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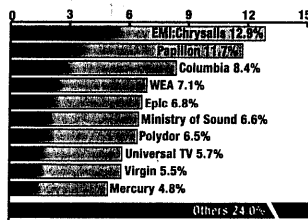
by ALAN JONES



Cliff Richard is number one for the third straight week with The Millennium Prayer, equalling the longest stay at number one this year, as established by Ricky Martin's 'Livin' La Vida Loca' and equalled by Eiffel 65's 'Blue (Da Ba Dee)'. The Millennium Prayer sold a little more than 159,000 copies last week and thus also manages the rare feat of increasing its sales for three weeks in a row. So far, the single has sold more than 550,000 copies.

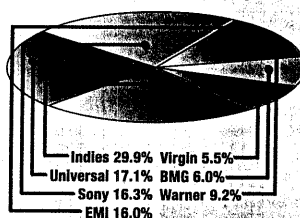
Vengaboys have the week's highest debut, at number three. And while they may be a little disappointed not to have registered their third straight number one, they have had a much better time than several acts who have dramatically underachieved this week. Among those who will be locked in crisis meetings this week we can expect B*Witched, Thunderbugs, TLC, Enrique Iglesias, Lou Bega and Lenny Kravitz. After topping the chart with their first four singles, B*Witched only managed to reach number

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



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four with their fifth, Jesse Hold On, but were looking to recapture their form with I Shall Be There. Instead, they have to settle for a

PERCENTAGE OF UK ACTS IN THE CHART

UK: 36.0% US: 24.0% Other: 40.0%

number 13 placing. TLC have an equally rude awakening. Having reached number six with each of their first two singles from Fanmail -

No Scrubs and Unpretty - they see the third make a very modest impression this week with a number 32 debut for Dear Lie being blamed partly on the lack of a video for the track. Fellow girl group Thunderbugs got off to a good start with Friends Forever reaching number five in September but fall short of the Top 40 this week with It's About Time You Were Mine debuting at number 43. Two notches lower is Enrique Iglesias' Rhythm Divine, debuting 41 places below the number four peak of his debut hit Bailamos.

Incredibly, two artists who both reached number one with their last single are placed even lower. Lou Bega's Mambo No.5 topped the chart for a fortnight and has sold more than 840,000 copies to date, but his follow-up I Got A Girl limps in at number 55, with 5,500 sales this week. Meanwhile, Lenny Kravitz's follow-up to February's chart-topping Fly Away fails to make the Top 75. Black Velveteen sold just more than 1,000 copies to debut at number 83.

INDEPENDENT SINGLES

This Week	Last Week	Title	Artist	Label (distributor)
1	1	THE MILLENNIUM PRAYER	Cliff Richard	Papillon PROMISECD 01 (P)
2	1	IF I COULD TURN BACK THE HANDS OF TIME	R Kelly	Jive 0523182 (P)
3	NEW	BABY, IT'S COLD OUTSIDE	Tom Jones & Cerys Matthews	Gut CDGUT 29 (V)
4	NEW	ENOUGH IS ENOUGH	Y Tribe feat. Elisabeth Troy	Northwest 10 NORTHD 002 (V)
5	3	HEADS HIGH	Mr Vegas	Greensleeves GRECD 785 (SRD)
6	4	I SEE YOU BABY	Groove Armada feat. Gram'ma Funk	Pepper 9230002 (P)
7	6	ANOTHER WAY/AVENUE	Paul Van Dyk	Deviant DVNT35CDS (V)
8	7	LARGER THAN LIFE	Backstreet Boys	Jive 0550562 (P)
9	5	EVERYTIME	Lustral	Hooj Choons HOOJ 83CD (V)
10	NEW	I'LL BE YOUR EVERYTHING	Youngstown	Hollywood 0107075HWR (P)
11	13	BULLET IN THE GUN	Planet Perfecto	Perfecto PERF 3CDS (3MV/P)
12	NEW	PHOENIX	Evolution	Fluid Recordings FLR001Z (ADD)
13	9	(YOU DRIVE ME) CRAZY	Britney Spears	Jive 0550582 (P)
14	18	SUN IS SHINING	Bob Marley vs Funkstar De Luxe	Club Tools 0066895 CLU (P)
15	16	BUDDY X 99	Dreem Teem Vs Neneh Cherry	4 Liberty LIBTCD33 (P)
16	NEW	DROP BEAR/POISON IVY	Die	Full Cycle FCY021 (SRD)
17	12	HURRY UP AND WAIT	Stereophonics	V2 VVR5009328 (3MV/P)
18	8	MUSCLE MUSEUM	Muse	Mushroom MUSH 66CDS (3MV/P)
19	NEW	INTO THE SUN	Prima feat. Tracey-Anne Lynch	Heat Recordings HEATCD023 (V)
20	20	JUMP N' SHOUT	Basement Jaxx	XL Recordings XLS 116CD (V)

PEPSI Chart

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1	1	THE MILLENNIUM PRAYER	Cliff Richard	Papillon	21	11	RIGHT NOW	Atomic Kitten	Innocent
2	1	RE-REVIND...	Artful Dodger	Public Demand/Relentless	22	3	COMMUNICATION...	Mario Piu	Incentive
3	NEW	KISS...	Vengaboys	Positiva	23	11	TALKING IN YOUR SLEEP/LOVE ME	Martine McCutcheon	Innocent
4	NEW	BARBER'S ADAGIO FOR STRINGS	William Orbit	WEA	24	22	THAT'S THE WAY IT IS	Celine Dion	Epic
5	4	BACK IN MY LIFE	Alice Deejay	Positiva	25	NEW	I SHALL BE THERE	B*Witched feat. Black Mamba	Glow World/Epic
6	3	KING OF MY CASTLE	Wamdue Project	AM-PM	26	28	MAN! I FEEL LIKE A WOMAN!	Shania Twain	Mercury
7	NEW	EVERYBODY	Progress presents The Boy Wunda	Manifesto/Mercury	27	NEW	UNDER PRESSURE	Queen & David Bowie	Parlophone
8	13	STEAL MY SUNSHINE	Len	Work/Columbia	28	21	TURN	Travis	Independiente
9	4	EVERY DAY I LOVE YOU	Boyzone	Polydor	29	NEW	DEAR LIE	TLC	LaFace/Arista
10	2	IF I COULD TURN BACK THE HANDS OF TIME	R Kelly	Jive	30	24	BOMB DIGGY	Another Level	Northwestside/Arista
11	11	SHE'S THE ONE/IT'S ONLY US	Robbie Williams	Chrysalis	31	22	TONITE	Phats & Small	Multiply
12	11	I TRY	Macy Gray	Epic	32	NEW	BABY, IT'S COLD OUTSIDE	Tom Jones & Cerys Matthews	Gut
13	11	KEEP ON MOVIN'	Five	RCA	33	21	SUNSHINE	Gabrielle	Go Beat/Polydor
14	14	NORTHERN STAR	Melanie C	Virgin	34	27	THE WORLD IS NOT ENOUGH	Garbage	Radioactive/MCA
15	14	RADIO	The Corrs	Atlantic	35	28	I KNEW I LOVED YOU	Savege Garden	Columbia
16	11	WHEN WE ARE TOGETHER	Texas	Mercury	36	21	TURN YOUR LIGHTS DOWN LOW	Laury Hill & Bob Marley	Columbia
17	17	WAITING FOR TONIGHT	Jennifer Lopez	Columbia	37	21	BIG BOYS DON'T CRY/ROCKIN'	Robin Lilly	Polydor
18	11	WILL 2 K	Will Smith	Columbia	38	NEW	TWO IN A MILLION	S Club 7	Polydor
19	17	LIFT ME UP	Geri Halliwell	EMI	39	21	I LEARNED FROM THE BEST	Whitney Houston	Arista
20	11	GENIE IN A BOTTLE	Christina Aguilera	RCA	40	21	WHY	Giamma Kid	WEA

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