

CHART COMMENTARY

by ALAN JONES



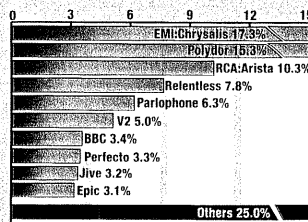
To his tally of six number one hits as a member of Take That and four solo chart toppers, Robbie Williams adds his first duet number one this week. Williams croons his way to the summit with actress Nicole Kidman on *Somethin' Stupid*, the first single from his latest album *Swing When You're Winning*. Originally a number one hit for father and daughter team Frank and Nancy Sinatra in 1967, *Somethin' Stupid* was

also a minor hit for Coronation Street actors Amanda Barrie and Johnny Briggs and another father and daughter pairing - UB40's *All Campbell and Kikibi*. The two latter versions cancelled each other out, reaching 35 and 30 respectively in Christmas 1995. Williams & Kidman's success makes *Somethin' Stupid* the 27th song to hit number one in two different versions.

Robbie Williams racks up his second straight number one and Nicole Kidman has her second foray into the Top 40 in three months, having reached number 27 with fellow thespian Ewan McGregor and *Come What May* in September. Williams and Kidman's take on *Somethin' Stupid* easily wins the chart race this week, selling more than 98,500 copies to dethrone Daniel Bedingfield's two-week-chart-topper *Gotta Get Thru This*, which dips to number two while selling a further 67,000 copies. Even so, it is far from bonanza time for Williams and Kidman, whose single is the weakest-selling number one at this juncture of the year for a decade. Its sales compare particularly poorly with Bob The Builder's *Can We Fix It?*, which sold 215,000 copies in the same week last year, Westlife's *I Have A Dream* (213,000 copies in 1999) and Teletubbies' *'Eh Oh'*, which shifted 230,000 copies in the same frame in 1997. The previous lowest winning tally in the 50th

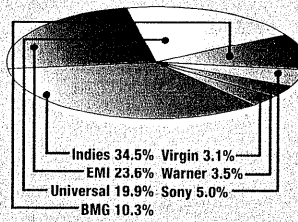
MARKET REPORT

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: **+3.5%**

YEAR TO DATE VERSUS LAST YEAR: **+1.2%**

PERCENTAGE OF UK ACTS IN THE CHART

UK: 64.9% US: 28.4% Other: 6.7%

week of the year in the last 10 years was the 124,000 which won Michael Jackson pole position with *Earth Song* in 1995.

Going head-to-head for the first time in their careers, Michael and Janet Jackson both make poor debuts this week. Janet's *Son Of*

A Gun (*I Betcha Think This Song Is About You*) debuts at number 13, becoming the lowest-charting of the three singles from her *All For You* album to date. It is her worst showing since *Every Time* reached number 46 three years ago this week. She does, however, have the consolation of beating Michael's number 25 debut with *Cry*. Written by R. Kelly, who also penned Jackson's 1995 chart-topper *You Are Not Alone*, *Cry* debuts at a lowly number 25, becoming Jacko's lowest-charting single for exactly eight years since, *Gone Too Soon* stiffed at number 33 this week in 1993. While Janet won this battle, Michael is winning the war, with his *Invincible* album selling 245,000 copies in the last seven weeks. Janet's *All For You* album has sold only 160,000 copies since its release in April. Lately is Samantha Mumba's fifth and smallest hit from her debut album *Gotta Tell You*. Debuting at number six it is a cover of Divine's 1999 US chart-topper, which peaked at number 52 here.

INDEPENDENT SINGLES

This Week	Last Week	Title	Artist	Label (distributor)
1	1	HANDBAGS AND GLADRAGS	Stereophonics	V2 VVR 5017752 (3MV/P)
2	2	RESURRECTION	PPK	Perfecto PERF 32CDS (3MV/P)
3	NEW	JUST A DAY EP	Feeder	Echo ECSCX 121 (P)
4	4	I BELIEVE IN CHRISTMAS	Tweenies	BBC Music WMSS 60502 (P)
5	3	WORDS ARE NOT ENOUGH...	Steps	Jive 9201452 (P)
6	6	WHERE'S YOUR HEAD AT	Basement Jaxx	XL Recordings XLS 140CD (V)
7	7	SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW...	Cliff Richard	Papillon CLIFFCX 1 (P)
8	5	DOIN' IT	Liberty	V2 VVR 5017798 (3MV/P)
9	8	BELIEVERS	Baz	One Little Indian 313 TP7CD1 (3MV/P)
10	9	SHE GOT GAME	Tymes 4	Blacklist 0134605 ERE (V)
11	NEW	THE MAGNIFICENT 7	Scoobie	Big Tongue BTR 001CDS (SHK/P)
12	NEW	LIGHT UP THE WORLD FOR CHRISTMAS	Lampies	Bluecrest LAMPDCD 001 (P)
13	10	GONE	'N Sync	Jive 9252772 (P)
14	NEW	SPLINTER	Seafood	Infectious INFEC 104CDS (3MV/P)
15	NEW	WHAT DO YOU WANT?	Dajae & Full Intention	Essence ESR 004 (3MV/V)
16	11	POOR LENO	Royksopp	Wall Of Sound WALLD 073 (V)
17	16	I'M A SLAVE 4 U	Britney Spears	Jive 9252892 (P)
18	13	THE COMPASS	Dave Clarke	Skint SKINT 73CD (3MV/P)
19	14	HYPER MUSIC/FEELING GOOD	Muse	Mushroom MUSH97CDSX (3MV/P)
20	12	I'M WAKING UP TO US	Belle & Sebastian	Jeeptor JPCRDS 023 (3MV/P)

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PEPSI Chart

This Week	Last Week	Title	Artist	Label
1	34	SOMETHIN' STUPID	Robbie Williams & Nicole Kidman	Chrysalis
2	1	GOTTA GET THRU THIS	Daniel Bedingfield	Relentless
3	2	MURDER ON THE DANCEFLOOR	Sophie Ellis Bextor	Polydor
4	4	HANDBAGS AND GLADRAGS	Stereophonics	V2
5	NEW	WILL I	Ian Van Dahl	NuLife/Arista
6	NEW	LATELY	Samantha Mumba	Polydor
7	3	HAVE YOU EVER	S Club 7	Polydor
8	5	RESURRECTION	PPK	Perfecto
9	5	I BELIEVE IN CHRISTMAS	Tweenies	BBC
10	7	COUNTRY ROADS	Hermes House Band	Liberty
11	11	IF YOU COME BACK	Blue	Innocent
12	10	WHO DO YOU LOVE...	Riva feat. Danni Minogue	flirt
13	13	CAN'T GET YOU OUT...	Kylie Minogue	Parlophone
14	12	FALLIN'	Alicia Keys	J
15	NEW	SON OF A GUN...	Janet Jackson feat. Carly Simon	Virgin
16	NEW	CATCH	Kosheen	Moksha/Arista
17	17	WHAT IF	Kate Winslet	EMI Liberty
18	17	FAMILY AFFAIR	Mary J Blige	MCA/Uni-Island
19	NEW	WE'RE NOT GONNA...	Emma Bunton	Virgin
20	15	RAPTURE	lu	Data/Ministry Of Sound
21	NEW	JUST A DAY EP	Feeder	Echo
22	16	EMOTION	Destiny's Child	Columbia
23	5	WORDS ARE NOT ENOUGH...	Steps	Ebul/Jive
24	14	EVERYBODY	Hear 'Say	Polydor
25	16	CRYING AT THE DISCOTEQUE	Alcazar	Arista
26	20	I'M REAL	Jennifer Lopez	Epic
27	23	WHAT WOULD YOU DO	City High	Interscope/Polydor
28	22	QUEEN OF MY HEART	Westlife	Rca
29	19	PAID MY DUES	Anastacia	Epic
30	27	IN TOO DEEP	Sum41	Def Jam/Mercury
31	28	DON'T NEED THE SUN...	Gabrielle	Go Beat/Polydor
32	NEW	CRY	Michael Jackson	Epic
33	NEW	ONE NIGHT STAND	Mrs Teneq	Infernal/Telstar
34	12	STARLIGHT	Sugaborn Lovers	Independiente
35	37	HIT 'EM UP STYLE (OOPSI)	Blz Cantrell	Arista
36	25	BOHEMIAN LIKE YOU	The Dandy Warhols	Capitol
37	11	DOIN' IT	Liberty	V2
38	18	BECAUSE I GOT HIGH	Afronnan	Universal/Uni-Island
39	24	CALLING	Geir Halliwell	EMI
40	NEW	...FREE	Lighthouse Family	Wild Card/Polydor

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This Week	Last Week	Title	Artist (Producer)	Label/CD (Distributor)	Cass/Vinyl/MD
1	1	4	SWING WHEN YOU'RE WINNING ★3 Robbie Williams (Chambers/Power)	Chrysalis 5368262 (E)	5368264/-/-
2	2	5	DREAMS CAN COME TRUE - GREATEST HITS ★4 Gabrielle (Shorten/Boilerhouse/Fermin/Dollar/Varios)	Go Beat/Polydor 5893742 (U)	5893744/-/-
3	3	3	SUNSHINE ★2 S Club 7 (Ellis/Lipson/Shorten/Dennis/Paul/Eriksen/Bondy/Jewels and Stone)	Polydor 5894092 (U)	5894094/-/-
4	5	3	ALL RISE ★2 Blue (Stor Gate/Ruffin/Steelworks/Padley/Godfrey)	Innocent CDSIN 8 (E)	SINMC 8/-/-
5	6	5	WORLD OF OUR OWN ★3 Westlife (Mac/Magnusson/Kreuger/Romdiane/Larossi/Varios)	RCA 74321903082 (BMG)	7432190304/-/-
6	4	9	KID - THE GREATEST HITS ★4 Steps (Topham/Fwigg/Waterman/Frampton/Varios)	Ebu/Jive 9201412 (P)	-/-/-
7	7	7	ENCORE ★2 Russell Watson (Patrick/Watson)	Decca 4703002 (U)	4703004/-/-
8	10	6	ECHOES - THE BEST OF ● Pink Floyd (Boyd/Smith/Gilmour/Waters/Pink Floyd/Ezrin)	EMI 5361112 (E)	-536111/-/-
9	14	61	NO ANGEL ★6 Dido (Various)	4 Cheeky/Arista 74321832742 (BMG)	74321832744/-/-
10	12	5	SOLID BRONZE - GREAT HITS ● The Roots (South Kelly/Hedges/Hearn/Brough/The Magic Pumpkin)	Go!Discs 5864442 (U)	5864444/586444/-/-
11	8	5	GHV2 ★2 Madonna (Madonna/Ortiz/Petibone/Leonard/Almadaz/Varios)	Maverick/Warner Bros 9362480002 (TEN)	9362480004/-/-
12	11	5	THE STORY SO FAR - THE VERY BEST OF ★ Rod Stewart (Stewart/Dowd/Horn/Edwards/Ezrin/Varios)	Warner Bros 8122735812 (TEN)	8122735814/-/-
13	9	5	THEIR GREATEST HITS - THE RECORD ★ Bee Gees (Bee Gees/Stigwood/Richardson/Galuten/Martin/Varios)	Polydor 5894492 (U)	5894494/-/-
14	18	4	SMALL WORLD BIG BAND ● Jools Holland (Latham/Burrow/Holland)	WSM 0927426562 (TEN)	0927426564/-/-
15	19	3	FREAK OF NATURE ● Anastacia (Wake/Jones/Biancaniello/Watters)	Epic 5047572 (TEN)	-/-/-
16	25	35	JUST ENOUGH EDUCATION TO PERFORM ★2 Stereophonics (Bird & Bush)	V2 VVR 1015838 (3MV/P)	VVR 1015834/VVR 1015831/VVR 1015839
17	16	11	FEVER ★2 Kylie Minogue (Stannard/Galagher/Davis/Dennis/Fitzgerald/Varios)	Parlophone 5358042 (E)	5358044/-/-
18	13	4	WHATEVER GETS YOU THROUGH THE DAY ★ Lighthouse Family (Bacon/Quarumby)	Wild Card/Polydor 5894122 (U)	-/-/-
19	20	27	THE INVISIBLE BAND ★3 Travis (Gndrich)	1 Independiente ISOM 25CD (TEN)	ISOM 25MC/ASOM 25LP/ISOM 25MD
20	26	11	SONGS FROM THE WEST COAST ★ Elton John (Leonard)	Rocket/Mercury 5863302 (U)	-/-/-
21	17	6	THE BEST OF ★ The Corrs (Corrs/Leiber/Foster/Lange/Froom/Tin Tin Out/Wilkins)	1 Atlantic 7567930752 (TEN)	7567930734/-/-
22	15	4	GREATEST HITS ★ Five (Stannard/Gallagher/Jake/Martin/Pop/Varios)	RCA 74321913432 (BMG)	7432191674/-/-
23	23	33	SURVIVOR ★3 Destiny's Child (Knowles/Varios)	1 Columbia 5017832 (TEN)	5017834/-/5017838
24	22	49	HYBRID THEORY ★2 Linkin Park (Gilmore)	1 Warner Bros 9362477552 (TEN)	9362477554/-/-
25	31	81	MY WAY - THE BEST OF ★3 Frank Sinatra (Various)	Reprise 9362467122 (TEN)	9362467104/-/-

26	21	4	THEY DON'T KNOW ★ So Solid Crew (Shabazz/Oxide/Synch/Swiss/Dan Da Man/Burrell/Haney/Granger)	Relentless/Independents ISOM 27CD (TEN)	ISOM 27MC/ISOM 27LP
27	36	10	DAYS OF SPEED ★ Paul Weller (no credit)	Independiente ISOM 26CD (TEN)	-/ISOM 26LP/-
28	29	14	SONGS IN A MINOR ★ Alicia Keys (Dupri/Buruss/Brothers/Keys)	J 80813200022 (BMG)	-/-/-
29	30	15	A FUNK ODYSSEY ★ Jamiroquai (Jay Kay/The Pope)	S2 5040692 (TEN)	5040694/5040691/5040698
30	27	7	GREATEST HITS - CHAPTER ONE ★ Backstreet Boys (Martin/Lundin/Ram/Pop/Renn/Varios)	Jive 9222672 (P)	-/-/-
31	28	36	J.L.O ★ Jennifer Lopez (Various)	1 Epic 5005502 (TEN)	5005504/-/-
32	38	20	ALL KILLER NO FILLER ● Sum 41 (Finn)	Mercury 5486622 (U)	-/-/-
33	58	7	READ MY LIPS ● Sophie Ellis-Bextor (Wilkinson/Hiller/James/Rowe/Alexander/Rakassan/Hall)	Polydor 5891742 (U)	-/-/-
34	39	85	WHITE LADDER ★6 David Gray (Gray/McClune/Polson/De Vries)	1 HT/East West 857382932 (TEN)	8573831554/-/-
35	33	23	RIGHT NOW ★ Atomic Kitten (Engine/Ruffin/Varios)	Innocent CDSIN 6 (E)	SINMC 6/-/-
36	24	2	EVERYBODY ● Hear'Say (Jian/Hedges/Star Gate/Paul/Varios)	Polydor 5895412 (U)	5895414/-/-
37	35	9	CIELI DI TOSCANA ★ Andrea Bocelli (Valli/Taylor/Smith/Malavasi/Remis)	Polydor 5892454 (U)	-/-/-
38	32	6	ALL THIS TIME ● Sting (Kipper/Sting)	A&M/Polydor 4931802 (U)	-/-/-
39	34	5	INTERNATIONAL SUPERHITS ● Green Day (Green Day/Cavallo/Finn)	Reprise 9362481452 (TEN)	9362481454/-/-
40	37	7	LICKIN' ON BOTH SIDES ★ Mis-Teeq (Various)	Inferno/Telstar TCD 3212 (BMG)	-/-/-
41	41	3	YOUNG LUST - THE ANTHOLOGY ● Aerosmith (Fairbairn/Templeman/Douglas/Aerosmith/Simmons/Rubin)	1 Universal TV 4931192 (U)	-/-/-
42	12	12	COLLECTION ● Tracy Chapman (Kershenbaum/Chapman/Lovine/Gelman)	Elektra 7559627002 (TEN)	7559627004/-/-
43	43	4	THE BEST OF ● Ricky Martin (Child/Rosa/Noriega/Varios)	Columbia 5050192 (TEN)	-/-/-
44	40	5	THE 50 GREATEST LOVE SONGS ● Elvis Presley (Various)	RCA 74321900752 (BMG)	-/-/-
45	42	6	WANTED ● Cliff Richard (Tarney)	Papillon WANTED 1 (P)	-/-/-
46	50	45	HOT SHOT ★3 Shaggy (Various)	1 MCA/Uni-Island 1122932 (U)	-/-/-
47	49	4	THE CHRISTMAS ALBUM ● Tweenies (Jian/Ed n Mo/Lewin/Woodgate/New/Coler/Korpi)	BBC Music WMSF 60482 (P)	WMSF 60484/-/-
48	45	8	ENCHANTMENT ● Charlotte Church (Thomas)	Sony Classical SK 89710 (TEN)	ST 89710/-/-
49	44	7	INVINCIBLE ● Michael Jackson (Jackson/Jenkins/Riley/D. Freeze/Harris/Babyface/Kelly)	Epic 4951742 (TEN)	4951744/4951741/4951748
50	61	46	SONGBIRD ★3 Eva Cassidy (Cassidy/Biondo)	Blix Street/Hot G210045 (HOT)	G410045/-/-
51	48	9	THERE YOU'LL BE ● Faith Hill (Gallimore/Hill/Horn/Varios)	Warner Bros 9362482402 (TEN)	9362482404/-/-

52	57	9	LOVE IS HERE ● Starsailor (Osborne)	Chrysalis 5353502 (E)	5353504/5353501/-
53	51	17	BREAK THE CYCLE ● Staind (Abraham)	East West 7559626642 (TEN)	7559626644/-/-
54	55	4	LIVE LAUGH LOVE ● Daniel O'Donnell (Ryan)	Rosette ROSCD 2002 (RMG/U)	ROSCMC 2002/-/-
55	46	2	GREATEST HITS ● Mariah Carey (Carey/Atanasi/Hall/Dupri/Jam/Lewis/Varios)	Columbia 5054612 (TEN)	-/-/-
56	56	16	EXECUTE ● Oxide & Neutrino (Oxide/Neutrino)	East West 8573885612 (TEN)	8573885594/-/-
57	52	23	8701 ★ Usher (Dupri/Cox/Jam/Lewis/Neptunes/Varios)	Arista 74321874712 (BMG)	74321874714/-/-
58	53	6	BRITNEY ● Britney Spears (Martin/Rami/Jenkins/The Neptunes/KNS Prods/Varios)	Jive 9222532 (P)	-/-/-
59	60	16	IS THIS IT ● The Strokes (Raphael/Bowersock)	Rough Trade RTRADECD 030 (U)	-/RTRADEL P 030/-
60	62	6	LOVE AND LIFE - THE VERY BEST OF ● Diana Ross (Dozie/Ashford/Simpson/Edwards/Rogers/Varios)	EMI/Universal TV 5358622 (E)	-/-/-
61	54	56	ALL THAT YOU CAN'T LEAVE BEHIND ★3 U2 (Lanois/Eno)	3 Island/Uni-Island 0002 12 (U)	UC2 12/UC2 12/-
62	63	11	THEN AND NOW ● Cassidy (Carfrae/Melvin/Cassidy/Tarney/Bunette/Espalito/Rammer)	Universal TV 0160822 (U)	-/-/-
63	64	44	1★7 ● The Beatles (Martin)	7 Apple 5299702 (E)	5299704/529251/-
64	72	34	WHOA NELLY ● Nelly Furtado (Eaton/West/Furtado/Levine)	DreamWorks/Polydor 4502852 (U)	-/-/-
65	68	2	THIS IS THE MOMENT ● Adam Watkins (Reedman/Jarratt)	Universal TV/Decca 0166082 (U)	-/-/-
66	65	7	ONE LOVE ● Bob Marley & The Wailers (Marley/The Wailers/Blackwell/Perry/Burrett/Brown/Sarkin)	Tuff Gong 5865512 (U)	-/-/-
67	59	11	THE ALBUM ● Bob The Builder (Mitchell)	BBC Music WMSF 60472 (P)	WMSF 60474/-/-
68	70	7	THE DEFINITIVE COLLECTION ● Abba (Andersson/Ulvaeus)	Polar 5499742 (U)	-/-/-
69	73	38	GORILLAZ ★ Gorillaz (Dan The Automator/Gorillaz/Girling/Cox)	Parlophone 5320930 (E)	-5311381/-
70	74	21	ORIGIN OF SYMMETRY ● Muse (Muse/Leckie/Bottrill)	Mushroom MUSH 93CD (3MV/P)	MUSH 93CM/MUSH 93LP/MUSH 93MD
71	66	2	THE GREATEST HITS ● Boney M (Farian)	BMG 74321896142 (BMG)	-/-/-
72	69	4	GODDESS IN THE DOORWAY ● Mick Jagger (Frederiksen/Cilford/Kravitz/Jean/Potter)	Virgin CDVUS 214 (E)	-/-/-
73	RE	RE	NO MORE DRAMA ● Mary J Blige (Ftaw/Griffin/Thompson/Varios)	MCA/Uni-Island 1126322 (U)	-/1126161/-
74	67	186	THE IMMACULATE COLLECTION ★11 Madonna (Various)	Sire 7599264402 (TEN)	WXK 370C/WXK 370/-
75	RE	RE	THE LOOK OF LOVE ● Diana Krall (Bird)	Verve 5498462 (U)	-/-/-

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Highest new entry HC Highest climber Sales increase Sales increase 50% or more

TOP COMPILATIONS

This Week	Last Week	Title	Artist	Label/CD/Cass/Vinyl/MD (Distributor)
1	1	4	NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL MUSIC! 50 ★3 EMI/Virgin/Universal CDNOW50/TCNOW50/-/- (E)	
2	6	3	THE BEST OF THE RAT PACK ● Capitol 5364522/-/- (E)	
3	2	5	CLASSICS 2002 ★ Decca 4721092/-/- (U)	
4	10	6	BEST CHRISTMAS ALBUM IN THE WORLD EVER ● Virgin/EMI VTDCD347/-/- (E)	
5	NEW	5	SMASH HITS 2002 ● EMI/Virgin/Universal VTDCD398/-/- (E)	
6	9	2	I LOVE 2 PARTY ● Virgin/EMI VTDCD421/-/- (E)	
7	7	6	THE BEST AIR GUITAR ALBUM IN THE WORLD...EVER! ● EMI/Virgin/Universal VTDCD416/-/- (E)	
8	8	4	MOTOWN GOLD ● Universal TV 0163012/-/- (U)	
9	5	3	ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER - GOLD ● Really Useful/Polydor 5894922/-/- (U)	

10	4	6	THE ANNUAL 2002 ● Ministry Of Sound ANCDK211/-/- (3MV/TEN)
11	3	6	CAPITAL GOLD LEGENDS II ★ Virgin/EMI VTDCD418/-/- (E)
12	14	2	CHRISTMAS HITS ● BMG/Sony/Telstar/WSM HITSX01 (BMG)
13	19	3	COLD FEET (OST) ● Universal TV 5859132 (U)
14	12	14	CLASSICAL CHILLOUT ★ Virgin/EMI VTDCD408/-/- (E)
15	13	2	HITS 51 ● BMG/Sony/Telstar/WSM HITSX511 (BMG)
16	11	3	PURE CHILLOUT ● Virgin/EMI VTDCD420/-/- (E)
17	16	6	THE OPERA ALBUM 2002 ● Virgin/EMI VTDCD417/-/- (E)
18	15	7	NOW THE CHRISTMAS ALBUM ★ EMI/Virgin/Universal CDNOX2/TCNOX2/-/- (E)
19	NEW	2	LOVIN' IT 2 ● iNcredible/Inspired INSPCD15 -/- (3MV/TEN)
20	20	3	THE CLASSIC CHILLOUT ALBUM 2 ● Columbia STVCD129/-/- (TEN)

ARTISTS A-Z

ABBA	58	LINKIN PARK	24
AEROSMITH	41	LOPEZ, Jennifer	31
ANASTACIA	15	MADONNA	11,74
ATOMIC KITTEN	35	MARLEY, Bob, AND THE WAILERS	66
BACKSTREET BOYS	30	MARIN, Ricky	43
BEATLES, The	63	MINDGUE, Kylie	17
BEAUTIFUL SOUTH, The	10	MUSE	70
BE GEES	19	MIS-TEEQ	40
BLIGE, Mary J	73	O'DONNELL, Daniel	56
BOB THE BUILDER	67	OXIDE & NEUTRINO	54
BOCELLI, Andrea	37	PIK FLOYD	4
BLUE	4	PRESLEY, Elvis	8
BONEY M	11	RICHARD, Cliff	45
CAREY, Mariah	55	RICHARD, Diana	60
CASSIDY, David	62	S CLUB 7	3
CASSIDY, Eva	50	SHAGGY	46
CHAIRMAN, Tracy	42	SINATRA, Frank	25
CHURCH, Charlotte	48	SPEARS, Britney	58
CORRS, The	21	STAIND	53
DESTINY'S CHILD	23	STAIND	53
DIDO	6	STEPS	6
ELLIS-BEXTOR, Sophie	23	STEREOPHONICS	15
FIVE	22	STEWART, Rod	12
FURTIADO, Nelly	64	STING	38
GABRIELLE	7	STROKES, The	59
GORILLAZ	69	SUM 41	32
GRAY, David	34	SO SOLID CREW	26
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HEAR'SAY	36	TRAVIS	19
HILL, Faith	51	TWEENIES	41
HOLLAND, Jools	14	U2	67
JACKSON, Michael	49	USHER	7
JAGGER, Mick	12	WATSON, Russell	57
JAMIROQUAI	29	WATKISS, Adam	65
JOHN, Elton	20	WELLER, Paul	27
KEYS, Alicia	28	WESTLIFE	5
KBALL, Diana	75	WILLIAMS, Robbie	1
LIGHTHOUSE FAMILY	18		

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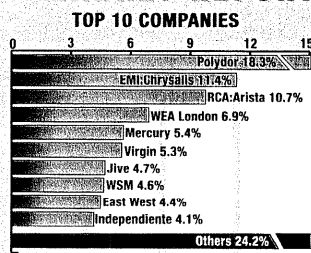
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Robbie Williams tops the chart for the fourth straight week with *Swing When You're Winning*, which upped its sales 15% week-on-week to 245,000, in line with the overall album market increase. The album is the first by Williams to spend more than three weeks at number one, and with first single *Somethin' Stupid* topping the singles chart, Williams simultaneously claims both titles for the first time in his career, either solo or with Take That.

There are no new entries to the Top 75 this week, with most records range-bound. Even records which are not climbing are generally enjoying increased sales, however. The only new entries in the Top 40 to suffer declines are *Steps*, *Five*, *So Solid Crew*, *Hear'say* and *Green Day*. Perhaps the unluckiest act are the *Beautiful South*, whose *Solid Bronze* - Greatest Hits dips 10-12 despite an impressive 53% increase week-on-week, a surge beaten in percentage terms only by *Sophie Ellis Bextor* (up 169%), the

MARKET REPORT



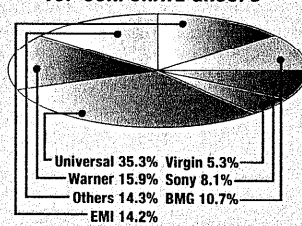
Figures show top 10 companies by % of total sales, and corporate group shares by % of total sales, of the Top 75 artist albums

SALES UPDATE

VERSUS LAST WEEK: **+14.8%**

YEAR TO DATE VERSUS LAST YEAR: **+6.2%**

TOP CORPORATE GROUPS



PERCENTAGE OF UK ACTS IN THE CHART

UK: 50.7% US: 42.7% Other: 6.7%

Stereophonics (68%) and Dido (67%).

Exactly a year after his last album *Hop The Wag* peaked at number 82, *Jools Holland* is

enjoying a major resurgence of interest. His *Small World Big Band* album, which includes tracks recorded with Jamiroquai, the late

ALBUMS FACTFILE

There is absolutely no doubt that the number one album of 2001 will be *No Angel* by Dido. Celebrating a year long presence in the Top 50 this week, *No Angel* spent seven weeks at number one, and has picked up steam again recently, partly because of exposure for the upcoming single *All You Want* and partly because it has just been released in a double-disc variation which adds mixes and the new song *Christmas Day*.

It jumps 14-9 this week, returning to the Top 10 after a seven-week absence. It sold more than 84,000 copies last week - a total it has beaten just once, back in February, when it posted a one-week sale of 101,000. *No Angel's* overall tally of 1,854,000 sales include 1,748,000 in 2001, putting it decisively clear of David Gray's *White Ladder* (966,000 sales this year) and Robbie Williams' *Swing When You're Winning* (947,000).

George Harrison and other name artists, improves 18-14 this week to record its highest chart position in the four weeks since its release, beating his previous most successful album since leaving Squeeze.

Sophie Ellis Bextor makes the biggest move within the chart, with *Read My Lips* surging 58-33. It sold 32,500 copies last week - nearly 10,000 more than the tally which brought it a number four debut back in September.

The fact there are no new entries to the Top 75 does not mean there are no new releases. The most notable album released last week was *Joe's Better Days*. It sold more than 5,800 copies - enough in the current climate for a number 96 debut. Incredibly, that is a higher sale than the 5,000 tally which earned a number 26 debut - and his highest ever chart position - for *All That I Am* in 1997. It also beats the 4,000 sales that brought his last album *My Name Is Joe* a number 55 debut just eight months ago.

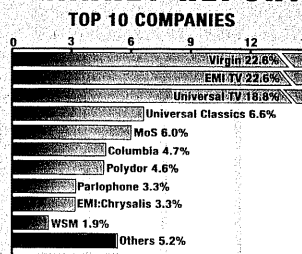
COMPILATIONS

The compilation sector is performing particularly well in the run-up to Christmas, with considerable gains over last year helping to make up the shortfall in the artist album sector. Last week saw some 5,005,000 artist albums sold according to OCC data, compared to 5,354,000 in the same week last year. That's a hefty 6.5% decline, which is compensated for in some small way by the buoyancy of the compilation market, where last week's tally of 1,927,500 sales was 19.2% up year-on-year. Compilations accounted for 27.3% of the album market last week, compared to 23.2% in the same week in 2000. Combining artist albums and compilations, last week saw a grand total of 6,933,000 albums sold - a 0.5% on the 6,970,000 total in 2000, and a 6% decline over 1999.

straight week, *Now That's What I Call Music!* 50 saw its sales slide by more than 10% for the third week in a row. It sold more than 183,000 copies last week to bring its 27 day tally to 887,000. That puts it 2,000 sales behind the pace set by *Now!* 47 last year, and a massive 199,000 behind the record set by *Now!* 44 in 1999. *Now!* 50 is still only the second biggest-selling compilation of the year, trailing the *Bridget Jones's Diary* soundtrack, though it should easily eclipse the latter album's 919,000 tally next week.

Its release tying in with the movie *Oceans 11*, the oddly titled *EEE O-11 - The Best Of The Rat Pack* brings together the legendary and late trio of Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr and Dean Martin. Also benefiting from Robbie Williams' homage, it scuttles 6-2 on the album chart with more than 65,000 sales last week.

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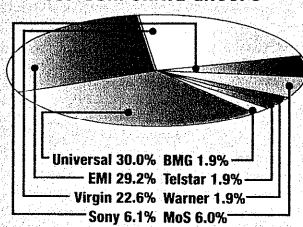
Figures show top 10 companies by % of total sales of the Top 75, and corporate group shares by % of total sales of the Top 20.

SALES UPDATE

VERSUS LAST WEEK: **+14.0%**

YEAR TO DATE VERSUS LAST YEAR: **+13.2%**

TOP CORPORATE GROUPS



COMPILATIONS' SHARE OF TOTAL SALES

Artist albums: 72.2%
Compilations: 27.8%

INDEPENDENT ALBUMS

This	Last	Title	Artist	Label (distributor)
1	1	JUST ENOUGH EDUCATION TO PERFORM	Stereophonics	V2 VVR 1015838 (3MV/P)
2	2	GOLD - THE GREATEST HITS	Steps	Jive 9201412 (P)
3	3	GREATEST HITS - CHAPTER ONE	Backstreet Boys	Jive 9222672 (P)
4	4	IS THIS IT	The Strokes	Rough Trade RTRADECD 030 (V)
5	6	SONGBIRD	Eva Cassidy	Blix Street/Hot G210045 (HOT)
6	5	ORIGIN OF SYMMETRY	Muse	Mushroom MUSH 93CD (3MV/P)
7	8	ROOTY	Basement Jaxx	XL Recordings XLCD 143 (V)
8	7	WANTED	Cliff Richard	Papillon WANTED 1 (P)
9	9	BRITNEY	Britney Spears	Jive 9222532 (P)
10	11	WHITE BLOOD CELLS	White Stripes	Sympathy For The Record Industry SFTRI 660CD (C)
11	NEW	BETTER DAYS	Joe	Jive JOETEMP1 (P)
12	10	GOODBYE COUNTRY (HELLO NIGHTCLUB)	Groove Armada	Pepper 9230492 (P)
13	12	THE CHRISTMAS ALBUM	Tweenies	BBC Music WMSF 60482 (P)
14	13	SIMPLE THINGS	Zero 7	Ultimate Dilemma UDRCD016 (3MV/P)
15	16	THE FAKE SOUND OF PROGRESS	Lostprophets	Visible Noise TORMENT10CD (V)
16	15	ECHO PARK	Feeder	Echo ECHCD34 (P)
17	20	FREE ALL ANGELS	Ash	Infectious INFECT100CD (3MV/P)
18	14	THE ALBUM	Bob The Builder	BBC Music WMSF 60472 (P)
19	18	SINCE I LEFT YOU	Avalanches	XL Recordings XLCD 138 (V)
20	17	YOUR NEW FAVOURITE BAND	Hives	Poptones (P)

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THE YEAR SO FAR...

TOP 20 COMPILATIONS

TW	W	Title	Artist	Label
1	2	BRIDGET JONES'S DIARY	ORIGINAL SOUNDTRACK	MERCURY
2	10	NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL MUSIC 50	VARIOUS ARTISTS	EMI/VIRGIN/UMTV
3	1	NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL MUSIC 48	VARIOUS ARTISTS	EMI/VIRGIN/UMTV
4	3	NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL MUSIC 49	VARIOUS ARTISTS	EMI/VIRGIN/UMTV
5	4	THE CLASSIC CHILLOUT ALBUM	VARIOUS ARTISTS	COLUMBIA
6	5	THE CHILLOUT SESSION	VARIOUS ARTISTS	MINISTRY OF SOUND
7	6	CAPITAL GOLD LEGENDS	VARIOUS ARTISTS	VIRGIN/EMI
8	7	CHILLED IBIZA	VARIOUS ARTISTS	WSM
9	9	MOULIN ROUGE	ORIGINAL SOUNDTRACK	INTERSCOPE
10	8	THE ALBUM	VARIOUS ARTISTS	VIRGIN/EMI
11	14	CLASSICAL CHILLOUT	VARIOUS ARTISTS	VIRGIN/EMI
12	NEW	THE ANNUAL 2002	VARIOUS ARTISTS	MINISTRY OF SOUND
13	11	THE LOOK OF LOVE - THE BURT BACHARACH	VARIOUS ARTISTS	WSM/UMTV
14	12	PEPSI CHART 2002	VARIOUS ARTISTS	VIRGIN/EMI
15	13	THE CHILLOUT SESSION 2	VARIOUS ARTISTS	MINISTRY OF SOUND
16	NEW	CAPITAL GOLD LEGENDS II	VARIOUS ARTISTS	VIRGIN/EMI
17	NEW	CLASSICS 2002	VARIOUS ARTISTS	DECCA
18	16	NOW DANCE 2002	VARIOUS ARTISTS	VIRGIN/EMI
19	15	NEW WOMAN 2001	VARIOUS ARTISTS	VIRGIN/EMI
20	17	BACK TO THE OLD SKOOL	VARIOUS ARTISTS	MINISTRY OF SOUND

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