

● Brum scores Top 10 singles hat trick ● UB40 hold off U2 albums charge

CHART FOCUS

Birmingham is not generally regarded as the musical capital of Britain, but this week there are three acts from Brum in the Top 10 – **Bitty McLean**, **UB40** and **Apache Indian**.

UB40, by far the most established of the three, register their 36th hit as **Higher Ground** debuts at number eight. The popularity of their new single is enough to keep their **Promises And Lies** album at number one for the fifth straight week, while the album's earlier single (**I Can't Help**) **Falling In Love With You** has topped America's Hot 100 for a similar period. It thus becomes the longest-running US number one by a British act in more than a decade.

UB40's run at the top of the UK albums chart has been particularly tough on **U2**, whose **Zooropa** album has come in second during the last five weeks after debuting at number one a week earlier. **Zooropa** actually increased sales last week, as did all of **U2's** albums thanks to their Wembley dates. **Achtung Baby** climbs from 39 to 17, while **The Joshua Tree**, **Rattle And Hum** and **War** re-chart at 27, 34 and 38 respectively to give the group its weightiest presence in the chart since June 1992, when tour dates and the wonder of a Woolies promotion put seven of their albums in the Top 75.

Back on the singles chart, petticoat power continues to gain



While **UB40** secure their position as the fourth most successful group in chart history with their 36th hit this week, the **Bee Gees** move into sixth place in the table as their 31st hit **Paying The Price Of Love** debuts at number 32. **Robin, Maurice and Barry's** chart career now spans more than 26 years. It is turning into a good year for the **Gibbs** – **Kim Wilde** has already scored a Top 20 hit with **I Can't Have You**, **Lulu** is about to release **Let Me Wake Up In Your Arms**, and one of the growing band of teen idols is set to unleash a cover of **More Than A Woman**, all of which were penned by the brothers.

ground. There are 18 female solo singers in the Top 75 this week, the highest tally in more than two years. Bizarrely, however, for only the second time this year there are no female solo artists in the Top 10,

though they occupy the next five chart places, courtesy of **Michelle Gayle**, **Sarah Washington**, **Gabrielle**, **Mariah Carey** and **Madonna**.

One of the most impressive achievements is that of **Tasmin Archer**, who achieves the extremely rare (for a woman) feat of snaring a fourth Top 40 hit from her debut album. **Tasmin's Great Expectations**, a Dickens of a good album, has thus far surrendered the number one hit **Sleeping Satellite**, **In Your Care** (number 16), **Lords Of The New Church** (number 26) and the current **Arienne** – a strange cross in both title and melody between **Dean Friedman's Ariel** and the **Hollies' Carrie-Anne**.

Making a more modest contribution to the women's chart attack is **Suzette Charles**, whose first single **Free To Love Again** debuts at number 58. It is the 12th hit already in 1993 for the **Stock-Waterman** production team, half of them with songs they wrote themselves. That is their highest tally since 1990, when they were two-thirds of the **Stock-Aitken-Waterman** triumvirate.

Stock & Waterman are sure to reclaim the title for most hit productions this year having lost out in 1992 to **Ian Levine** – this despite the fact that **Levine** is himself enjoying a hit this week via his high profile new teen act **Bad Boys Inc**, whose debut single **Don't Talk About Love** moves up to number 19.

Alan Jones

SALES AWARDS

● **Platinum:** **REM:** Automatic For The People (x4) **Abba:** Gold – Greatest Hits (x3).

● **Silver:** **Urban Cookie Collective:** The Key Secret (single); **4 Non Blondes:** Bigger, Better. Fast More (single); **Billy Joel:** River Of Dreams.

AIRPLAY ADDS

RADIO ONE FM w/c 16.08.93. A List: 2 Unlimited, Face Terence Trent d'Arby, She Kissed Me; New Order, World SWW, Right Here; Mary J Blige, Real Love. **B List:** Tasmin Archer, Arienne; Urban Cookie Collective, The Key – The Secret; Kenny Thomas, Trippin' On Your Love; Jazzy Jeff Fresh Prince, Boom Shake The Room; Shara Nelson, Dow That Road; Carter USM, Lean On Me I Won't Fall Over. **C List:** Bjork, Venus As A Boy; Zhane, Hey Mr DJ; Suzette Charles, Free To Love Again; U2, Some Days; Boo Radley Wish I Was Skinny.

CAPITAL FM w/c 10.08.93. A List: Apache Indian, Booz Shack-A-Lak; Terence Trent d'Arby, She Kissed Me; Gwe Guthrie, Ain't Nothin' Goin' On But The Rent; Joey Lawre I Can't Help Myself; Lulu, Let Me Wake Up In Your Arms; Tony Toni Tone, If I Had No Loot; Urban Cookie Collective The Key – The Secret. **B List:** Clubhouse, Light My Fire. **VIRGIN 1215 w/c 14.08.93. A List:** 4 Non Blondes, Dear President; The Levellers, The Likes Of You/100 Years of Solitude; John Mellencamp, What If I Came Knocking, Te So Called Friend. **B List:** Mick Clarke Band, Backseat Blu Kiss Of Life, Holding On To A Dream, Meatloaf, Rock and Dreams Come True; Chuck Prophet, Heart Breaks Like Da **THE BOX w/c 14.08.93.** Beloved, Outerspace Girl; Black Rockin' To The Music; Green Jelly, Anarchy In The UK; Invader, Ring De Iron; Jamiroquai, Emergency On Planet Earth; Kinky Machine, Going Out With God; Mariah Carey Dreamlover; Rob N' Raz, Club Hopping; Suzette Charles, Free To Love Again; SWW, Right Here; Undercover, Lovesick; Urban Cookie Collective, The Key; The Secret; Visage, Fat To Grey.

THE CHART SHOW Exclusives 21.08.93: Terence Trent d'Arby, She Kissed Me. **28.08.93:** Curiosity, Work It Out.

NEXT WEEK'S

Singles: **ACE OF BASE:** Wheel Of Fortune (London) **She Kissed Me** (Columbia); **BASSHEADS:** Start A E (deConstruction); **WILL DOWNING:** There's No Livin' **LENNY KRAVITZ:** Heaven Help (Virgin); **JOEY LAW (EM):** **AIMEE MANN:** I Should've Known (Imago); Life (frr); **DAVID SYLVIAN & ROBERT FRIPP:** Jean Right Here (RCA); **THE LYPHYZ:** Opal Mantra (A&M); Inferno (Parlophone); **IAN WRIGHT:** Do The Right 1 **OUS:** Silver OST (Virgin).

Predictions compiled by Era. Last week's score: 1

NEWCOMERS

AFTERSHOCK: Slave To The Vibe (Virgin) US debut. **Producer:** V. Jeffrey Smith/Peter Lord. **Publisher:** EMI. **Writer:** Smith/Lord/Routte. **Line-up:** Guy Routts (V), Frost Rivera (V). **Notes:** From Staten Island, New York, the duo have been writing and performing together for eight years. The single is featured in the new Sharon Stone movie Sliver and is released one week earlier than planned due to bootlegs appearing on the street. The producers make up one half of The Family Stand. **Album:** Slave To The Vibe (tba).

40 BREEDERS: Cannonball EP (4AD) US/UK 2nd hit. **Producer:** Kim Deal/Mark Freegard. **Publisher:** Period(A/B)/Copyright Control(C)/Warner Chappell(D). **Writer:** Deal(A/B)/Wiggs(C)/Aerosmith(D). **Line-up:** Kelley Deal (G/V), Kim Deal (G/V), Jim Macpherson (D/V), Josephine Wiggs (B/V). **Notes:** Formed in 1989 in Dayton, Ohio. Kim Deal was formerly in the Pixies and before that played in an acoustic duo at truckstops and saloons with sister Kelley. The band play two London dates in October.



New Jersey girl Charles is a former Miss America and has worked with Bill Cosby, Stevie Wonder, Frank Sinatra and Sammy Davis Jnr. Pete Waterman describes her vocals as "quite simply the greatest voice I have ever heard". **Album:** autumn.

in the mid-Eighties with Hutchison joining after they released their debut album in 1990. They start a short UK tour this month, performing at the London Borderline on the 18th. **Album:** God's Home Movie (October).

8 BREAKER

LANCE ELLINGTON: Lonely (Have We Lost Our Love) (RCA) UK debut. **Producer:** Peter Pritchard. **Publisher:** Copyright Control. **Writer:** Pritchard/Ellington. **Notes:** Former backing vocalist for artists such as Al Green, Tina Turner and Dionne Warwick, Ellington released a solo album, **Pleasure And Pain**, to critical acclaim on A&M. Lonely originally appeared on the Italian Media label before being picked up by RCA and remixed by Pritchard and Eddie Gordon. **Album:** none planned.

10 BREAKER

URGE OVERKILL: Sister Havana (Geffen) US debut. **Producer:** The Butcher Bros. **Publisher:** King/Kato. **Writer:** Urge Overkill. **Line-up:** Nash Kato (G/V), Eddie King/Rose (G/V), Blackie Onassis

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