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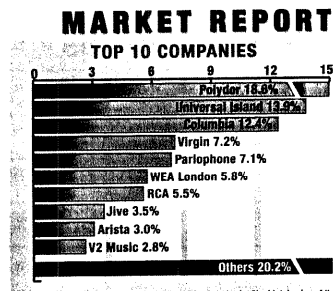
by ALAN JONES



Total singles sales last week were 1,005,857 – substantially fewer than the 2001 peak of 1,746,053 reached just two weeks earlier, when the Top Five alone sold 1,028,018. The reason is that the extremely high levels attained by **Shaggy**, **Hear'Say** and the like was unsustainable and the emphasis has now switched to albums, with artist album sales last week topping the 2m mark for the first time this year.

Hear'Say continue at the top of the singles chart for a third week with **Pure And Simple** but its rapid decline – it sold only 81,000 last week compared with its previous tallies of 550,000 and 242,000 – means it still has not become the biggest seller of the year, with sales of 873,000 to date, compared with the 885,000 tally of **It Wasn't Me** by **Shaggy**. The latter title holds at number two, and continues to decline at a slower rate, dipping 29% last week.

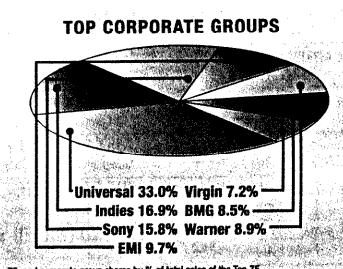
After reaching the Top 10 with her first seven singles, **Britney Spears** is destined to miss the cut this time with **Don't Let Me Be**



SINGLE FACTFILE

The latest nu rock sensation, **Crazy Town's** particular slant on the rock/rap genre is one which has sent their debut single **Butterfly** fluttering all the way to the top of **Billboard's** Hot 100 chart on two occasions – it reached the summit a fortnight ago, and returns to number one this week, reclaiming pole position from **Shaggy's** **Angel**. The LA-based seven-piece has already sold more than 1.5m units of its first album **The Gift Of The Game** in the

US since December. Now they are invading the UK, and, following in the footsteps of fellow nu rock acts **Papa Roach**, **Limp Bizkit**, **Linkin Park** and **The Offspring**, they make their British singles chart debut this week with **Butterfly**. It debuts at number three after selling more than 55,000 units. It is also the most successful of this year's nu rock singles on the airplay chart, moving 38-19 this week, to beat the number 20 peak of **Limp Bizkit's** **Rollin'**.



The **Last To Know**. The single, penned by **Shania Twain** and **Mutt Lange**, debuts at number 12 this week. Last week, fellow teen

star **LeAnn Rimes** had to settle for a number 13 posting for **I Need You**, her follow-up to the chart-topping **Can't Fight The Moonlight**.

The **Bee Gees** are the first group to have Top 20 hits in five different decades. The veteran trio first charted in 1967 with **New York Mining Disaster 1941**, and register their 38th hit this week with **This Is Where I Came In**. Their first hit as artists since they teamed up with **Celine Dion** for 1998's Top Five success **Immortality**, it proves the perennial appeal of their tunes, which have been reworked and sampled on chart hits by several artists since their last appearance in the chart in their own right. That trend is set to continue, with **Lil Bow Wow's** **Bow Wow (That's My Name)** – featuring samples from **Andy Gibb's** **Shadow Dancing**, which he wrote with his brothers – due to debut high next week, while **Destiny's Child** look set to have a massive summer hit with their cover of the **Bee Gees'** **Emotions**, a number 11 hit for **Samantha Sang** in 1978.

Westlife's **Uptown Girl** sold a further 44,000 units last week, to bring its sales to date to 634,000. It thus becomes the biggest seller of the group's nine singles to date.

INDEPENDENT SINGLES

This Week	Last Week	Title	Artist	Label (distributor)
1	NEW	MR WRITER	Stereophonics	V2 VVR 5015938 (3MV/P)
2	NEW	SINCE I LEFT YOU	Avalanches	XL Recordings XLS 128CD (V)
3	NEW	DON'T LET ME BE THE LAST TO KNOW	Britney Spears	Jive 9252032 (P)
4	3	BEST FRIENDS FOREVER	Tweenies	BBC Music VMMS60382 (P)
5	2	THE STORM IS OVER NOW	R Kelly	Jive 9251852 (P)
6	4	PLUG IN BABY	Muse	Mushroom MUSH 89CD5X (3MV/P)
7	NEW	ANIMAL	Lost It Dot Com	Perfecto PERF 13CD5 (3MV/P)
8	NEW	ARE YOU SERIOUS	Stimulant DJs	Tidy Trax TIDY 150T (ADD)
9	7	STUTTER	Joe feat. Mystikal	Jive 9251632 (P)
10	8	MUSIC IS MOVING	Cortina	Nukleuz NUKC 0159 (ADD)
11	NEW	STONED TRANCE	Thermobee & Stratosphere	Duty Free DF 025CD (V)
12	NEW	MUZIK X PRESS	X Press 2	Junior BRG018 (ADD)
13	NEW	RETURN FROM FLATLINER	Nexus	Nukleuz NUKP0329 (ADD)
14	9	SUNRISE (HERE I AM)	Ratty	Neo NEOCD 051 (V)
15	6	AS I SAT SADLY BY HER SIDE	Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds	Mute CDMUTE 249 (V)
16	14	OVER THE RAINBOW	Eva Cassidy	Blix Street/Hot HIT16 (HOT)
17	12	THE VISION	Mario Piu presents DJ Arabesque	BXR BXRC 0253 (ADD)
18	5	NOW ALWAYS AND FOREVER	Gay Dad	B Unique BUN004CDX (V)
19	NEW	BUG	Mauro Picotto	BXR BXRPO303 (ADD)
20	NEW	CRACKING UP	Murry The Hump	Too Pure PURE114CD5 (V)

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PEPSI Chart

This Week	Last Week	Title	Artist	Label
1	1	PURE AND SIMPLE	Hear'Say	Polydor
2	2	IT WASN'T ME	Shaggy feat. Rikrok	MCA
3	NEW	BUTTERFLY	Crazy Town	Columbia
4	4	CLINT EASTWOOD	Gorillaz	Parlophone
5	3	UPTOWN GIRL	Westlife	RCA
6	5	SALSOL NUGGET	M&S Presents The Girl Next Door	hfr
7	4	WHOLE AGAIN	Atomic Kitten	Innocent
8	7	TEENAGE DIRTBAG	Wheatust	Columbia
9	9	I'M LIKE A BIRD	Nelly Furtado	Dreamworks/Polydor
10	5	MR. WRITER	Stereophonics	V2
11	8	RENDEZVOUS	Craig David	Wildstar
12	11	I WANNA BE U	Chocolate Puma	Cream
13	11	ALWAYS COME BACK...	Samantha Mumba	Polydor
14	12	HERE WITH ME	Dido	Cheeky/Arista
15	13	MS. JACKSON	Outkast	LaFace/Arista
16	11	ALL FOR YOU	Janet Jackson	Virgin
17	15	FEELS SO GOOD	Melanie B	Virgin
18	11	THINK ABOUT ME	Artful Dodger feat. M. Escoffery	hfr/London
19	20	SURVIVOR	Destiny's Child	Columbia
20	11	DANCING IN THE MOONLIGHT	Toploader	S2
21	NEW	STRAIGHT UP	Chante Moore	MCA
22	19	CHILLIN'	Modjo	Sound Of Barclay/Polydor
23	21	LOVIN' EACH DAY	Ronan Keating	Polydor
24	21	WHAT IT FEELS LIKE FOR A GIRL	Madonna	Maverick/Warner Bros
25	NEW	SHOW ME THE MONEY	Architects feat. Nana Go Beat	Virgin
26	21	WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG?	Emma Bunton	Virgin
27	21	HE LOVES U NOT DREAM	Bad Boy/Arista	Epic
28	21	I'M OUTTA LOVE	Anastacia	Epic
29	21	INDEPENDENT WOMEN PART 1	Destiny's Child	Columbia
30	NEW	LET LOVE BE YOUR ENERGY	Robbie Williams	Chrysalis
31	NEW	DON'T LET ME BE THE LAST...	Britney Spears	Jive
32	21	I NEED YOU	LeAnn Rimes	Curb/London
33	21	LOVE DON'T COST A THING	Jennifer Lopez	Epic
34	21	NOBODY WANTS TO BE LONELY	R. Martin & C. Aguilera	Columbia
35	21	INNER SMILE	Texas	Mercury
36	21	CASE OF THE EX	Mya	Interscope/Polydor
37	21	STUCK IN A MOMENT...	U2	Universal Island
38	NEW	UP ON THE DOWNSIDE	Ocean Colour Scene	Universal Island
39	21	GROOVEJET (IF THIS AIN'T LOVE)	Spiller	Positive
40	NEW	THIS IS WHERE I CAME IN	Bee Gees	Polydor

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Main album chart table with columns for rank, title, artist, label, and sales. Includes entries like 'POPSTARS', 'SONGBIRD', 'GORILLAZ', 'NO ANGEL', etc.

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TOP COMPILATIONS

Top compilations chart table. Includes 'THE ANNUAL - SPRING 2001', 'THE CHILL OUT SESSION', 'NOW DANCE 2001 PART 2', etc.

ARTISTS A-Z

Artists chart table listing artists and their album positions. Includes Linkin Park, L'Orchestra, Madonna, etc.

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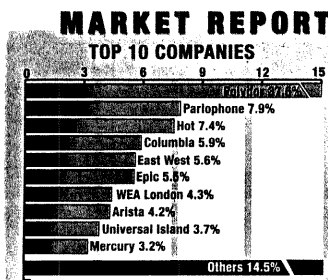
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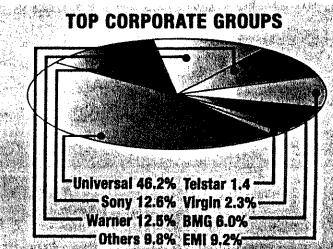
There was a certain inevitability about it but the number one debut by **Hear'Say's** Popstars' album is still notable, not least because it sold a massive 306,631 units on its first week in the shops, the highest weekly sale of any album since The Beatles' 1 sold 422,000 units the week before Christmas. In so doing, Popstars instantly sold platinum and jumped from nowhere to number five on the year-to-date bestsellers list.

Meanwhile, the album which steps down from pole position to make way for it – **Eva Cassidy's** *Songbird* – sold a further 66,000 units. It will pass the 500,000 mark today (April 2), and has already sold 392,000 units this year, a total beaten only by **Dido's** *No Angel*, which shifted a further 39,000 units last week to bring its overall sales to 802,000 and its 2001 sales to 696,000.

Gorillaz' self-titled debut album sold nearly 48,000 units last week and debuts at number three. The cartoon character group, who have Damon Albarn of Blur as their vocalist, have



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



sold more than 200,000 units of their single **Clint Eastwood** – which manages to be the only climber in the Top 40, moving 6-4 despite

the album's release – in the past four weeks. **Human** debuts at number nine to deliver **Rod Stewart** his 22nd Top 10 album in a solo

ALBUMS FACTFILE

Beating the 268,000 mark set by **Robson & Jerome's** self-titled 1995 album, **Hear'Say's** Popstars sold more than 306,000 units last week to record the highest first-week sales for a debut album. Selling nearly five times as many copies as **Eva Cassidy's** number two album *Songbird*, more copies than the rest of the Top 10 added together and accounting for more than 15% of all artist album sales last week, Popstars

inevitably dented sales of **Hear'Say's** single *Pure And Simple*, which saw its tally tumble more than 66% week-on-week. It does however, retain the number one slot, and means that **Hear'Say** join the very short list of acts who have simultaneously topped the chart with their debut single and album. The only previous examples are **The Monkees** (1967), **Tubeway Army** (1979) and **Hanson** (1997).

career spanning 30 years. Although **Human** has thus done a great deal better here than in the US, where it peaked at number 50 a few weeks ago, it sold a modest 19,000 units last week, less than half the number **Stewart's** last album *When We Were The New Boys* sold when it entered at number two in 1998.

While **Shaggy's** *It Wasn't Me* has sold more copies than **Hear'Say's** *Pure And Simple*, his album *Hot Shot* plays a minor supporting role to their Popstars – not least because it is not officially out here until today. As an import shipped by Universal in the UK, *Hot Shot* has already ridden the chart for nine weeks, and improves 29-20 this week, just one notch below its highest placing to date. It sold more than 10,000 units last week, taking its overall tally to more than 77,000. Although *It Wasn't Me* is **Shaggy's** third number one single, he has sold few albums hitherto, and *Hot Shot* is both his biggest seller and his highest-charting album to date.

COMPILATIONS

A week after losing its six-week lock on the album chart summit, the Ministry Of Sound reasserts its claim to pole position, with **The Annual – Spring 2001** blasting its way to number one with sales of more than 31,000. The album which occupied the summit for them for six weeks – **The Chillout Session** – rebounds 3-2, giving the label the top two positions for the first time.

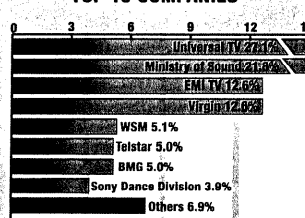
The *Annual – Spring 2001* is another excellent collection, featuring both big hits like *Operation Blade* by Public Domain as well as more underground hits like *The Baguio Track* by Luzon and *That Zipper Track* by DJ Dan presents *Needle Damage*.

The *Chillout Session*, by the way, sold 29,000 units last week – its eighth in the chart – and is the first 2001 compilation to

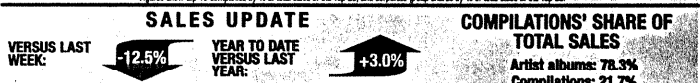
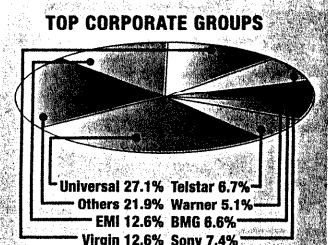
go platinum, with sales to date of 321,000. Meanwhile, last week's number one – **New Woman 2001** – sinks to number four, with sales off 63%. Its big decline is due in no small part to the fact it enjoyed an artificially massive boost to its sales the previous week, when it was widely purchased as a Mother's Day gift. Several other compilations suffer similar declines for the same reason – **Steve Wright's** *Love Songs* slips 8-18, **Magic** falls 7-19 and **Passion** cools 16-25 to name just three – and despite the arrival of four new entries to the Top 10 (*The Annual – Spring 2001* plus **MTV Select** at number six, **Westwood** at number seven and **Gatecrasher Discotech Generation** at number 10) compilation sales dip 13%, while artist album sales, fuelled by **Hear'Say**, climb 3%.

MARKET REPORT

TOP 10 COMPANIES



Figures show top 10 companies by % of total sales of the Top 20, and corporate group shares by % of total sales of the Top 20



INDEPENDENT ALBUMS

This	Last	Title	Artist	Label (distributor)
1	1	SONGBIRD	Eva Cassidy	Blix Street/Hot G210045 (HOT)
2	3	PERFORMANCE AND COCKTAILS	Stereophonics	V2 VVR 1004492 (3MV/P)
3	NEW	IF YOU HAPPY WITH YOU NEED DO NOTHING	Alfie	Twisted Nerve/XL TN 026CD (V)
4	5	THE HOUR OF BEWILDERBEAST	Badly Drawn Boy	XL Recordings TNXCD 133 (V)
5	2	TIME AFTER TIME	Eva Cassidy	Blix Street G 210073 (HOT)
6	4	PLAY	Moby	Mute CDSTUMM 172 (V)
7	11	JJ72	JJ72	Lakota LAK CD0017 (3MV/P)
8	9	SHOWBIZ	Muse	Mushroom MUSH 59CD (3MV/P)
9	18	WORD GETS AROUND	Stereophonics	V2 VVR 1000438 (3MV/P)
10	RE	YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY, BABY	Fatboy Slim	Skint BRASSIC 11CD (3MV/P)
11	RE	YESTERDAY WENT TOO SOON	Feeder	Echo ECHDD 28 (P)
12	7	THE OPTIMIST	Turin Brakes	Source SOUR CD023 (V)
13	NEW	NATURAL HISTORY	I Am Kloot	We Love You AMOUR5CD (V)
14	6	FINELINES	My Vitriol	Infectious INFECT 96CDX (3MV/P)
15	16	EUENA VISTA SOCIAL CLUB	Ry Cooder	World Circuit WCD 050 (P)
16	RE	POLYTHENE	Feeder	Echo ECHCD 15 (V)
17	RE	1977	Ash	Infectious INFECT 40CD (RTM/DISC)
18	10	LIVE AT BLUES ALLEY	Eva Cassidy	Blix Street G210046 (HOT)
19	8	WWF THE MUSIC - VOL. 5	James A Johnston	Koch KOCCD8830 (KO)
20	RE	LEBUT	Bjork	One Little Indian TPLP 31CDX (P)

THE YEAR SO FAR... TOP 20 ALBUMS

TW	LW	Album	Artist
1	1	NO ANGEL	DIDO
2	14	SONGBIRD	EVA CASSIDY
3	2	PARACHUTES	COLDPLAY
4	3	NOT THAT KIND	ANASTACIA
5	NEW	POPSTARS	HEARSAY
6	4	CHOCOLATE STARFISH AND THE HOT DOG	LIMP BIZKIT
7	10	WHITE LADDER	DAMP GRAY
8	5	THE GREATEST HITS	TEXAS
9	6	ONKA'S BIG MOKA	TOPLoader
10	7	THE MARSHALL MATHERS LP	EMINEM
11	8	ALL THAT YOU CAN'T LEAVE BEHIND	U2
12	9	1	BEATLES
13	13	BORN TO DO IT	CRAIG DAVID
14	12	SING WHEN YOU'RE WINNING	ROBBIE WILLIAMS
15	11	MUSIC	MADONNA
16	15	2001	DR DRE
17	16	COAST TO COAST	WESTLIFE
18	7	7	S CLUB 7
19	18	INFEST	PAPA ROACH
20	19	THE WRITING'S ON THE WALL	DESTINY'S CHILD

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