

Petty's band rocks crowd

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review

The crowd was jumping at Pine Knob as Tom Petty and The Heartbreakers blasted the audience with their rock and roll.

Some persons call Petty's music new wave or punk, but Petty's not one of them.

"I don't understand why people call me punk," says Petty. "We're a rock and roll band. We're not folk rock, jazz rock or anything else, just rock. We don't put no other name on it than that."

Petty opened the show June 16 with "Shadow of a Doubt" (Complex Kid) from his latest L.P., "Damn the Torpedos," (Backstreet/MCA Records).

Dressed in a black and white check shirt, black sports jacket and track shoes, the male Joni Mitchell look-alike jammed his way through "Here Comes my Girl."

Guitarist Mike Campbell, bassist Ron Blair, drummer Stan Lynch and keyboardist Benmont Tench made up Petty's faithful Heartbreakers.

Petty played "Fooled Again (I Don't Like It)" as well as the rocker "American Girl" from his first album. Songs from his third and current album like "Don't Do Me Like That," "Refugee" and "Even The Losers" stole the show.

AS THE ever-changing Michigan weather blew cool winds over the Pine Knob crowd, Petty sang his song of love to the woman in the moon called "Luna."

Petty, who is usually on rhythm guitar, helped out Tench with keyboards on "Luna" before running back to his place in front.

Once the guitar was strapped on, Petty let the crowd have it with "I Need to Know" from his second album, "You're Gonna Get It."

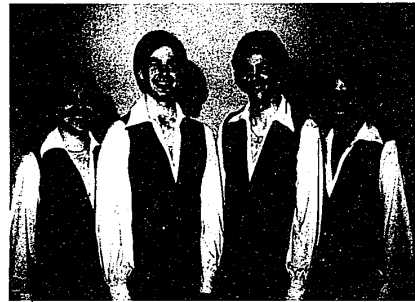
He teased the crowd during the lengthened introduction of the rhythm and blues tune "Cry To Me." The song appears only on the "No Nukes" album, on which Petty and the Heartbreakers joined other musicians in a benefit concert to stop the use of Nuclear Power.

The audience waited patiently to hear Petty's first hit, "Breakdown," which appears not only on his first album but on the soundtrack of the hit movie "F.X."

Petty didn't disappoint them and when he yelled "Is it all right?" the crowd let him know that it was more than just all right.



Stan Lynch, Mike Campbell, Ron Blair, Tom Petty and Benmont Tench (left to right) make up the group Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers. They appeared last week at Pine Knob.



Dance Singers

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