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**Riverboat Gamblers**  
**To The Confusion**  
**of our Enemies**  
**(Volcom Entertainment)**

The band's got a big sweaty sound that lends itself to a lot of good hardcore out right now. Riverboat Gamblers takes me back to my many roadtrips with a friend named Müller who'd forcibly play Dropkick Murphys for as many miles as it took until I'd sing-along with him and get pumped to skate. D.M.'s *The Gang's All Here* made in 1999 has a similar old-school punch and allure as R.B.'s *To the Confusion of our Enemies*. Mike Wiebe's vocals strikes me as a down-n-out boozier with a bone to pick against the establishment. In song nine the G-A-M-B-L-E-R lends itself to the idea of the band celebrating their greatest failures, but this album is a far cry from a failure! With the R.G.'s hard edge and crowd-pleasing proven track record from Warped Tours and shows with Against Me! it's no wonder they hooked-up East West distribution. Ultimately meaning, you should have no f\*n problem getting a hold of a copy of this rager of an album.

-Jon Ehinger