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THE HIDEOUTS "Demo Tape" Anything produced by Jeff Murphy of the Shoes always commands immediate attention, and this cassette is no exception. I must confess these three songs ("Tell Me," "Jet Lag Girl" and "She's In Your Life") stand as my introduction to the Hideouts, and I'm already dying to hear more from them! Performing pop the way it should be done, they have everything going for them, from the razor sharp hooks to blissful vocals augmented by shimmering guitars and swirling rhythms. The band somewhat reminds me of the Gigolo Aunts (minus the feedback and frenzy) but despite the comparison, they're very much their own musicians. Hummable and hearty, the Hideouts have gained the reputation as an electrifying live act and I do believe they are, as their terrific tunes drip with vim and vigor. Keep an eye out for an album by these guys (a not so subtle hint to Black Vinyl Records)! Meanwhile, say hello to the Hideouts at 1104 Oakwood Drive, Westmont, Il 60559.

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