

Robson & Jerome: '95's top seller

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SALES

Though now past its phenomenal peak, **Robson Green & Jerome Flynn's** *Unchained Melody/White Cliffs Of Dover* double-header had a third great week at retail last week. It has now sold more than a million copies, with last week's tally of 320,000 adding to the 770,000 it shifted in the previous fortnight. It is now the biggest-selling single of 1995, having eclipsed both **Celine Dion's** *Think Twice* and **Take That's** *Back For Good* - the latter title itself overtaking *Think Twice* as recently as Saturday.

Robson & Jerome's weekly sales are so high that **Michael & Janet Jackson's** *Scream* will fail to debut in pole position next week. And their popularity prevented **Pulp's** *Common People* from making a chart-topping debut. *Common People* sold about 70,000 copies last week, enough to top the chart on many occasions. It is, however, Pulp's most successful single by some distance, topping the number 19 peak sealed by their EP *The Sisters* exactly a year ago.

History repeats itself twice this week. With the **Happy Clappers'** single *I Believe* debuting at number 21, eight places ahead of the **Blessed Union Of Souls'** identically titled but unrelated single, it's the second time in 15 months that two singles called *I Believe* have made the Top 40 at the same time. In March 1994, it was Marcella Detroit and the *Sounds Of Blackness* who were battling for supremacy.

The second coincidence concerns the old spiritual song *Swing Low Sweet Chariot*. It charted four years ago, during the last World Cup Rugby tournament, reaching number 16 for Union featuring the England Cup Squad. With the World Cup again in full swing, it returns to the chart in a version by **Ladysmith Black Mambazo & China Black**, and once again it is number 16. It's one of two Ladysmith Black Mambazo singles that did this week, the other being *World Is My Oyster* on '95, their collaboration with **P.J. Powers**. These are Ladysmith Black Mambazo's first hits, and they better Focus's record of charting their second hit a week after their first, a record which has endured since 1973.

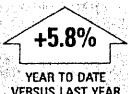
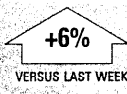
Eleven years after her debut solo album, **Alf**, reached number one, **Alison Moyet** finally returns to the summit with her *Singles* album taking pole position. Meanwhile, though she has lost her singles title, **Celine Dion's** *The Colour Of My Love* remains the biggest-selling album of 1995, and climbs from number six to number three this week.

Alan Jones

SINGLES UPDATE



ALBUMS UPDATE



SALES AWARDS

- Platinum: **Robson Green & Jerome Flynn:** *Unchained Melody/White Cliffs Of Dover* (x2) (single).
- Silver: **Scatman John:** *Scatman* (single); **Rod Stewart:** *A Spanner In The Works*; **MNB:** *To The Next Level*; **Alison Moyet:** *Singles*; **Various:** *Dance Nation 95*.

PLAYLIST ADDS

Radio One FM: w/c 25.05.95: A List: Bon Jovi - *This Ain't A Love Song*; East 17 - *Hold My Body Tight*; Billie Ray Martin - *Your Loving Arms*; Human League - *Filling Up With Heaven*; Edwyn Collins - *A Girl Like You*; Teenage Fanclub - *Sparky's Dream*. **B List:** Annie Lennox - *Whiter Shade Of Pale*; Jam & Spoon - *Right In The Night*; Dodgy - *Staying Out For The Summer*; Sheryl Crow - *Can't Cry Anymore*; Nightcrawlers featuring John Reid - *Surrender Your Love*; Skunk Anansie - *I Can Dream*; Gigolo Aunts - *Where I Find My Heaven*; Loveland featuring Rachel McFarlane - *Don't Make Me Wait*; Joanne Farrell - *All I Wanna Do*; M People - *Search For The Hero*. **C List:** Love - *To Infinity*; Keep Love Together; Bluetones - *Are You Blue Or Are You Blind*; Soul Asylum - *Miserable*; Outhere Brothers - *Boom Boom Boom*; Blackbox - *Not Anymore*; Rappin' 4-Tay featuring The Detroit Spinners - *I'll Be Around*; Dr Dre - *Keep Their Heads Ringin'*; Out Of My Hair - Mr Jones; Haddaway - *Fly Away*. **Capital FM: w/c 28.05.95: A List:** Michael Jackson - *Scream*; Perez 'Prez' Prado - *Guaglione*. **B List:** Sheryl Crow - *Can't Cry Anymore*; M People - *Search For The Hero*; Curly Stagers - *This Time*; U2 - *Hold Me Thrill Me Kiss Me Kill Me*. **C List:** Baby D - *I Need Your Loving*; Joanne Farrell - *All I Wanna Do*; Nightcrawlers featuring John Reid - *Surrender Your Love*. **MTV Europe: w/c 30.05.95:** Bon Jovi - *This Ain't A Love Song*; Bush - *Everything Zen*; Jam & Spoon - *Angel*; Bobby Brown - *Two Can Play That Game*; Furt Factory - *I Wanna Be With U*; Annie Lennox - *A Whiter Shade Of Pale*; Sheryl Crow - *I Can't Cry Anymore*; Rolling Stones - *I Go Wild*. No additions - last week's playlist still applies.

THIS WEEK'S HITS

Singles

- NUMBER ONE: **Unchained Melody/White Cliffs Of Dover** Robson Green & Jerome Flynn - RCA
- HIGHEST NEW ENTRY: **Common People** Pulp - Island
- HIGHEST CLIMBER: **Hurt So Good** Jimmy Somerville - London
- NUMBER ONE R&B SINGLE: **(Everybody's Got To Learn Sometime) I Need Your Loving** Baby D - Systematic
- NUMBER ONE DANCE SINGLE: **I Believe** Happy Clappers - Shindig

Albums

- NUMBER ONE: **Singles** Alison Moyet - Columbia
- HIGHEST NEW ENTRY: **Singles** Alison Moyet - Columbia
- HIGHEST CLIMBER: **Legend** Bob Marley & The Wailers - Tuff Gong
- NUMBER ONE COMPILATION: **On A Dance Tip 2** - Global TV

Airplay

- NUMBER ONE SINGLE: **Two Can Play That Game** Bobby Brown - MCA
- BIGGEST GROWER: **That Look In Your Eye** Ali Campbell - Virgin
- MOST ADDED: **Yes** McAlmont & Butler - Hut

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