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CHART COMMENTARY

by ALAN JONES



SINGLE FACTFILE

Mr Oizo's *Flat Beat* makes its expected debut at number one this week, after selling nearly 284,000 copies. Mr Oizo - aka Quentin Dupieux - is the 11th artist to enter the chart at number one with their first hit, following Whigfield, Robson & Jerome, Babylon Zoo, White Town, Hanson, Teletubbies, B*Witched, Billie, Spacedust and Britney Spears. *Flat Beat* is the seventh number one to be associated with Levi's TV ads and the

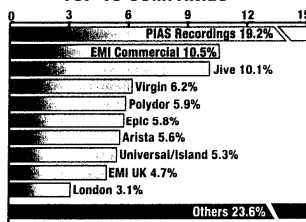
second to give a new act a number one debut (the first was Babylon Zoo). Mr Oizo is the first French act to top the chart since 1974, when Charles Aznavour was number one with *She*. And *Flat Beat* is by far the biggest hit on the F Communications label, owned by French DJ Laurent Garnier, and its UK rights owner PIAS Recordings, a subsidiary of the Belgian Play It Again Sam label.

For the first time ever, the top two records on the chart are new entries by new acts. Mr Oizo and the Cartoons are enjoying their introductory hits with *Flat Beat* and *Witchdoctor*, and are among four new entries to the top five for only the third time in chart history (this tally includes 31 October last year, when all of the top five were newcomers). The Cartoons are unlucky to be up against such stiff opposition. Their sales of 156,000 last week would secure them a number one placing more often than not.

With so much action at the top of the chart, something had to give - and it turned out to be B*Witched, who come crashing down from one to nine with *Blame It On The Weatherman*. That's the biggest decline since 1991, when Iron Maiden's *Bring Your Daughter... To The Slaughter* experienced a similarly savage slump. Two other records have fallen 1-9, these being the Temperance Seven's *You're Driving Me Crazy* (1961) and Nancy Sinatra's *These*

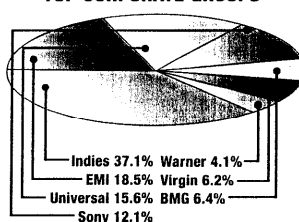
MARKET REPORT

TOP 10 COMPANIES



Figures show top 10 companies by % of total sales of the Top 75, and corporate group shares by % of total sales of the Top 75

TOP CORPORATE GROUPS



SALES UPDATE

VERSUS LAST WEEK: +36.8%

YEAR TO DATE VERSUS LAST YEAR: -0.2%

PERCENTAGE OF UK ACTS IN THE CHART

UK: 54.7% US: 30.7% Other: 14.6%

Boots Are Made For Walkin' (1966). Aside from the Mr Oizo single, there are two other records in the Top 20 that owe

their success to TV ads. Andy Williams' *Fiat Punto-plugging Music To Watch Girls By* slides 9-18, while Des'ree's *You Gotta Be*,

currently gracing the Ford Focus ad, debuts at number 10, comfortably eclipsing its original 1994 chart peak of 20, and the number 14 peak it scaled when reissued the following year. It's the first time in chart history that we've had three ads in the Top 20 at the same time, and there are more to come, with Fatboy Slim's *Right Here Right Now* (as used by Adidas) and Billy Fury's *Wondrous Place* (Toyota) the most imminent. Spare a thought though for country legend Don Gibson, who can be heard on the same Levi's ad as Mr Oizo, but seems to have been overlooked in this release frenzy.

The swing revival has resulted in a number of hit albums in America but has had little impact in the UK thus far. The first indication that it might be a sales force here comes with the debut at number 34 this week of the single *Jump Jive An' Wail* by the Brian Setzer Orchestra. Setzer hasn't charted since 1983, when he was lead singer with the Stray Cats.

INDEPENDENT SINGLES

This	Last	Title	Artist	Label (distributor)
1	NEW	FLAT BEAT	Mr Oizo	F Communications/PIAS Recordings F 104CDUK (V)
2	1	BABY ONE MORE TIME	Britney Spears	Jive 0522752 (P)
3	2	BETTER BEST FORGOTTEN	Steps	Ebul/Jive 0519212 (P)
4	NEW	WINDOWLICHER	Aphex Twin	Warp WAP 105CD (V)
5	4	KILLIN' TIME	Tina Cousins	Jive/Eastern Bloc 0519232 (P)
6	6	CHANGES	2 Pac	Jive 0522832 (P)
7	NEW	DAY IN DAY OUT	Feeder	Echo ECSCD 75 (P)
8	3	EPUSH UPSTAIRS	Underworld	JBO JBO 5006173 (3MV/P)
9	9	HEARTBEAT/TRAGEDY	Steps	Ebul/Jive 0519142 (P)
10	NEW	SWEET LIES	Ellie Campbell	Jive/Eastern Bloc 0519222 (P)
11	5	SEE THE STAR	Delinious?	Furious? CDFURY 5 (V)
12	7	JUST LOOKING	Stereophonics	V2 VVR 5005310 (3MV/P)
13	NEW	THE GREATEST HIGH	Hurricane #1	Creation CRESCD 309 (3MV/V)
14	NEW	MOVIN' THRU YOUR SYSTEM	Jark Prongo	Hooj Choons HOOJ 72CD (V)
15	NEW	WON'T YOU STAY	Christian Fry	Mushroom MUSH 46CDS (3MV/P)
16	11	NEVER HAD IT SO GOOD	Take 5	Edel 0043975ERE (P)
17	10	SING IT BACK	Moloko	Echo ECSCX71 (P)
18	8	SLIDE	Goo Goo Dolls	Edel 0102035HWR (P)
19	NEW	SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE	Laya Kaylif	Edel 0044725ERE (P)
20	12	SAY YOU'LL BE MINE	QFX	Quality Recordings QUAL 005CD (P)

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1	NEW	FLAT BEAT	Mr Oizo	F Communications
2	NEW	WITCH DOCTOR	Cartoons	Flex/EMI
3	NEW	HONEY TO THE BEE	Billie	Innocent/Virgin
4	3	BABY ONE MORE TIME	Britney Spears	Jive
5	5	YOU GET WHAT YOU GIVE	New Radicals	MCA
6	6	WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH	Buyzone	Polydor
7	NEW	NO SCRUBS	ILC	LaFace
8	9	WE LIKE TO PARTY...	Vengaboys	Positiva
9	1	WEATHERMAN	B*Witched	Glow Worm/Epic
10	NEW	YOU GOTTA BE	Des'ree	Dusted Sound
11	4	STRONG	Robbie Williams	Chrysalis
12	11	AS	George Michael/Mary J Blige	Epic
13	7	IT'S NOT RIGHT...	Whitney Houston	Arista
14	12	RUNAWAY	The Corrs	143/Laval/Atlantic
15	10	TENDER	Blur	Food/Parlophone
16	13	YOU STOLE THE SUN...	Manic Street Preachers	Epic
17	19	MARIA	Blonde	Beyond/RCA
18	18	FLY AWAY	Lenny Kravitz	Virgin
19	15	STRONG ENOUGH	Cher	WEA
20	6	BETTER BEST FORGOTTEN	Steps	Ebul/Jive
21	17	LULLABY	Shawn Mullins	Columbia
22	16	ERASE/REWIND	The Cardigans	Stockholm/Polydor
23	21	ONE WEEK	Barenaked Ladies	Reprise
24	NEW	TURN AROUND	Phats & Small	Multiply
25	9	MY LOVE	Kate Le Noc	Woto Gard
26	24	WISH I COULD FLY	Roxette	Roxette Recordings/EMI
27	11	HOW LONG'S A TEAR...	The Beautiful South	Gol Discs
28	11	NOTHING REALLY MATTERS	Madonna	Maverick
29	NEW	IN OUR LIFETIME	Texas	Mercury
30	16	DEAD FROM THE WAIST DOWN	Catatonia	Bianco Y Negro
31	18	WHEN YOU'RE GONE	Bryan Adams feat. Mel C.	A&M/Mercury
32	9	MUSIC TO WATCH GIRLS BY	Andy Williams	Columbia
33	31	MY FAVOURITE GAME	The Cardigans	Stockholm/Polydor
34	NEW	COLOUR THE WORLD	Sash!	Multiply
35	17	PRaise YOU	Fatboy Slim	Skint
36	19	YOU DON'T KNOW ME	Armand Van Helden	trf
37	12	SLIDE	Goo Goo Dolls	Edel
38	18	JUST LOOKING	Stereophonics	V2
39	28	EX-FACTOR	Laury'n Hill	Futthouse/Columbia
40	33	CHANGES	2pac	Jive

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Hollis P. Monroe

I'm Lonely

Pete Tong's Essential New Tune on Radio One

Released April 12 on cd & 12"



THE OFFICIAL UK CHARTS ALBUMS

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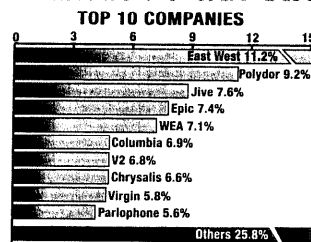
ALBUM FACTFILE
According to Skunk Anansie, Post Orgasmic Chill describes the way the group felt when they came off the road in 1998, after nearly three years of constant touring. It's also the title of their latest album, which debuts this week at number 16 after selling 13,000 copies. Their first album for Virgin, it has thus far performed less well than their introductory album Paranoid And Sunburnt (number eight in 1995) or 1996's Stooosh, which

reached number nine. Post Orgasmic Chill had been expected to be the highest new entry to the album chart this week, but was pipped for the honour by the Vengaboys' The Party Album, which sold a couple of hundred copies more to debut at 15. The Vengaboys' success comes at a time when their latest single, We Like To Party (The Vengabus), spends its fourth consecutive week in the Top 10, having already sold more than 320,000 units.

Blur's 13 retains pole position on the chart but it sold only a thousand copies more than The Corrs' Talk On Corners, which returns to runners-up position, and must be fancied to return to the summit next week. Meanwhile, The Corrs' debut album Forgiven, Not Forgotten reaches a new chart peak, climbing 8-5. The Irish band thus become the first act to have two albums in the top five since 25 September 1993, when Prince was at number four with The Hits/The B-Sides and number five with The Hits 1. For good measure, he was also at number six with The Hits II. The last artist to have two albums of original material in the top five at the same time was Bruce Springsteen, who was at one and two with the simultaneously released Human Touch and Lucky Town on 4 April 1992.

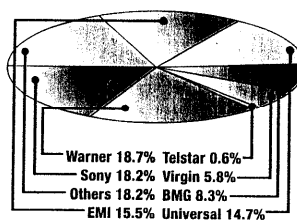
Tracy Chapman's self-titled 1989 debut climbs 24-19 this week, while Primal Scream's Screamedelica advances 45-22 and Lou Reed's 1973 classic Transformer

MARKET REPORT



Figures show top 10 companies by % of total sales, and corporate group shares by % of total sales, of the Top 75 artist albums

TOP CORPORATE GROUPS



SALES UPDATE

VERSUS LAST WEEK: **+3.0%**

YEAR TO DATE VERSUS LAST YEAR: **+4.8%**

PERCENTAGE OF UK ACTS IN THE CHART

UK: 56.0% US: 38.7% Other: 5.3%

improves 41-32. They are all selling predominantly at Virgin stores, where they are the star attractions in the current sale.

All are slashed to £3.99, while albums retailing at £6.99 also making chart waves include Alanis Morissette's Jagged Little Pill

COMPILATIONS

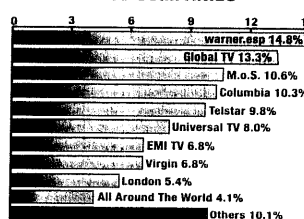
For the first time in seven weeks the number one compilation is also the top-selling album overall. **New Hits 99** is the latest warner.esp/Global TV/Sony TV collaboration, and emulates the success of the last - Hits 99 - by debuting at number one. It sold more than 66,000 copies last week, twice as many as the number one artist album, and three times as many as the number two compilation, **Dance Nation Six**, which it replaces at number one.

Preston-based radio station Rock FM's **Rock The Dancefloor 2** album debuts at number seven this week, eclipsing the number nine peak of the first Rock The Dancefloor album released last year. Though London stations like Kiss and Capital have big enough brand names to have placed compilations into the Top 10,

Rock FM is the only station outside of London to manage the feat. Rock The Dancefloor 2 - which sold nearly 9,000 copies last week - includes many of the songs which have become local successes, including Afrika Bambaataa's Pupunanny, Mix Factory's Burnin' and the Porn Kings' Kickin' In The Beat. Completing the local picture, the album is released on the Blackburn-based label All Around The World. Rock FM is a member of the Emap group of stations and its sister station and near neighbour, Liverpool's Radio City, is involved in a similar album out this week. **Clubzone - Dancing In The City** is released by the city's 3 Beat label, and includes tracks such as Don't You Want Me by Felix, I Know by New Atlantic and Disco Cop by Blue Adonis.

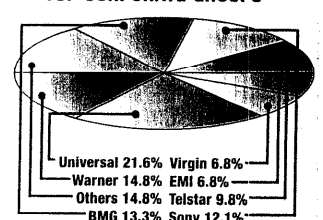
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SALES UPDATE

VERSUS LAST WEEK: **+22.2%**

YEAR TO DATE VERSUS LAST YEAR: **+6.0%**

COMPILATIONS' SHARE OF TOTAL SALES

Artist albums: 75.2%
Compilations: 24.8%

INDEPENDENT ALBUMS

This	Last	Title	Artist	Label (distributor)
1	1	PERFORMANCE AND COCKTAILS	Stereophonics	V2 VVR 1004492 (3MV/P)
2	2	YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY, BABY	Fatboy Slim	Skit BRASSIC 11CD (3MV/P)
3	6	SCREAMDELICA	Primal Scream	Creation JPRCD 076 (3MV/V)
4	3	BABY ONE MORE TIME	Britney Spears	Jive 0522172 (P)
5	4	STEP ONE	Steps	Ebu/Jive 0519112 (P)
6	17	DEFINITELY MAYBE	Oasis	Creation CRECD 169 (3MV/V)
7	5	BEAUCCOUP FISH	Underworld	JBO JBO 1005432 (3MV/P)
8	7	GREATEST HITS	2Pac	Jive 0522662 (P)
9	15	(WHAT'S THE STORY) MORNING GLORY?	Oasis	Creation CRECD 189 (3MV/V)
10	8	VERSION 2.0	Garbage	Mushroom MUSH 29CD (3MV/P)
11	9	WORD GETS AROUND	Stereophonics	V2 VVR 1000438 (3MV/P)
12	11	GARBAGE	Garbage	Mushroom D 31450 (3MV/P)
13	10	BIG CALM	Morcheeba	Indochina ZEN 017CDX (P)
14	15	TOD YOUNG TO DIE - THE SINGLES	Saint Etienne	Heavenly HVNLP 10CDX (3MV/SM)
15	16	MELTING POT	The Charlatans	Beggars Banquet BB0CD 198 (V)
16	15	VANISHING POINT	Primal Scream	Creation CRECD 178 (3MV/V)
17	14	THE BOY WITH THE ARAB STRAP	Belle & Sebastian	Jeepest JPRCD 003 (3MV/P)
18	13	THE COMPLETE	The Stone Roses	Silvertone ORECD 535 (P)
19	12	FIN DE SIECLE	The Divine Comedy	Setanta SETCDL 057 (V)
20	18	SONGBIRD	Eva Cassidy	Blix Street G 210045 (HOT)

THE YEAR SO FAR...

TOP 20 COMPILATIONS

This	Last	Title	Artist	Label
1	2	LOVE SONGS	VARIOUS ARTISTS	WARNER ESP/POLYGRAM TV
2	1	EUPHORIA	VARIOUS ARTISTS	TELSTAR TV
3	3	THE BEST CLUB ANTHEMS 99...EVER!	VARIOUS ARTISTS	VIRGIN/EMI
4	4	NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL MUSIC! 41	VARIOUS ARTISTS	EMI/VIRGIN/UNIVERSAL
5	5	CLUBBER'S GUIDE TO... NINETY NINE	VARIOUS ARTISTS	MINISTRY OF SOUND
6	7	KISS HOUSE NATION	VARIOUS ARTISTS	UNIVERSAL MUSIC TV
7	6	HITS 99	VARIOUS ARTISTS	WARNER/GLOBAL/SONYTV
8	8	KISS SMOOTH GROOVES 99	VARIOUS ARTISTS	UNIVERSAL MUSIC TV
9	9	THE 1999 BRIT AWARDS	VARIOUS ARTISTS	COLUMBIA
10	10	THE BEST SIXTIES LOVE ALBUM...EVER!	VARIOUS ARTISTS	VIRGIN/EMI
11	12	THE VERY BEST OF THE LOVE ALBUM	VARIOUS ARTISTS	VIRGIN/EMI
12	NEW	NEW HITS 99	VARIOUS ARTISTS	WARNER/GLOBAL/SONYTV
13	11	CHEF AID - THE SOUTH PARK ALBUM	VARIOUS ARTISTS	COLUMBIA
14	16	MUSIC OF THE NIGHT	VARIOUS ARTISTS	UNIVERSAL MUSIC TV
15	18	WOMAN	VARIOUS ARTISTS	SONY TV/UNIVERSAL TV
16	13	THE ANNUAL IV - JUDGE JULES & BOY GEORGE	VARIOUS ARTISTS	MINISTRY OF SOUND
17	14	THE ALL TIME GREATEST LOVE SONGS - III	VARIOUS ARTISTS	COLUMBIA
18	NEW	DANCE NATION SIX - TALL PAUL/B BLOCK	VARIOUS ARTISTS	MINISTRY OF SOUND
19	15	THE BOX R&B HITS ALBUM	VARIOUS ARTISTS	TELSTAR TV
20	NEW	IN THE MIX 2000	VARIOUS ARTISTS	VIRGIN/EMI

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