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Anspieltips: Duma/ Richard III/ Battle of Bosworth/Dabre Dance

TREDEGAR, the most formidable rock band to come out of Wales in recent years - to quote Mick Wall of Kerrang and Sky Trax "Tredegar must be the most self sufficient rock band in Britain".

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The band was formed by Tony Bourge and Ray Phillips and over the last 12 months have released an album and a single (Duma). A video was also made to promote the single and the band. Subsequently the video was shown on T.V.A.M. at the same time Ray and vocalist, Russ North, did a live interview. Other T.V. shows to screen the video were Sky Trax and Music Box, where the video was shown more than twenty times. Last, but not least, it was shown on the Channel 4 Chart Show and B.B.C. Juice.

Tredegar have toured Britain extensively and at the same time fitting in radio interviews with as many radio stations as possible. Ray travelled to New York and was able to get the single played on some of the major rock radio programmes. As a result of this, the album has been distributed in America. The next port of call for Ray was the Montreux Festival, where for 3 days solid Ray covered radio and press interviews as well as video programmes and as a result the album has now been distributed in Japan and Europe. This brings Tredegar into 1987 and on to their latest venture:

The band have now completed the recording of a classical number "Sabre Dance". As you will no doubt remember, this was recorded by Dave Edmunds 20 years ago and reached No. 1 in the Charts. Tredegar's version of Sabre Dance incorporates the use of the B.B.C. Welsh Symphony Orchestra and was arranged and conducted by Wayne Warlow (a man of many talents who can be found arranging for the Royal London Symphony Orchestra and writing musical themes for television and films). Wayne brought together the classical side of music and the rock side of music, with a first-class result. The number was recorded at the Music Factory, Cardiff, and was produced by Dave Shell.

TREDEGAR: former Budgie men Ray Phillips (second from left) and Tony Bourge (far right)

