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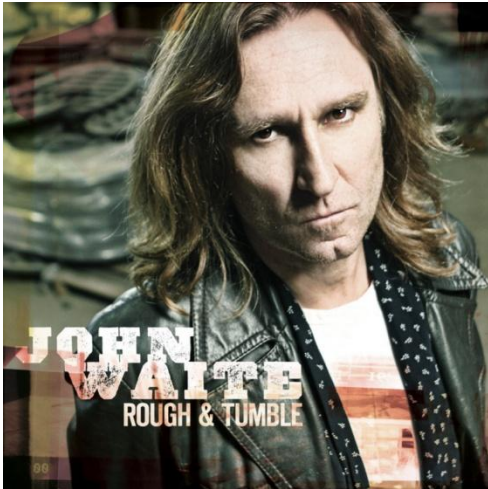
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BREAKING NEWS

JOHN WAITE RETURNS TO #1

DURING A LIVE INTERVIEW, JOHN WAITE IS INFORMED THAT THE FIRST SINGLE FROM HIS NEW ALBUM *ROUGH & TUMBLE* IS #1.

Hollywood, CA – During a prime-time radio interview in Los Angeles on Friday morning, iconic British singer/songwriter John Waite was informed by jocks Mark & Brian of KLOS radio that they



had “breaking news”, his new single “*Rough & Tumble*” the title track from his new album, just hit #1 nation-wide on the U.S. Mediabase Classic Rock chart. Waite edges out other heavy hitters including Kid Rock and Stevie Nicks, to grab the coveted top spot.

When asked by Mark & Brian how it felt to have a number one single again, Waite’s comment sounded like a very British Charles Dickens novel: “*I’m completely speechless...God bless everybody!*”

The **USA Today** music review had this to say about the new release: “*Listening to Waite's latest is like finding an old flame on Facebook and realizing you're both divorced and living in the same town. It has the expected pulsing ballads*

and bluesy British rock, but there are surprises”.

John Waite is an accomplished singer/songwriter with a resume that boasts several other chart-topping hits. His creative metamorphosis between edgy-rocker and melodic music man, spawned *Rough & Tumble*, his highly anticipated new studio album which was released on February 22nd.

In the 70’s, John Waite was the lead singer of **The Babys**, the critically acclaimed and beloved UK rock band, known for hits such as “Isn’t It Time” and “Everytime I Think Of You.” As a solo artist in the 80’s, Waite landed massive hits with “Change,” “Every Step Of The Way,” “Tears,” “These Times Are Hard For Lovers,” and his #1 mega-smash “Missing You.” In the late 80’s and into the 90’s he became the lead singer for **Bad English** who also scored several major hits including the #1 power-ballad “When I See You Smile.”

Now, Waite returns with the most inspired and musically diverse album of his career. *Rough & Tumble*, released on Model Music Group/Fontana.

The album displays a new, innovative side of the British singer/songwriter’s ability. Recorded in Nashville and Los Angeles, a good portion of *Rough & Tumble* was written and produced in a sweet pocket of creativity, enjoyed over the past year and a half with **Matchbox Twenty** lead guitarist/songwriter **Kyle Cook**. “*It’s pretty much extraordinary,*” Waite says about the material he created for the new album. “*It’s not like what people would expect from me. It’s a step to the left. There’s a rock imprint on the music and a melodic presence, but it’s just shifted gears. It’s an extreme record. It has an identity and a philosophy of its own, which is really fresh for me.*”

The Waite/Cook creative collaboration showcases genuine songwriter kismet, as evidenced by songs like "Evil," a thumping rocker-meets-dance-club tour de force; "Better Off Gone," a hook-laced better-off-on-the-open-road anthem; the deep groove-laden "Love's Goin' Out of Style" and the captivating ballad, "If You Ever Get Lonely." "*I'm not saying it's high art, but genuinely speaking, it's fantastic for me,*" Waite says, reflecting on his new music. "*I certainly am interested in spending the rest of my life doing something creative rather than just living in the past.*"

On *Rough & Tumble*, Waite also managed to keep the rougher live rock edge alive and well. The no-holds-barred, riff-ready new tunes title track and the driving renditions of "Sweet Rhode Island Red" (a Tina Turner number) and "Mr. Wonderful," a new take on a hidden gem originally included on his debut solo album, *Ignition*, will shake-up audiences around the globe during his upcoming 2011 US and European tour.

The *Rough & Tumble* CD can be found at Best Buy and most major music outlets, as well as on-line at Amazon.com and iTunes.

For the Official Video of "[If You Ever Get Lonely](http://youtu.be/HkfUXx8FAgA)" click here: <http://youtu.be/HkfUXx8FAgA>

Click here for the new "[Rough & Tumble](http://youtu.be/DJY3INRKhjY)" EPK. <http://youtu.be/DJY3INRKhjY>

Rough & Tumble Track Listing

Rough & Tumble (#1 at Classic Rock Radio)

Evil

If You Ever Get Lonely (2nd single)

Skyward

Sweet Rhode Island Red

Mr. Wonderful

Further The Sky

Love's Goin' Out of Style

Better Off Gone

Peace of Mind

Hanging Tree

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