

● Virgin celebrates as Meat Loaf leads market ● Warner revives Doobies

CHART FOCUS

Meat Loaf's remarkable run of success continues, with the 46 year old singer's I'd Do Anything For Love continuing at number one for a sixth week, although Elton John and Kiki Dee's True Love duet is closing in.

Meanwhile Meat's album regains leadership of that chart with sales now approaching one million. The album has been number one in seven of the 11 weeks since it was released, being overtaken four times - by Nirvana, the Pet Shop Boys, Take That and Phil Collins - only to bounce back the following week.

It's currently on its fifth run at the top. The last album to take this many turns at number one was Simply Red's Stars in 1991/1992.

The hottest new record on the singles chart this week is the Doobie Brothers' Long Train Runnin'. Recorded in 1973, and a number eight hit in America the following year, it never made the grade here at the time, but was reactivated in April after being remixed by Ben Liebrand.

Dutchman Ben's mixes enjoyed a fair amount of success in the clubs, but Long Train Runnin' peaked one place outside the Top 75 in May.

The Doobie Brothers' record label, Warner Brothers, decided to have one last try to chart the song, and commissioned new mixes from Sure Is Pure.

The result? Long Train Runnin' debuts at 10 this week, far exceeding the number 125 peak scaled in 1990



For the second time in recent week, the top five of the album chart is the oldest on record, now comprising Meat Loaf (46), Bryan Adams (34), Phil Collins (42), Michael Bolton (40) and Diana Ross (49). Of the five, the one that record dealers have most to thank in recent years is Michael Bolton, whose latest album, The One Thing, debuts at four this week. Bolton has become a retail favourite by delivering one of the Top 10 albums of the year in each year of the Nineties to date. What's more they were all in the Top 10 in the week before Christmas. Who'd bet on The One Thing to break the sequence?

by the first club version of the song, by Italian house act Don Pablo's Animals, and also dwarfing the number 30 position reached by Bananarama's 1991 cover version.

The biggest disappointment of the week must be Jazzy Jeff & Fresh Prince's I'm Looking For The One (To Be With Me), which dips from its debut position of 24 to 27. Following up a number one hit like Boom Boom Shake The Room is tough, but rarely as tough as that. Completing a disappointing week for their label Jive is the fact that while the new albums from A Tribe Called Quest and R. Kelly enter the US charts at eight and 23, here in the UK they could manage only 70 and 69 respectively.

There's certainly some tough competition out there, but the latest Now That's What I Call Music! album, the 26th, debuts at number one on the compilation chart after selling upwards of 100,000 copies.

The only album in the series to fall short of number one remains volume four, which peaked at two.

With nearly six weeks to go, however, it will have to sell exceptionally well to overtake the year's biggest selling multi-artist album, The Bodyguard soundtrack, whose 1992/1993 sales total now stands at over 1.4m copies.

The last time that anything other than a Now album was the year's biggest selling compilation was nearly a decade ago in 1984 when the CBS/WEA Hits album took the title.

● I inadvertently put the cart before the horse last week - it was the demise of the Savage label which adversely affected the international performance of David Bowie's Black Tie White Noise and not the other way around. Alan Jones

SALES AWARDS

● Platinum: Tina Turner: Simply The Best (x8); The Beatles: 1962-66 (x2); The Beatles: 1967-70 (x2); Meat Loaf: Bat Out Of Hell II - Back To Hell; Bryan Adams: So Far So Good; Diana Ross: One Woman. ◀ Gold: Kate Bush: The Red Shoes; Frank Sinatra: Duets; Various: Now Dance - The Best Of '93; Various: Now! 1993. ● Silver: Cappella: U Got To Let The Music (single); Soul II Soul: Vol IV - The Classic Singles 88-93.

AIRPLAY ADDS

RADIO 1 FM: w/c 22.11.93: A List: Pat Shop Boys - I Wouldn't Normally... B List: UB40 - Bring Me Your Cup; Funkdoobiest - Wopbapalubop. C List: Lenny Kravitz - Is There Any Love; Bjork - Big Time Sensuality; Take That - Babe; Dina Carroll - The Perfect Year; Marcia Griffiths - I Shall Sing; Kate Bush - Why Should I Love You; New Order - Spooky. Capital FM: w/c 16.11.93: A List: Gabrielle - I Wish; M- People - Don't Look Any Further; Cliff Richard - Healing Love; Pat Shop Boys - I Wouldn't Normally... Diana Ross - Your Love; Lisa Stansfield - Little Bit Of Heaven; UB40 - Bring Me Your Cup. B List: Jazzy Jeff & Fresh Prince - I'm Looking For The One; K-Lass - Let Me Show You; Snoop Doggy Dogg - What's My Name; Xscape - Just Kickin' It. Virgin 1215: w/c 22.11.93: B List: Robert Plant - If I Was A Carpenter. C List: Dada - Dog. D List: Juliana Hatfield Three - For The Birds; Bob Mould - Can't Fight It. MTV Europe: w/c 23.11.93: Kate Bush - Rubberband Girl; Snoop Doggy Dogg - What's My Name; Cappella - U Got 2 Let The Music; U2 - Stay; Pearl Jam - Animal. The Box: w/c 19.11.93: Barry Manilow - Could It Be Magic; Elton John & Kiki Dee - True Love, F.G.T.H. - Welcome To The Pleasure Dome; Future Sound Of London - JC001 - Never Again; Heart - Will You Be There; Innersense - Moving On; Jackson Browne - I'm Alive; Judy Cheeks - So In Love; Lenny Kravitz - Is There Any Love; Little Sister - Way Of Life; Lulu - How Bout Us; Misty Of Denland - Got Me A Feeling; Paul Weller - The Weaver; The Pharcyde - Ya Mama; Stone Temple Pilots - Sex Type Thing; Texas - You Owe It All To Me; Wet Wet Wet - Shed A Tear; Wildhearts - TV Tan.

SALES UPDATE

SINGLES
↕ n/c ↕
versus last week

↑0.6%
Year to date versus last year

ALBUMS
↑14%
versus last week

↑5.2%
Year to date versus last year

MUSIC VIDEO
↑25%
versus last week

Year to date versus last year

NEXT WEEK'S HITS

Singles: Bjork: Big Time Sensuality (One Little Indian); David Bowie: Buddha Of Suburbia (Arista); East 17: It's Alright (London); Gabrielle: I Wish (Got Beat); Lenny Kravitz: Is There Any Love In Your Heart (Virgin); M People: Don't Look Any Further (deConstruction); Mr Blobby: Mr Blobby (Destiny); Snoop Doggy Dogg: What's My Name (Warner Bros); Spin Doctors: What Time Is It? (Epic); U2: Stay/You've Got Your Under My Skin (Island); Village People: Y.M.C.A. '93 (Arista). Albums: Elton John: Duets (Rocket); The Orb: Live '93 (Island); Rolling Stones: Jump Back - The Best Of... 1971-93 (Virgin). Predictions compiled by Gra. Last week's score: 11 out of 13.

NEWCOMERS

10 THE DOOBIE BROTHERS: Long Train Runnin' (Warner Brothers) US 7th hit. Producer: Ted Templeman. Publisher: Warner Chappell. Writer: Johnston. Line-up: Tom Johnston (V/G), Tiran Porter (B), Keith Knudson (D), Patrick Simmons (G). First/biggest hit: Listen To The Music (29, 1974). Last hit: The Doctor (73, 1989). Notes: This track, a Top 10 hit in the US in 1973, has never been a hit in the UK. The CD and 12-inch versions feature remixes by Wigan Express, Sure Is Pure and Ben Liebrand. Album: Listen To The Music...The Best Of The Doobie Brothers.

13 K-KLASS: LET ME SHOW YOU (deConstruction) UK 4th hit. Producer: K-Klass. Publisher: MCA. Writer: K-Klass/Hall/Stewart/Whitecross. Line-up: Bobbi Depasois (V), Russell Morgan (K), Paul Roberts (K), Carl Thomas (K), Andrew Williams (K). First/biggest hit: Rhythm Is A Mystery (3, 1991). Last hit: Don't Stop (32, 1992). Notes: Formed in 1989, the band got their first deal by taking a demo to Manchester's Eastern Bloc record store. They have spent most of this year working on their debut album. Album: Universal (December 12).

32 APHEX TWIN: On (Warp) UK 2nd hit. Producer:



Richard James. Publisher: Chrysalis. Writer: James. First hit: Diggeridoo (55, 1992). Notes: Aphex Twin (Richard James) has recorded under various names including Polygon Window and Diceman. This single (also available as a double 12-inch set) precedes a UK/US tour over the next two months and then a full Warp/Aphex Twin world tour in February. Album: Selected Ambient Works 2 (January 1994).

41 THE AUTEURS: Lenny Valentino (Hut) UK debut hit. Producer: Phil Vinal/Luke Haines. Publisher: PolyGram.

Writer: Haines. Line-up: Luke Haines (G/V), Glen Collins (D), James Banbury (cello), Alice Readman (B). Notes: This single is the first batch of new material since the release of their Mercury Music Prize-nominated New Wave album. The limited edition seven-inch is available at 99p. The band start a UK tour in December supporting The The. Album: New Wave.

50 PULP: Lip Gloss (Island) UK debut hit. Producer: Ed Buller. Publisher: Island. Writer: Cocker/Senior/Mackey/Banks/Doyle. Line-up: Nicholas Banks (D), Candida Doyle (K), Russell Senior (G), Stephen Mackey (B), Jarvis Cocker (V/G). Notes: Formed in Sheffield in the Eighties, the band released singles on Warp offshoot label Gift. Many of them achieved Single Of The Week in both Melody Maker and NME. They are currently on a UK tour. Cocker and Mackey have been directing and producing videos for Tindersticks and Aphex Twin. Album: Pulpintro: The Gift Recordings.

62 SHAWN COLVIN: I Don't Know Why (Columbia) debut. Producer: Kenny White/David Kahne/Larry Klein. Publisher: Sony. Writer: Colvin. Notes: Colvin was born in South Dakota but grew up in Ontario and New York. Influenced by Joni Mitchell, she signed to Columbia after building a large following on New York's live folk circuit. Album: Fat City.

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