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The Finest Blues Rag in the Inland Empire



Jude Bowerman / Robbin & Bluez Hoodz at the Wenatchee Center

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You know how the cliché goes: "it's a tough job but someone has to do it." I had to verify if there was fire where that smoke was coming from. O.K. It's been confirmed. The Wenatchee Convention Center. Jude Bowerman and his band from the Olympia WA. area delivered an electrifying opening set. If you've ever seen him live or heard his CD "Can't Help Myself" you know what an impressive young guitar player he is. Playing a mix of covers and original material with a passion that made some on the dance floor just want to stand and watch this band cook. The set ended with a medley of S.R.V./Hendrix ala' Bowerman Cold Shot/Voodoo Chile.

Robbin & the Bluez Hoodz From Moses Lake WA opened up with all four members delivering some silky smooth vocal harmonies. Playing songs off of their CD "Little Girl Blues," Robbin and his bandmates soon had the crowd up and dancing for the rest of the night. This high energy band did a range of material from hard driving originals to the tasty cover "Damn Your Eyes" made famous



by Etta James. With calls for more, the audience brought the Bluez Hoodz back for one more tune before the center had to shut the doors.

I left that night looking forward to the next great show, and the last one of the series at the Wenatchee Convention Center. It's on the 30th of this month with Blues "Hall of Fame" (both I.E.B.S. and Cascade Blues Association) Too Slim & the Taildragers and bluesin' it up for their home zone the mighty King Biscuit Band. Hot stuff!

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