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[Free](#): *Forever* DVD (Eagle Rock)



Missed mentioning this last week, which I regret, because the US release of this DVD set is top-notch. Though their career was brief--just a trickle of album in the late '60s--early '70s--Free was one of the best rock 'n' roll bands there ever was. This 2-disc set collects just about every filmed performance that exists of the group, and while that means there may be a surplus of renditions of "All Right Now" and "Mr. Big," it makes no difference whatsoever--as every performance by the British quartet was unique. Essentially a soulful power trio fronted by an incredible frontman--guitarist Paul Kossoff, bassist Andy Fraser, drummer Simon Kirke and singer Paul Rodgers--Free played stripped-down bluesy rock literally like no one else, which is one reason their music hasn't dated in the least. If this band were brand new and booked to open a joint [Black Crowes/Kings Of Leon](#) tour, there's a trek that would last all of one gig. Incendiary stuff.