

Soldiers send singles soaring

SALES

With a record nineteen new entries in the Top 40, singles sales continue to soar. They rise by 17% this week after a climb of 19% just the week before. Each of the top three singles sold over 160,000 copies last week, a situation without parallel in the last decade. **Coolio's** Gangsta's Paradise, number one for the two previous weeks, drops fractionally from 166,000 sales to 163,000 but tumbles from number one to number three, surpassed by two new entries - **Oasis's** Wonderwall (also 163,000 sales) and **Robson & Jerome's** I Believe/Up On The Roof (258,000).

The Soldier Soldier stars spent six weeks at number one with their debut hit Unchained Melody/White Cliffs Of Dover in the summer and have now sold more than 2m singles this year, more than any other act. Their new single is the fifth number one in a row to debut in pole position, another new record.

Amidst all this activity, only one record climbs the singles chart this week, **Madonna's** You'll See. Her appearance on TOTP - the first for 11 years - turned a mid-week decline into a triumph, as You'll See climbed from 11 to eight, thus improving her record to 37 Top 10 singles from 38 hits.

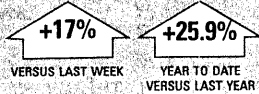
Madonna is not the only veteran hitmaker in the chart at present. Only four groups have had more than UK 40 hits to date and, for the first time, they're all in the chart at the same time. **Status Quo** lead the way with 49, followed by **Queen** and the **Rolling Stones** (43 apiece) and **UB40** (40). Of the four, this week's star performers are the Stones, whose cover of Bob Dylan's Like A Rolling Stone debuts at 12, winning them their biggest hit since She Was Hot more than 11 years ago.

The biggest hitmaker of all, **Cliff Richard**, dips out of the chart after just three weeks with Misunderstood Man. That was his 116th hit, six more than nearest rival **Elvis Presley**. Elvis has been dead 18 years, hasn't had a Top 40 hit for 12 years and demoed The Twelfth Of Never 21 years ago. Incomplete as it was and hissy as it is - it was dubbed from cassette - it debuts at 21 this week. Cliff also had a hit with the song some 31 years ago, making it the only composition to provide a hit for both of Britain's top hitmakers.

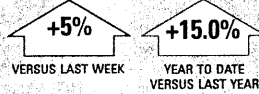
Finally, **Pulp** become the latest Britpop phenomenon to top the album chart, powering to pole position with Different Class, which sold over 133,000 copies last week. That's no mean feat given that the week's other big releases came from Meat Loaf and Eternal, whose last albums sold 1m-plus.

Alan Jones

SINGLES UPDATE



ALBUMS UPDATE



SALES AWARDS

Platinum: **Simply Red:** Fairground (single); **REM:** Out Of Time (x5); **Paul Weller:** Stanley Road (x2); **Michael Bolton:** Greatest Hits 1985-1995; **Various:** Heartbeat - Forever Yours.

Gold: **Robson & Jerome:** I Believe/Up On The Roof (single); **Sacred Spirit:** Chants & Dances Of Native American Indians; **Eternal:** Power Of A Woman; **Meat Loaf:** Welcome To The Neighbourhood; **UB40:** Best Of UB40... Vol II; **Various:** The No. 1 Movies Album; **Various:** The Best 80s Album In The World... Ever!

Silver: **Oasis:** Wonderwall (single); **The Human League:** Greatest Hits.

PLAYLIST ADDS

Radio 1 FM: w/c 01.11.95: **A List:** Pulp - Disco 200; **B List:** Enya - Anywhere Is; **C List:** Bjork - Its Oh So Quiet; C&C Music Factory - I'll Always Be Around; Happy Clappers - I Believe; Menswear - Sleeping In; Number One Cup - Divebomb; Urban Cookie Collective - So Beautiful.

Capital FM: w/c 03.11.95: **B List:** Robson & Jerome - I Believe; Janet Jackson & Luther Vandross - The Best Things In Life Are Free (K-Klass Mix); **C List:** Deborah Cox - Sentimental; Saint Etienne - He's On The Phone.

Virgin 1215: w/c 03.11.95: **C List:** David Bowie - Strangers When We Meet; Echobelly - King Of The Kerb; Lanny Kravitz - Circus; Van Morrison - No Religion.

MTV Europe: w/c 31.10.95: **Madonna:** You'll See; **H-Blockx:** Little Girl; **Queen:** Heaven For Everyone; **Passengers:** Miss Sarajevo.

THIS WEEK'S HITS

Singles

NUMBER ONE: **I Believe/Up On The Roof**
Robson Green & Jerome Flynn - RCA

HIGHEST NEW ENTRY: **I Believe/Up On The Roof**
Robson Green & Jerome Flynn - RCA

HIGHEST CLIMBER: **You'll See Madonna** - Maverick/Sire

NUMBER ONE R&B SINGLE: **Gansta's Paradise**

Coolio - Tommy Boy

NUMBER ONE DANCE SINGLE: **I'm Ready Size 9**

- VC Recordings

Albums

NUMBER ONE: **Different Class Pulp** - Island

HIGHEST NEW ENTRY: **Different Class Pulp** - Island

HIGHEST CLIMBER: **Classically Sedaka Neil Sedaka**

- Vision

NUMBER ONE COMPILATION: **The Greatest Party Album**

Under The Sun! - EMI TV

Airplay

NUMBER ONE SINGLE: **Fairground Simply Red** - East West

BIGGEST GROWER: **Exhale Whitney Houston** - Arista

MOST ADDED: **Itchycoo Park M People** - Deconstruction

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