

THE OFFICIAL UK CHARTS SINGLES



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CHART COMMENTARY

by ALAN JONES



SINGLE FACTFILE

Narrowly winning the sales war with Boyzone in the early part of the week, Steps were unable to match the extra sales their rivals generated from Comic Relief coverage, and had to be content in the end with a number two debut for their single Better Best Forgotten. The fifth single from Steps' debut album Step One, it nevertheless sold a highly credible 139,000 copies - higher than their last hit Heartbeat/Tragedy ever managed on a

single week, even though it topped the chart, and even though its sales to date are more than 1,063,000. Steps did have reason to celebrate last weekend, however - on Saturday they sold their millionth copy of Step One, exactly six months after its release. The previous hits from Step One are 5-6-7-8 (number six), Last Thing On My Mind (number six) and One For Sorrow (number two). Heartbeat is on the album, but Tragedy is not.

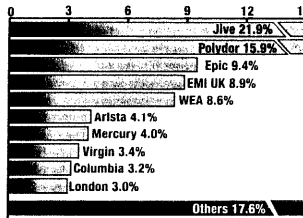
After struggling all week to keep up with Steps' Better Best Forgotten, Boyzone's When The Going Gets Tough trounced its rival at the weekend, benefiting from massively increased traffic as a result of its association with the very successful seventh instalment of Comic Relief, and - less important but still a consideration - Mother's Day gift-buying. In the end, When The Going Gets Tough managed to sell nearly 198,000 copies last week, representing a downturn of a mere 7.5% over its 213,000 debut week.

Britney Spears' Baby One More Time slips a notch to number three but its sales are still buoyant, with a further 122,000 buyers snapping it up last week. In its first four weeks in the shops, the single has sold more than 987,000 copies, and was on schedule to top a million today (March 15). Seventeen-year-old Spears will become the youngest artist ever to have a million-selling single in the UK.

On Sunday afternoon, Radio One did something it hasn't done for nearly three

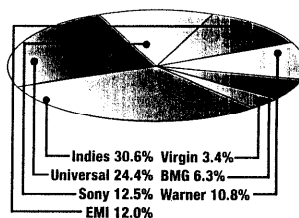
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TOP 10 COMPANIES



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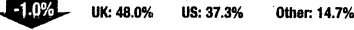
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PERCENTAGE OF UK ACTS IN THE CHART



years - it played a new record by Status Quo. Quo and Radio One had a famous spat after the former instigated legal action against the

latter, accusing it of not playing their records. Yesterday, Radio One had no option but to give a spin to Quo's latest single The Way It

Goes, as it plays the entire Top 40 in its chart show, and the Quo single debuted at number 39. It's the group's 53rd hit in all, and their 50th to make the Top 40. Dating back over 31 years to 1968's Pictures Of Matchstick Men, that's the highest tally of any group in chart history.

Sweden has been the source of more UK hits in the past year than any other country except the US, with artists such as The Cardigans, Ace Of Base, Emilia, Meja and Lutricia McNeal raining hits on us. Last week Kent joined the chart attack, and this week's new entries include three more by Swedes. Jessica's continental smash How Will I Know performs a little disappointingly by debuting at number 47. Ditto Eagle-Eye Cherry's latest, Permanent Tears, which enters at number 43. But Roxette enjoy a successful resumption to their UK chart career, debuting at number 11 with Wish I Could Fly, which brings their tally of UK hits to an impressive 21.

INDEPENDENT SINGLES

This	Last	Title	Artist	Label (distributor)
1	NEW	BETTER BEST FORGOTTEN	Steps	Ebu/Jive 0519212 (P)
2	1	BABY ONE MORE TIME	Britney Spears	Jive 0522752 (P)
3	2	JUST LOOKING	Stereophonics	V2 VVR 5005310 (3MV/P)
4	3	CHANGES	2 Pac	Jive 0522832 (P)
5	5	HEARTBEAT/TRAGEDY	Steps	Jive 0519142 (P)
6	NEW	SAY YOU'LL BE MINE	QFX	Quality Recordings QUAL 005CD (P)
7	NEW	HOW WILL I KNOW (WHO YOU ARE)	Jessica	Jive 0522412 (P)
8	4	PLAYING WITH KNIVES	Bizarre Inc	Vinyl Solution VC 01CD1 (V)
9	NEW	CUT CHEMIST SUITE	Ozomatli	Almo Sounds CDALM 62 (3MV/P)
10	NEW	BAMBAATA 2012	Shy FX	Ebony EBR 020 (SRD)
11	NEW	SOBER	Jennifer Paige	EAR/Edel 0044185 ERE (P)
12	7	BE THERE	UNKLE feat. Ian Brown	Mo Wax MW 108CD1 (V)
13	6	FOOLS GOLD (REMIX)	The Stone Roses	Jive Electro 0523092 (P)
14	8	PRaise YOU	Fatboy Slim	Skit SKINT 42CD (3MV/P)
15	12	NATIONAL EXPRESS	The Drivne Comedy	Setanta SETCDB 069 (V)
16	20	FOR AN ANGEL	Paul Van Dyk	Deviant DVT 24CDS (V)
17	17	TONITE	Supercar	Pepper 0530202 (P)
18	11	EVERYBODY (ALL OVER) - THE REMIXES	FPI Project	99 North CDNTH 14 (ADD)
19	16	GOURYELLA	Gouryella	Tsunami TSU 6009 (ADD)
20	NEW	TALK ABOUT THE BLUES	Jon Spencer Blues Explosion	Mute CDMUTE 226 (V)

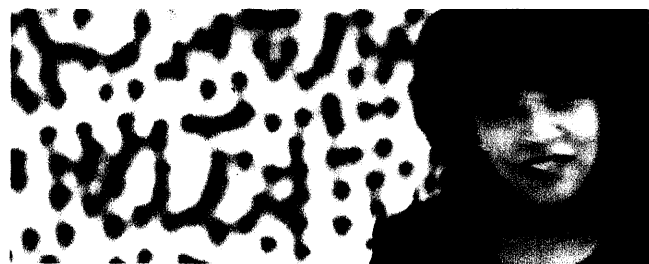
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This	Last	Title	Artist	Label	This	Last	Title	Artist	Label
1	1	WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH	Boyzone	Polydor	21	19	ONE WEEK	Baronkad Ladies	Reprise
2	NEW	BETTER BEST FORGOTTEN	Steps	Ebu/Jive	22	24	YOU GET WHAT YOU GIVE	New Radicals	MCA
3	2	BABY ONE MORE TIME	Britney Spears	Jive	23	18	PRaise YOU	Fatboy Slim	Skit
4	3	WE LIKE TO PARTY...	Vengaboys	Positiva	24	17	YOU DON'T KNOW ME	Armand Van Helden	Itir
5	4	YOU STOLE THE SUN...	Mann Street Precachers	Epic	25	7	JUST LOOKING	Stereophonics	V2
6	5	IT'S NOT RIGHT BUT IT'S OKAY	Whitney Houston	Arista	26	NEW	WRITING TO REACH YOU	Travis	Independent
7	4	AS George Michael/Mary J Blige		Epic	27	23	DEAD FROM THE WAIST DOWN	Catalan A	Blanco Y Negro
8	1	STRONG ENOUGH	Cher	WEA	28	11	EX-FACTOR	Lauryn Hill	Ruffhouse/Columbia
9	5	TENDER	Blur	Fuad/Parlophone	29	15	CHANGES	2Pac	Jive
10	NEW	AT MY MOST BEAUTIFUL	R.E.M.	Warner Bros	30	16	WRITTEN IN THE STARS	Ethan John & LeAnn Rimes	Rocket/Mercury
11	18	RUNAWAY	The Cars	Atlantic	31	14	ANYTHING BUT DOWN	Sheryl Crow	A&M/Polydor
12	12	MARIA	Blondie	Beyond/RCA	32	11	CAN'T GET ENOUGH	Soulsearcher	Defected
13	17	FLY AWAY	Lewie Kravitz	Virgin	33	NEW	MUSIC SOUNDS BETTER WITH YOU	Stardust	Virgin
14	14	LULLABY	Shawn Mullins	Columbia	34	NEW	MY FAVOURITE GAME	The Cardigans	Stockholm
15	13	STRONG	Robbie Williams	Chrysalis	35	23	BETCHA CAN'T WAIT	E-17	Telstar
16	15	HOW LONG'S A TEAR TAKE TO DRY?	The Beautiful South	GoDisc	36	13	PROTECT YOUR MIND...	DJ Sahn & Friends	Positiva
17	22	WISH I COULD FLY	Roxette	Rocket/Edel	37	16	SWEETEST THING	U2	Island
18	17	NOTHING REALLY MATTERS	Madonna	Maverick	38	16	WHAT'S SO DIFFERENT?	Grouwne	Epic
19	15	WHEN YOU'RE GONE	Bryan Adams feat. Mel C	A&M/Mercury	39	NEW	SLIDE	Goo Goo Dolls	Edel
20	17	ERASE/REWIND	The Cardigans	Stockholm	40	19	BOY YOU KNOCK ME OUT	Tatiana Ali	MJJ/Epic

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TOP 75



Table listing the top 75 albums. Includes columns for chart position, album title, artist, label, and sales data. Key entries include 'PERFORMANCE AND COCKTAILS', 'TALK ON CORNERS', and 'I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU'.

Table listing albums from chart position 26 to 51. Includes titles like 'GREATEST HITS', 'THE BEST OF', and 'QUENCH'. Lists artists such as Eurythmics, Dusty Springfield, and Go! Discs.

Table listing albums from chart position 52 to 75. Includes titles like 'LEFT OF THE MIDDLE', 'MEZZANINE', and 'SUPPORTED FORMER INFATUATION JUNKIE'. Lists artists such as Natalie Imbruglia, Massive Attack, and Alanis Morissette.

Legend for chart symbols: HNE (Highest new entry), HC (Highest climber), Sales increase, Sales increase 50% or more.

Platinum (800,000), Gold (100,000), Silver (60,000) award criteria. BPI awards are made on combined unit sales of cassette, CD, LP, MiniDisc and EDC. LPs and cassettes with a published dealer price of £3.49 or below and CDs of £5.99 or below require twice the sales quantity quoted above to obtain an award.

TOP COMPILATIONS

Table listing the top 9 compilation albums. Includes 'ESPECIALLY FOR YOU', 'LOVE SONGS', 'TONG - ESSENTIAL SELECTION - SPRING 1999', and 'EUPHORIA'.

Table listing compilation albums from position 10 to 20. Includes 'WOMAN', 'THE BEST SIXTIES LOVE ALBUM...EVER!', 'LOCK, STOCK & TWO SMOKING BARRELS (OST)', and 'TONG - ESSENTIAL SELECTION - SPRING 1999'.

ARTISTS A-Z

Table listing artists in alphabetical order from A to Z. Includes entries for ZPAC, ABBA, AIR, ANOTHER LEVEL, BALL, Michael, B*WITCHED, BARENAKED LADIES, BEAUTIFUL SOUTH, THE BEE GEES, BELLE & SEBASTIAN, BILLIE, BLONDIE, BOYZONE, CARDIGANS, THE CROW, DIAMOND, DION, DION, CELINE, DIVINE COMEDY, DURAN DURAN, DR HOOK, EURYTHMICS, FATBOY SLIM, GARBAGE, GENE, GRIZZ, HILL, Lauryn, HOUSTON, IMBRUGLIA, NATALIE JAMES, KRAVITZ, Lenny, KULA SHAKER, LADYSMITH BLACK MAMBAZOO, LIGHTHOUSE FAMILY, M PEOPLE, MADONNA, MANIC STREET PREACHERS, MASSIVE ATTACK, MEAT LOAF, MICHAEL, George, MORCHEEBA, MORISSETTE, Alanis, MULLINS, Shawn, MORRISON, Van, OFFSPRING, The, PLACERD, REM, RUNRIG, SAVAGE GARDEN, SHEPARD, Vonda, SIMON, Carly, SMITH, WH, SPYGLASS, Benny, SPRINGFIELD, Dusty, STEPS, STEREOPHONICS, STONE ROSES, The, TWC, TWAIN, Shania, UNDERWORLD, WEAVER, Phil, WILCO, WILLIAMS, Robbie.

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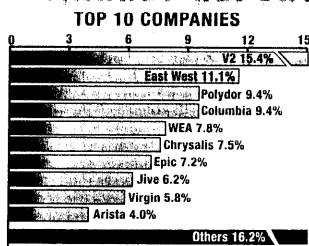
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The Corrs' Talk On Corners album won't spend St Patrick's Day at number one, but it had another excellent week last week, selling more than 76,000 copies, an improvement of over 25% on the previous week. That brings its over-the-counter sales to more than 2.150.000 copies, though it was certified platinum for the eighth time by the BPI last week, representing shipments to record shops of more than 2.4m. The Corrs' album was one of the main beneficiaries of a mini sales boom triggered by Mother's Day, while others who saw major increases in sales were **George Michael** (up 14-6 with Ladies & Gentlemen), **Michael Ball** (50-24, The Movies) and **Dr Hook** (38-25, Love Songs). The Best of **Dusty Springfield** was probably helped too, though coverage of the late singer's funeral on Friday was largely responsible for the album's 52-27 surge. It sold more than 8,000 copies last week, taking its sales past the 30,000 mark.

Britney Spears' million-selling single Baby

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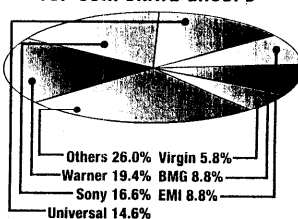
One More Time generated nearly 28,000 sales last week for her identically-titled album, enough for it to debut at number

Until the Manic Street Preachers happened along, no Welsh band had ever topped the UK album chart but they're really getting a taste for it now, and the past year has seen Catatonia's International Velvet, the Manics' This Is My Truth Tell Me Yours and now the Stereophonics' Performance And Cocktails topped the list. Performance And Cocktails sold nearly 120,000 copies last week, to deprive The Corrs

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of pole position, and is the first number one for Richard Branson's V2 label. The Stereophonics' only previous album, 1997's Word Gets Around, reached number six, and was the previous biggest success for V2. Performance And Cocktails includes The Bartender And The Thief, which was a number three hit last November, and the current single Just Looking, which reached number four a fortnight ago.

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group's only previous album, K, topped the chart in 1996, with a first-week sale of more than 130,000. The cool reception given to Peasants, Pigs & Astronauts' first single, Mystical Machine Gun, which debuted at number 14 and has since slumped 40-62, suggested that they'd have a tougher time this time around, but not this tough.

Meanwhile, **Van Morrison** follows-up his first ever Top 40 solo single with a number 11 debut for his first Pointblank/Virgin album Back On Top - that's a n n e-place improvement on his last Polydor album The Philosopher's Stone (made up of old but previously unreleased material), but a one-place decline on his previous al-new effort, 1997's The Healing Game.

After making the Top 10 for the first time last week, **Whitney Houston's** My Love Is Your Love continues its rapid ascent of the chart. It jumps 10-5 this week, after selling more than 30,000 copies, sending its overall sales total to more than 160,000.

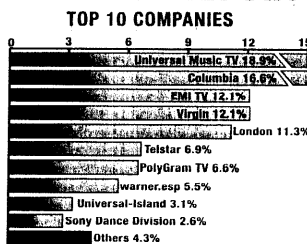
COMPILATIONS

The compilation sector saw sales increase by a very healthy 17.9% last week, thanks to a combination of Mother's Day gift-buying and the release of the latest in ffr's Essential Selection series. Pole position is taken by Columbia's **Especially For You**, an album specifically aimed at the Mother's Day market, which sold nearly 29,000 copies. That's a couple of thousand more than the warner.esp/PolyGram TV compilation **Love Songs**, which recorded a sensational sale of nearly 90,000 to rise to the top of the album chart in time for Valentine's Day, and is sufficiently vaguely named to also serve as a Mother's Day gift, its purchase in this context securing it runners-up spot. Other albums to feature heavily as Mother's Day gifts include **Music Of The Night** (up 20-8),

Woman (22-10), **The Best Sixties Love Album...Ever!** (17-11) and **The Very Best Of The Love Album** (21-14), all of which are very mature in compilation terms, having been in the shops for a minimum of three months each.

Last week's number one, **Kiss House Nation**, tumbles all the way to number seven, as fans of compilations of dance music turn instead to **Pete Tong - The Essential Collection - Spring 1999**, which debuts at number three and at number 13. The number three debut is for the triple album edition, which sold more than 20,000 copies, while the double album version sold a little over 7,000 copies. The triple album is a limited edition and is thus likely to suffer the speedier decline of the two.

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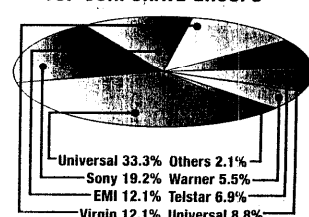


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COMPILATIONS' SHARE OF TOTAL SALES

Artist albums: 76.5%
Compilations: 23.5%

INDEPENDENT ALBUMS

This	Last	Title	Artist	Label (distributor)
1	NEW	PERFORMANCE AND COCKTAILS	Stereophonics	V2 VVR 1004492 (3MV/P)
2	2	YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY, BABY	Fatboy Slim	Skint BRASSIC 11CD (3MV/P)
3	NEW	BABY ONE MORE TIME	Britney Spears	Jive 0522172 (P)
4	1	BEAUCOUP FISH	Underworld	Jbo JBO1005432 (3MV/P)
5	3	STEP ONE	Steps	Jive 0519112 (P)
6	4	VERSION 2.0	Garbage	Mushroom MUSH 29CD (3MV/P)
7	6	WORD GETS AROUND	Stereophonics	V2 VVR 1000438 (3MV/P)
8	5	GREATEST HITS	2Pac	Jive 0522662 (P)
9	8	BIG CALM	Morcheeba	Indochina ZEN 017CDX (P)
10	7	FIN DE SIECLE	The Divine Comedy	Selantia SETCDL 057 (V)
11	9	THE COMPLETE	The Stone Roses	Silvertone ORECD 535 (P)
12	10	THE BOY WITH THE ARAB STRAP	Bello & Sebastian	Jeepster JPCD 003 (3MV/P)
13	13	DESERTER'S SONGS	Mercury Rev	V2 VVR 1003792 (3MV/P)
14	15	SONGBIRD	Eva Cassidy	Blix Street G 210045 (HOT)
15	11	WHITEY FORD SINGS THE BLUES	Everlast	Tommy Boy TBDCD1236 (P)
16	14	PSYENCE FICTION	UNKLE	Mo Wax MW 085CDS (V)
17	12	APPLE VENUS - VOLUME 1	XTC	Cooking Vinyl COOKCD 172 (V)
18	16	THE STONE ROSES	The Stone Roses	Silvertone ORECD 502 (P)
19	18	GARBAGE	Garbage	Mushroom D 31450 (3MV/P)
20	19	MELTING POT	The Charlatans	Beggars Banquet BBQCD 198 (V)

THE YEAR SO FAR...

TOP 20 SINGLES

This	Title	Artist	Label
1	BABY ONE MORE TIME	BRITNEY SPEARS	JIVE
2	PRETTY FLY (FOR A WHITE GUY)	OFFSPRING	COLUMBIA
3	HEARTBEAT/TRAGEDY	STEPS	EBUL/JIVE
4	WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH	BOYZONE	POLYDOR
5	MARIA	BLONDIE	BEYOND/RCA
6	YOU DON'T KNOW ME	ARMAND VAN HELDEN FEAT. DUANE HARDEN	FFRR
7	IT'S NOT RIGHT BUT IT'S OKAY	WHITNEY HOUSTON	ARISTA
8	TENDER	BLUR	FOOD/PARLOPHONE
9	FLY AWAY	LENNY KRAVITZ	VIRGIN
10	WHEN YOU'RE GONE	BRYAN ADAMS FEAT. MEL C.	A&M/MERCURY
11	PRaise YOU	FATBOy SLIM	SKINT
12	WE LIKE TO PARTY! (THE VENGABUS)	VENGABOYS	POSITIVA
13	CHANGES	2 PAC	JIVE
14	RUNAWAY	THE CORRS	143/LAVA/ATLANTIC
15	PROTECT YOUR MIND...	DJ SAKIN & FRIENDS	POSITIVA
16	WESTSIDE	TQ	EPIC
17	A LITTLE BIT MORE	911	VIRGIN
18	ENJOY YOURSELF	A+	UNIVERSAL
19	TEQUILA	TERRORVISION	TOTAL VEGAS
20	STRONG ENOUGH	CHER	WEA

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