SCANLON

## WICKED OZZY OSBOURNE

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### Burn To Be Wild

**OZZY OSBOURNE**, currently recording an album in Los Angeles (the first to feature new guitarist Zakk Wylde), was awakened one morning recently by the smell of burning flesh . . . his own!

Apparently, one of the Osbourne offsprings, a sweet little insomniac pyromaniac daughter, had been playing with matches on Oz and wife Sharon's bed and had set the hair on Ozzy's thighs alight in the process.

No permanent damage was reported, but it sure beats shaving his eyebrows off.

■ **OZZY OSBOURNE** announces he will play Wormwood Scrubs prison after a special request from the inmates.

format fanatics.

By no means a great singer, Ozzy is a great metal singer, because he has the bollocks and the restraint necessary to make his words intelligible and, while he may bite the head off the occasional bat, he doesn't sound like the unfortunate mammal in the process of its decapitation – unlike some American bands I could mention, hem-hem . . .