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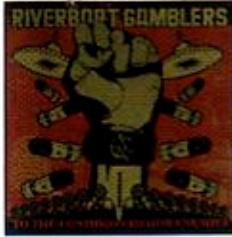
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## RIVERBOAT GAMBLERS

*To The Confusion Of Our Enemies*

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This energetic bunch churned up their raucous rock as an affront to the bookish emo of the Denton, Texas, 2K scene from which they

sprung (see: At The Drive-In), though they appear to have learned their stage acrobatics from the frequent tornados of their zip code. Unlike many such pinball punks, the Gamblers do not limit their musical forays to three chords and a batch of bitchy girlfriend rants. Worries their stint on the Warped Tour last summer might cheese them out can be laid to rest with this, their fourth full-length. They've replaced any remaining angularisms with soaring choruses. "True Crime," "Biz Loves Sluts" and "On Again Off Again" are as catchy as they've gotten, but are radio unsafe with their lurid language and speaker-blowing volume. There's barely a breath until halfway through, where tunes like "Walk Around Me" loosen into that late '80s moment where latter-day Ramones meshed with early Soul Asylum. >>>ERIC DAVIDSON

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