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This Week	Last Week	Title	Artist (Producer) Publisher (Writer)	Label CD/Cass (Distributor)	7/12	TITLES A-Z
1	NEW	<b>SOUND OF THE UNDERGROUND</b>	Girls Aloud (Higgins/Xenomania) Warner-Chappell/Xenomania (Cooper/Scarlett/Higgins/Xenomania)	Polydor 0658272/0658274 (U)	-/-	38
2	NEW	<b>SACRED TRUST/AFTER YOU'RE GONE</b>	One True Vice (Work In Progress/Sandors/Watman) Gibb Bros/BMG/All Boys (Gibb/Gibb/Gibb/Parker/Pezace/Watman)	Ebul/Jive 9201532/9201534 (P)	-/-	39
3	2	<b>CHEEKY SONG (TOUCH MY BUM)</b>	The Cheeky Girls (The Cheeky Boys) Strongsongs/Universal (Irimia/The Cheeky Boys)	Multiply CDMULTY97/CAMULTY97 (BMG)	-/-	40
4	1	<b>SORRY SEEMS TO BE THE HARDEST WORD</b>	Blue feat. Elton John (StarGate) Warner-Chappell (John/Taupin)	Innocent SINDX43/SINC43 (E)	-/-	41
5	3	<b>LOSE YOURSELF</b>	Eminem (Eminem) Eight Mile Style (Eminem/Bass/Resto)	Interscope/Polydor 4978282/4978284 (U)	-/4978281	42
6	4	<b>IF YOU'RE NOT THE ONE</b>	Daniel Bedingfield (Taylor) Sony ATV (Bedingfield)	Polydor 0658632/0658634 (U)	-/-	43
7	NEW	<b>YOU'RE A SUPERSTAR</b>	Love Inc. (Love Inc/Ries) BMG/Chris Sheppard/C2 It (Sheppard/Ries/Denny)	Nulife/Arista 74321978042/- (BMG)	-/7432197384	44
8	11	<b>THE KETCHUP SONG (ASEREJE)</b>	Las Ketchup (Ruiz) Sony ATV (Ruiz/Benito)	Columbia 6731932/6731934 (TEN)	-/-	45
9	NEW	<b>SK8ER BOI</b>	Avril Lavigne (The Matrix) Warner-Chappell/Rondor/Universal (Lavigne/The Matrix)	Arista 7432197872/74321980704 (BMG)	-/-	46
10	7	<b>FEEL</b>	Robbie Williams (Chambers/Power) BMG/EMI (Williams/Chambers)	Chrysalis CDCHS150/TCCHS1510 (E)	-/-	47
11	6	<b>PUPPY LOVE/SLEIGH LOVE</b>	S Club Juniors (Jewels & Stone) EMI/Chrysalis (Anka/Anderson/Parish)	Polydor 0658442/0658444 (U)	-/-	48
12	9	<b>WE'VE GOT TONIGHT</b>	Ronan Keating feat. Lulu (Padley/Godfrey) Minder (Seeger)	Polydor 0658612/0658614 (U)	-/-	49
13	10	<b>DILEMMA</b>	Nelly feat. Kelly Rowland (Bam) BMG/Warner-Chappell/EMI (Gambler/Saiger/Haynes/Macon)	Universal/Uni-Island MCSTD40299/MCSC40299 (U)	-/MCST40299	50
14	NEW	<b>SCORPIO RISING</b>	Death In Vegas with Liam Gallagher (Death In Vegas) Universal/BMG/Warner-Chappell/CC (Ross/Freese/Homes/Pratt/Brown/Wel)	Concrete/Arista HARD54CD1/- (BMG)	-/HARD54CD1	51
15	5	<b>WHAT MY HEART WANTS TO SAY</b>	Gareth Gates (Mac) Rokstone/BMG (Mac/Elofsson)	S 74321985602/74321985594 (BMG)	-/-	52
16	11	<b>FAMILY PORTRAIT</b>	Pink (Storch) EMI (Pink/Storch)	Arista 74321982052/74321982054 (BMG)	-/-	53
17	12	<b>THE LAST GOODBYE/BE WITH YOU</b>	Atomic Kitten (Sta-Gate/Hewes/Harrington) EMI/Sony ATV/EMI (Hermansen/Lund/Birklund/Mikkal SE/Poku/Ruster/Lynne)	Innocent SINDX42/SINC42 (E)	-/-	54
18	14	<b>HOLDING ON FOR YOU</b>	Liberty X (Laws) Sony ATV (Prime/Simm/London/Taylor/Young/Laws/Hurrell)	V2 VVRS020768/VVRS020765 (3MV/TEN)	-/-	55
19	10	<b>DIRTY</b>	Christina Aguilera feat. Norman Howard (Aguilera) Warner-Chappell/Universal/BMG/France CC (Stinson/Aguilera/Muhammed/Cannon/Wel)	RCA 74321962722/74321975214 (BMG)	-/RCA75211	56
20	15	<b>THUG LOVIN'</b>	Ja Rule feat. Bobby Brown (Santana) EMI/BMG/Universal (Atkins/Lorenzo/Parker/Wonder)	Def Jam 0637872/0637874 (U)	-/0637871	57
21	19	<b>UNITED STATES OF WHATEVER</b>	Liam Lynch (Lynch) CC (Lynch)	Global Warming WARMCD17/- (P)	-/-	58
22	17	<b>NOTHING SACRED - A SONG FOR KIRSTY</b>	Russell Watson (Watson/Gordon) Universal (Black/Steinman)	Decca 4737402/- (U)	-/-	59
23	NEW	<b>I THINK WE'RE ALONE NOW</b>	Pascal feat. Karen Parry (Pascal) EMI (Cordell)	All Around The World COGLOBE267/CAGLOBE267 (AMD/U)	-/I2GLOBE267	60
24	18	<b>JENNY FROM THE BLOCK</b>	Jennifer Lopez (Wake) Various (Oliver/Mi/Devo/Lopez/Barnes/Oliver/Mi/Parker/Sterling/Oliver)	Epic 6733572/- (TEN)	-/6733576	61
25	16	<b>NAUGHTY GIRL</b>	Holly Valance (Thornalley) Windswept Music London/Hit & Run/EMI/CC (French/Black/Talaferr/Costi)	London LONCD472/LONCD472 (TEN)	-/-	62
26	8	<b>HEAVEN</b>	DJ Sammy & Yanou feat. Do (DJ Sammy/Yanou) Rondor/Universal (Adams/Vallance)	Data/Ministry Of Sound DATA45CD3/DATA45MCS (3MV/TEN)	-/DATA45T	63
27	10	<b>NU FLOW</b>	Big Brovaz (Skellz/Fingaz) Shait (Mugishah/Horsley/Brown/Aisida/Roberts/Shepherd/Howell/Macintosh/Bello)	Epic 6730282/6730284 (TEN)	-/-	64
28	23	<b>IT'S A RAINBOW</b>	Rainbow (Jones) BBC/Hopfield/Fremantle (Jones/Dean/Thomas/Fraser/Poppo)	BBC Music ZPPCD1X/- (U)	-/-	65
29	31	<b>I'M GONNA GETCHA GOOD!</b>	Shania Twain (Lange) Zomba/Universal (Twain/Lange)	Mercury 1727322/17272694 (U)	-/-	66
30	25	<b>STRONGER/ANGELS WITH DIRTY FACES</b>	Sugababes (Hoexter/Vanous) Various (Lipson/De Vries/Howard/Sugababes/Higgins/Bradley/Powell/Cooper/Grey/Sugababes)	Island/Uni-Island CIDX813/CIS813 (U)	-/-	67
31	28	<b>LIKE I LOVE YOU</b>	Justin Timberlake (The Neptunes) EMI/Zomba I Timberlake/Hugo/Williams)	Jive 9254342/9254344 (P)	-/9254340	68
32	24	<b>DIE ANOTHER DAY</b>	Madonna (Madonna/Ahmadzai) Warner-Chappell/1000 Lights (Madonna/Ahmadzai)	Warner Bros W595CD1/W595C (TEN)	-/-	69
33	27	<b>DON'T LET ME DOWN/YOU AND I</b>	Will Young (Chambers) (Lipson/Peterson) Sony ATV/EMI/BMG/Universal/CC (Lipson/Morgan/Stewart/Schlagter/Young/Jake Johnson/Johnson/Peterson)	Mercury 0638052/0638054 (U)	-/-	70
34	26	<b>RUSHES</b>	Darius (Glenister/Lew) Bug (Glenister/Danesh/Lew)	Mercury 0638052/0638054 (U)	-/-	71
35	30	<b>MAYBE</b>	Enrique Iglesias (Taylor) EMI/Warner-Chappell (Siegel/Iglesias/Morales/Fishbein/DioGuardi)	Interscope/Polydor 4978232/4978234 (U)	-/-	72
36	NEW	<b>DON'T STOP</b>	The Rolling Stones (Was/The Glimmer Twins) Promopub (Jagger/Richards)	Virgin/Decca VSCDT1838/- (E)	-/VS1838/-	73
37	38	<b>UNBREAKABLE</b>	Westlife (Mac) Sony ATV/BMG (Elofsson/Reid)	S 74321975222/74321975184 (BMG)	-/-	74
38	34	<b>ALIVE</b>	S Club 18 (Ellis) 19/BMG/Rondor/Universal (Solomon/Ellis)	Polydor 0658912/0658914 (U)	-/-	75
39	37	<b>ONE LOVE</b>	Blue (StarGate) EMI/Sony ATV/Universal (Mikkal SE/Rustan/Hermansen/Costa/James/Ryan/Webb)	Innocent SINC41/SINC41 (E)	-/-	76
40	32	<b>POSSE (I NEED YOU ON THE FLOOR)</b>	Scoter (Baxter/Jordan/Coon/Thiele) Loop Dance (Baxter/Jordan/Coon/Thiele)	Sheffield Tunes/Edel UK 0143775TU/0143775TU (W)	-/0143775TU	77
41	33	<b>PUT HIM OUT</b>	Ms Dynamite (Bloodshy/Avant) EMI/Murlyn/Universal (Ms Dynamite/Jonback/Karlsson/Winnberg)	Polydor 0658942/0658934 (U)	-/0658931	78
42	21	<b>MISUNDERSTOOD</b>	Bon Jovi (Ebbin/Bon Jovi/Sambora) Universal/Sony ATV/Warner-Chappell/CC (Bon Jovi/Sambora/Carlsson/Chiff)	Mercury 0638162/0638084 (U)	-/-	79
43	29	<b>TELL ME WHY</b>	Declan feat. Young Voices Choir (Mac/Mac/Mason) Z Xenar (Mac/Mac/Mason)	EMI/Liberty CDCECS004/- (E)	-/-	80
44	39	<b>LOVE ON THE LINE</b>	Blazin' Squad (Cutforth & Joel) Windswept Music London/Sony ATV (Ballard/Murray/Balard)	East West SQUAD02CD1/SQUAD02C (TEN)	-/DATA4TR	81
45	36	<b>THROUGH THE RAIN</b>	Mariah Carey (Jam/Lewis/Carey/Wright) Sony ATV/Rye (Carey/Coley)	Mercury 0638072/0638074 (U)	-/-	82
46	NEW	<b>OCEAN OF ETERNITY</b>	Future Breeze (Future Breeze) Alphabet City/Warner-Chappell (Boehme/Hensing/Lepore/Hutch)	Data/Ministry Of Sound DATA44CD/- (3MV/TEN)	-/DATA4TR	83
47	40	<b>WORK IT</b>	Missy Elliott (Timbaland) Warner-Chappell (Elliott/Mosley)	Elektra E7344CD/E7344C (TEN)	-/E7344T	84
48	47	<b>ELECTRICAL STORM</b>	U2 (Orbit) Blue Mountain (U2)	Island/Uni-Island CIDX808/- (U)	-/-	85
49	46	<b>THE SCIENTIST</b>	Coldplay (Berryman/Buckland/Champion/Martin) BMG (Nelson/Coldplay)	Parlophone CDR6588/- (E)	-/R6588/-	86
50	NEW	<b>LIVE IS LIFE</b>	Hermes House Band & DJ Otzi (Various) Opus/Bucks (Ruedisser/Plisnier/Grasmuck)	EMI/Liberty CDLIVE001/TLCLIVE001 (E)	-/-	87
51	35	<b>THE OTHER SIDE</b>	David Gray (Gray/Clune/Polson) Chrysalis (Gray)	IHT/East West EW259CD/- (TEN)	-/-	88
52	48	<b>OBJECTION (TANGO)</b>	Shakira (Shakira/Mendez) Sony ATV/EMI (Shakira)	Epic 6733402/6733404 (TEN)	-/-	89
53	41	<b>STILL WAITING</b>	Sum 41 (Norri) EMI/Chrysalis (Sum 41)	Mercury 0638342/0638314 (U)	-/-	90
54	42	<b>RHINESTONE COWBOY (GIDDY UP GIDDY UP)</b>	Rikki & Day feat. Glen Campbell/Sampson & Matthews/House Of Weiss/Warner-Chappell/CC (Weiss/Sampson/Mathews)	SERIOUS/SERIOUS (U)	-/SERIOUS2	91
55	66	<b>MUSIC GETS THE BEST OF ME</b>	Sophie Ellis-Bextor (Rowe/Alexander/Osborne) Rondor/Universal/Warner-Chappell (Ellis-Bextor/Rowe/Alexander)	Polydor 0659232/0659234 (U)	-/-	92
56	46	<b>COME INTO MY WORLD</b>	Kylie Minogue (Dennis/Davis) EMI/Universal (Dennis/Davis)	Parlophone CDRS6590/- (E)	-/-	93
57	43	<b>HAPPY</b>	Ashanti (Buck) Minder/Universal/Famous (Calhoun/Douglas/Parker/Lorenzo)	Def Jam/Mercury 0638242/0638244 (U)	-/0638241	94
58	54	<b>WHAT'S YOUR FLAVA?</b>	Craig David (Limahl/Trell) Windswept Music London/First Avenue/BMG (David/Henry/Marshall)	Wildstar CXWILD43/CAWILD43 (BMG)	-/-	95
59	51	<b>NO LIMITS</b>	Bakshoff Dog (Shires) Universal (Dells/De Wilder/De Coster/Swingaard)	WVC CDCURCH11/- (NOV/P)	-/-	96
60	NEW	<b>WOLF</b>	Shy FX (Shy FX) CC (Shy FX)	Ebony Dubs -/ (SRD)	-/EBD001	97
61	NEW	<b>STOLE</b>	Kelly Rowland (tbc) tbc (tbc)	Columbia 6732122 - (Import)	-/-	98
62	64	<b>PUT THE NEEDLE ON IT</b>	Danni Minogue (Korpi/BlackCell) Murlyn/Universal/IMG (Korpi/Johansson/Pool/Mingone)	London LONCD470/LONCD470 (TEN)	-/-	99
63	44	<b>PRAY</b>	Lasgo (Luts/Vervoort) EMI (Luts/Vervoort)	Positiva CD TIVS182/TCTIV182 (E)	-/-	100
64	61	<b>THE LONG AND WINDING ROAD/SUSPICIOUS MINDS</b>	Will Young & Gareth Gates (Lipson/Mac) Northern/Sony ATV/Sony ATV (Lennon/McCartney/Zabnon)	Wildstar CXWILD43/CAWILD43 (BMG)	-/CXWILD43	101
65	50	<b>GIRLFRIEND</b>	Alicia Keys (Keys/Dupri) EMI/Warner-Chappell (Keys/Dupri/Thompson)	J 74321974972/74321974974 (BMG)	-/74321974971	102
66	NEW	<b>THE WOLF</b>	Dave Clarke (Clarke) BMG (Clarke)	Skin -/ (3MV/P)	-/SKINT78	103
67	58	<b>FROM THE CHUURCH TO DA PALACE</b>	Snoop Dogg (The Neptunes) EMI (Williams/Broadus/Kelly)	Priority 5516102/- (E)	-/12CL841	104
68	52	<b>I LOVE ROCK 'N' ROLL</b>	Britney Spears (Jenkins) Rak (Hooker/Merrill)	Jive 9254222/9254204 (P)	-/-	105
69	62	<b>NO ONE KNOWS</b>	Queens Of The Stone Age (Homme/Valentine) Sony ATV/Universal (Homme/Lanegan)	Interscope/Polydor 4978122/- (U)	-/4978121/-	106
70	60	<b>BLOW YOUR MIND (I AM THE WOMAN)</b>	Lisa Pin Up (Lisa Pin Up) Media (Chilcott)	Nukleuz -/ (ADD)	-/0450FNK	107
71	RE	<b>ALL OUT OF LOVE</b>	He & Claire (Topham/Twigg) All Boys/EMI (Frampton/Topham/Twigg)	WEA WEA360CDX/WEA360C (TEN)	-/-	108
72	RE	<b>HEY SEXY LADY</b>	Shaggy (Livingston) Warner-Chappell/Livingston (Burrell/Ducent/Birch/Livingston/Morrison/Thompson)	MCA/Uni-Island MCSTD40304/MCSC40304 (U)	-/MCST40304	109
73	59	<b>THE GAME OF LOVE</b>	Santana feat. Michelle Branch (Alexander/Novels) EMI/Warner-Chappell (Alexander/Novels)	Arista 74321959442/74321959444 (BMG)	-/-	110
74	57	<b>THE ZEPHYR SONG</b>	Red Hot Chili Peppers (Rubin) Warner-Chappell (Kiedis/Balzary/Frusciante/Smith)	Warner Bros W 592CD1/- (TEN)	-/W 592/-	111
75	56	<b>NEW DIRECTION</b>	S Club Juniors (Jewels & Stone/White) Sony ATV/BMG/Strongsongs (Global Talent (Dennis/Hanley/White))	Polydor 0659702/0659704 (U)	-/-	112

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MUSIC AWARDS

### SINGLES COMMENTARY

by ALAN JONES



Initially the underdogs in the race for the Christmas number one, Girls Aloud easily beat One True Voice to win the battle of the PopStars: The Rivals bands. Their single *Sound Of The Underground/Stay Another Day* sold more than 213,000 copies last week to debut at number one, while One True Voice's *Sacred Trust/After You're Gone (I'll Still Be Loving You)* earns a distant runners-up spot with sales of less than 148,000. The girls' majority was more than 44%. With

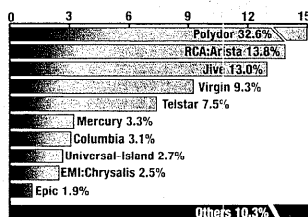
PopStars: The Rivals curiosities the Cheeky Girls slipping 2-3 despite a 39% increase in sales week-on-week to more than 88,500, the ITV reality series becomes the first TV programme in chart history to simultaneously supply the entire top three. Girls Aloud are only the 12th all-girl group to reach number one in chart history but the fourth to do so this year, following the Sugababes, Atomic Kitten and Las Ketchup.

The battle for chart supremacy between PopStars: The Rivals bands Girls Aloud and One True Voice and the approach of Christmas helped to spark a 54% expansion in the singles market last week. According to OCC estimates, more than 1,315,000 singles were sold. That is the third highest weekly tally of what has been a very poor year for singles, trailing only the total for sales week ending 23 March 2002 when 1.71m singles were sold (including over 850,000 copies of Gareth Gates' debut hit *Unchained Melody*) and week ending 2 March 2002, when nearly 2.02m singles were sold, including

8,000 copies of Will Young's debut *The Evergreen/Anything Is Possible*. Young and Gates were, of course, the winner and runner-up of ITV's last music-based reality show *Pop Idol*, and by comparison PopStars: The Rivals has sparked far fewer sales. Indeed, despite the obvious boost to the market due to seasonal factors, total sales of Girls Aloud, One True Voice and the Cheeky Girls for the whole of last week were barely

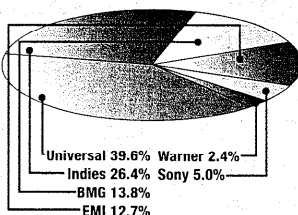
### MARKET REPORT

#### 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: **+54.1%**  
YEAR TO DATE VERSUS LAST YEAR: **+17.7%**

#### PERCENTAGE OF UK ACTS IN THE CHART

UK: 64.0% US: 29.3% Other: 6.7%

more than Will Young's debut single managed on its first day in the shops. However, 13% more singles were sold last week than in the comparable week last year, when sales were

1,161,000, although sales are down by more than over 33% compared to the total of more than 1,969,000 sales this week in 2000.

Avril Lavigne is one of the success stories

of the year. The 18-year-old Canadian singer/songwriter's debut, *Complicated*, rocketed to number three and spent five weeks in the Top 10 following its debut in September, since when her debut album *Let Go* has blossomed into a major seller. With new single *Sk8er Boi* - which debuts at number nine this week - giving a further boost, the album has increased sales for eight weeks in a row, and has been occupying its highest position yet - number seven - for the last three weeks. It sold a best-yet 121,000 copies last week to bring its overall tally to more than 592,000 copies, earning it 20th place in the year-to-date rankings.

Enjoying its 11th straight week in the Top 10, *Las Ketchup's The Ketchup Song (Asereje)* has now topped the 500,000 sales mark, and is the year's eighth biggest seller. With *Enrique Iglesias' Hero* single in third place for the year with 690,000 sales, Spanish artists will supply the two biggest hits of the year from Europe for the first time in chart history.

### INDEPENDENT SINGLES

This	Last	Title	Artist	Label (distributor)
1	NEW	SACRED TRUST/AFTER YOU'RE GONE	Art One True Voice	Ebu/Jive 9201532 (P)
2	2	UNITED STATES OF WHATEVER	Liam Lynch	Global Warming WARMCD17 (P)
3	1	HOLDING ON FOR YOU	Liberty X	V2 VVRS020768 (3MV/P)
4	3	LIKE I LOVE YOU	Justin Timberlake	Jive 9254342 (P)
5	4	POSSE (I NEED YOU ON THE FLOOR)	Sheffield Tunes/Edel	UK 01437755TU (V)
6	5	NO LIMITS	Bakshelb Dog	WVC CDCHURCH1 (NOV/P)
7	NEW	WOLF	Shy FX	Ebony Dub: EBD001 (SRD)
8	NEW	THE WOLF	Dave Clarke	Skint SKINT78 (3MV/P)
9	7	BLOW YOUR MIND (I AM THE WOMAN)	Lisa Pin Up	Nukleuz 0450FNUK (ADD)
10	NEW	MAN ON THE MOON	Guyver	Tidy Two TIDYTWO114CD (ADD)
11	8	I DON'T CARE	Tony De Vit	Tidy Trax TIDY181T (ADD)
12	9	DIRTY HARRY'S REVENGE	Adam F feat. Beenie Man	Kaos KAOS004P (SRD)
13	6	LIVE OR DIE/SOUTH MANZ	Dillinja	Valve VLV007 (SRD)
14	10	REVOLUTION	BK	Nukleuz NUKFB0437 (ADD)
15	NEW	ROCKET LAUNCHER	Sonic & Silver/Funkstation	Virus VRS011 (P)
16	NEW	LK (CAROLINA CAROL BELA)	DJ Marky And Xrs feat. Stamina McV	Recording: V035CD (SRD)
17	NEW	ICE CUBES/RED CARPET	Total Science	Metalheadz METH047 (SRD)
18	NEW	SUPASONG	X-Press 2	Skint XPRESS004 (3MV/P)
19	14	POOR LEND	Royksopp	Wall Of Sound WALL0079V (V)
20	NEW	ROLLIDGE	DJ SS	VIP VIP002 (SRD)

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3	1	CHEEKY SONG (TOUCH MY BUM)	The Cheeky Girls	Multiply
4	1	SORRY SEEMS TO BE THE HARDEST WORD	Blue feat. Chaz Jahn	Innocent
5	3	LOSE YOURSELF	Eminem	Interscope/Polydor
6	4	IF YOU'RE NOT THE ONE	Daniel Bedingfield	Polydor
7	2	YOU'RE A SUPERSTAR	Love Inc.	NuLife/Arista
8	5	THE KETCHUP SONG (ASEREJE)	Las Ketchup	Columbia
9	24	SK8ER BOI	Avril Lavigne	Arista
10	7	FEEL	Robbie Williams	Chrysalis
11	13	DILEMMA	Nelly feat. Kelly Rowland	Universal Island
12	11	THE LAST GOODBYE/BE WITH YOU	Atomic Kitten	Innocent
13	14	FAMILY PORTRAIT	Pink	Arista
14	12	HOLDING ON FOR YOU	Liberty X	V2
15	15	JENNY FROM THE BLOCK	Jennifer Lopez	Epic
16	17	STRONGER/ANGELS WITH DIRTY FACES	Sugababes	Island/Universal
17	3	WE'VE GOT TONIGHT	Ronan Keating feat. Lulu	Polydor
18	18	DIRTY	Christina Aguilera feat. Redman	RCA
19	18	HEAVEN	DJ Sammy & Yanou feat. Do	Data/Ministry Of Sound
20	3	PUPPY LOVE/SLEIGH RIDE	S Club Juniors	Polydor
21	16	NAUGHTY GIRL	Holly Valance	London
22	NEW	SCORPIO RISING	Death In Vegas With Liam Gallagher	Concete/Arista
23	5	WHAT MY HEART WANTS TO SAY	Gareth Gates	S
24	25	I'M GONNA GETCHA GOOD!	Shania Twain	Mercury
25	26	RUSHES	Darius	Mercury
26	27	NU FLOW	Big Brovaz	Epic
27	19	THUG LOVIN'	Ja Rule feat. Bobby Brown	Def Jam/Mercury
28	28	LIKE I LOVE YOU	Justin Timberlake	Jive
29	30	COME INTO MY WORLD	Kylie Minogue	Parlophone
30	31	ONE LOVE	Blue	Innocent
31	21	DON'T LET ME DOWN/YOU AND I	Will Young	S
32	29	COMPLICATED	Avril Lavigne	Arista
33	34	PUT HIM OUT	Ms Dynamite	Polydor
34	35	UNITED STATES OF WHATEVER	Liam Lynch	Global Warming
35	21	NOTHING SACRED - A SONG FOR KIRSTY	Russell Watson	Decca
36	NEW	THINK WE'RE ALONE NOW	Pascal feat. Karen Parry	AATV
37	38	THE ZEPHYR SONG	Red Hot Chili Peppers	Warner Bros
38	31	DIE ANOTHER DAY	Madonna	Maverick/Warner Bros
39	25	MAYBE	Enrique Iglesias	Interscope/Polydor
40	27	IT'S A RAINBOW	Rainbow	BBC Music

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2	5	THE WAY	Divine Inspiration	Data
3	6	COME ON OVER	John Silver	Cream
4	NEW	MISSING YOU	Lucy Carr	Lickin'
5	NEW	LOVE STORY	Layo & Bushwacka	XL Recordings
6	10	AM I ON YOUR MIND	Oxygen and Andrea Britton	Innocent
7	NEW	THE OPERA SONG	Jürgen Vries Ft. Charlotte Church	Direction
8	NEW	DREAMER	CK & Supreme Dream Team	Multiply
9	RE	DANGER! HIGH VOLTAGE	Electric Six	XL Recordings
10	NEW	JUST THE WAY I'M FEELING	Feeder	Echo

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This Week	Last Week	Wks	Title	Artist (Producer)	Label/CD (Distributor)	Cass/Vinyl/MD
1	5	5	<b>ESCAPOLOGY</b> ★ 5	Robbie Williams (Chambers/Power)	EMI 5439942 (E)	5439944/5439941/-
2	2	7	<b>ONE LOVE</b> ★ 4	Blue (StarGate/Cutler & Joe/Hovav/Harrington/Davis/True North/Supa Fyssi)	Innocent CDSIN11 (E)	SIN11/-
3	4	6	<b>THE GREATEST HITS 1970-2002</b> ★ 2	Elton John (Thomas/Gudgeon/John/Various)	Mercury 634932 (U)	-/-
4	3	6	<b>UNBREAKABLE - THE GREATEST HITS VOL. 1</b> ★ 3	Westlife (Mac/Magnusson/Kreuger/Frampton/Waterman/Various)	S 74321975002 (BMG)	74321975004/-
5	6	47	<b>M!SSUNDAZTOOD</b> ★ 4	Pink (Perry/Elliott/Austin/Storch/Fredriksen/Supa)	Arista 07822147182 (BMG)	74321913244/-
6	5	8	<b>A NEW DAY AT MIDNIGHT</b> ★ 2	David Gray (Gray/Clune/Polson)	East West 5046616582 (TEN)	-/-
7	7	17	<b>LET GO</b> ★ 2	Avril Lavigne (The Matrix/Francia/Zizzo)	Arista 74321949312 (BMG)	-/-
8	8	24	<b>BY THE WAY</b> ★ 3	Red Hot Chili Peppers (Fluvin)	Warner Bros 9362481402 (TEN)	9362481404/-
9	10	17	<b>A RUSH OF BLOOD TO THE HEAD</b> ★ 3	Coldplay (Nelson/Coldplay/Phan)	Parlophone 5405042 (E)	5405044/5405041/-
▲ 10	11	13	<b>ELVIS - 30 #1 HITS</b> ★ 2	Elvis Presley (Various)	RCA 07863680792 (BMG)	07863680794/-
▲ 11	12	12	<b>FORTY LICKS</b> ★ 2	The Rolling Stones (Long/Cibham/Gimmer/Twinn/Rolling Stones/Miller/Jarvis/Various)	Virgin/Decca CDVDX2964 (E)	TC02964/-
▲ 12	22	49	<b>ESCAPE</b> ★ 4	Enrique Iglesias (Morales/Mendez/Diogaard/Iglesias/Taylor)	Interscope/Polydor 4931822 (U)	-/-
9	15	15	<b>FEELS SO GOOD</b> ★ 2	Alomc Kites (Stig/Gate/Cutler & Joe/Hovav/Harrington/Davis/True North/Supa Fyssi)	Innocent CDSIN10 (E)	SIN10/-
▲ 14	31	27	<b>DESTINATION</b> ★	Ronan Keating (Alexander/Nowlis/Mac/Padley/Godfrey/MacColl/Bradley)	Polydor 5897892 (U)	5897894/-
▲ 15	21	5	<b>UP!</b> ★	Shania Twain (Lange)	Mercury 1703442 (U)	-/-
16	15	4	<b>SOMEWHERE IN TIME</b> ★	Donny Osmond (Barlow/Kennedy/Woodcock)	Decca 0665302 (U)	-/-
17	13	3	<b>DIVE IN</b> ★	Darius (Glenister/Lew/Hedges/James & Read/Darius)	Mercury 0635922 (U)	-/-
18	17	7	<b>SENTIMENTO</b> ★	Andrea Bocelli (Barry)	Philips 4734102 (U)	4734104/-
19	24	8	<b>GOTTA GET THRU THIS</b> ●	Daniel Bedingfield (Bedingfield/Staton/D&D/Taylor/Stone)	Polydor 651252 (U)	-/-
20	20	17	<b>ANGELS WITH DIRTY FACES</b> ★	Gareth Gates (Wheatley/Craigie/Lucas/Rockstar/Various)	Island/Uni-Island CID8122 (U)	-/-
21	19	4	<b>THIS IS ME... THEN</b>	Jennifer Lopez (Rooney/Shea/Oliver/Various)	Epic 5101282 (TEN)	-/-
22	18	4	<b>ENCORE</b> ●	Lionel Richie (Shapland/Dyckhoff)	Mercury 0633482 (U)	-/-
23	16	8	<b>WHAT MY HEART WANTS TO SAY</b> ★ 2	Gareth Gates (Mac/Magnusson/Kreuger/Lewis & Stone/Peter/Various)	S 74321975172 (BMG)	74321975174/-
24	14	6	<b>IT HAD TO BE YOU - THE GREAT AMERICAN</b> ★	Rod Stewart (Ramone/Perry/Davis)	J 74321968672 (BMG)	74321968674/-
25	27	5	<b>REPRISE</b> ★	Russell Watson (Watson/Gordon)	Decca 4731002 (U)	4731004/-

26	25	34	<b>COME AWAY WITH ME</b> ★ 2	Norah Jones (Mardin)	Parlophone 5386092 (E)	-/-
27	28	5	<b>MORE FRIENDS - SMALL WORLD BIG BAND 2</b> ●	Jools Holland (Latham)	WSM 0327494192 (TEN)	-/-
28	23	11	<b>FROM NOW ON</b> ★ 2	Will Young (Dennis/Pedern/Stannard/Gallagher/Various)	S 74321969592 (BMG)	74321969594/-
▲ 29	39	30	<b>THE EMINEM SHOW</b> ★ 3	Eminem (Dre/Eminem/Bass/Porter)	Interscope/Polydor 4932922 (U)	4932904/4932901/-
30	29	8	<b>NIRVANA</b> ★	Nirvana (Kasper/Endino/Fisk/Vig/Albini/Nirvana/Litt)	Geffen/Polydor 4935232 (U)	-/-
31	26	9	<b>TOGETHER</b>	S Club Juniors (Rose/Foster/Jewels & Stone/White)	Polydor 0652502 (U)	-/-
32	30	5	<b>GREATEST HITS 87-92</b> ●	Kylie Minogue (Stock/Atken/Waterman/Harding/Curnow)	PVWL 9224682 (P)	-/-
33	32	7	<b>BEST OF BOWIE</b> ★	David Bowie (Visconti/Bowie/Dudgeon/Scott/Maslin/Rodgers/Various)	EMI 5398212 (E)	-/-
▲ 34	41	10	<b>THE VERY BEST OF</b> ●	Fleetwood Mac (Fleetwood Mac/McLees/Various)	WSM 8122736352 (TEN)	-/-
35	34	37	<b>GREATEST HITS I II &amp; III</b> ★ 2	Queen (Queen/Richards/Baker/Mack/Moran/Various)	Parlophone 5298832 (E)	-/-
▲ 36	40	30	<b>THINKING IT OVER</b> ★	Liberty X (Various)	V2 VVR1017782 (3MV/P)	VVR1017784/-
37	33	5	<b>DUETS</b> ●	Barbra Streisand (Streisand/Foster/Galuten/Ramone/Various)	Columbia 5098129 (TEN)	-/-
38	36	7	<b>THE BEST OF 1990-2000 &amp; B-SIDES</b> ★	U2 (Eno/Flood/Lanois/Edge/Lillywhite/Orbit/U2/Various)	Island/Uni-Island CIDU213 (U)	-/-
39	35	8	<b>FOREVER DELAYED - THE GREATEST HITS</b> ★	Manic Street Preachers (Eringa/Hedges/Brown/Evans)	Epic 5095519 (TEN)	-/-
40	37	5	<b>SINGS THE HITS OF WET WET WET &amp; SMILE</b> ●	Mart Peltow (Porter/Mitra/Pellow/Collins/Mitchell)	Mercury/Universal TV 0623902 (U)	-/-
41	45	6	<b>SLICKER THAN YOUR AVERAGE</b> ★	Craig David (Hill/Marshall/Trell/Soulshock/Karlin/David/Smith)	Wildstar CDWILD42 (BMG)	-/-
42	38	41	<b>LAUNDRY SERVICE</b> ★ 2	Shakira (Shakira)	Epic 4987202 (TEN)	-/-
43	44	6	<b>THE BEST OF 1990-2000</b> ●	U2 (Eno/Flood/Lanois/Edge/Lillywhite/Orbit/U2/Various)	Island/Uni-Island CIDU213 (U)	-/-
44	47	5	<b>THE CELTIC CHILLOUT ALBUM</b>	Ryan & Rachel O'Donnell (Moran)	Decadance DECTV007 (TEN)	-/-
45	42	8	<b>THE DEFINITIVE COLLECTION</b> ●	Stevie Wonder (Wonder/Various)	Universal TV 0665022 (U)	-/-
46	53	25	<b>HEATHEN CHEMISTRY</b> ★ 2	Oasis (Oasis)	Big Brother RKIDC025 (BMV/TEN)	RKIDMC25/RKIDLP25/-
47	43	5	<b>GREATEST HITS</b> ●	Lighthouse Family (Pedern/Bacon/Quarby/Tucker/Laws)	Wild Card/Polydor 0654482 (U)	-/-
48	46	25	<b>NELLYVILLE</b> ★ 2	Nelly (Just Blaze)	Universal 0186902 (U)	-/-
49	50	9	<b>ONE BY ONE</b> ●	Foo Fighters (Raskulnec/Foo Fighters/Kasper)	RCA 74321973482 (BMG)	74321973481/-
50	52	124	<b>MY WAY - THE BEST OF</b> ★ 4	Frank Sinatra (Various)	Reprise 392467112 (TEN)	932467104/-
51	49	3	<b>MOMENT IN TIME</b>	Robson Green (Wright)	T2/Telstar TCD3300 (BMG)	-/-

▲ 52	56	28	<b>A LITTLE DEEPER</b> ★	Ms Dynamite (Remi/Bloodshy/Avant/Punch/Dyer)	Polydor 5899552 (U)	-/-
53	51	5	<b>THE LAST TEMPTATION</b> ●	Ja Rule (Gotti/Santana/7Aurelius/Neptunes/Cool/Dre)	Def Jam/Mercury 0635432 (U)	-/-
▲ 54	64	41	<b>FREAK OF NATURE</b> ★ 2	Anastacia (Wake/Jones/Biancaniello/Watters)	Epic 5047572 (TEN)	-/-
55	61	8	<b>STRIPPED</b> ●	Christina Aguilera (Storch/Perry/Morales/Ballard)	RCA 74321961252 (BMG)	74321961254/-
56	60	7	<b>JUSTIFIED</b> ●	Justin Timberlake (Williams/Hugo/Timbaland/McKnight/The Underdogs/Storch)	Jive 9224772 (P)	-/-
57	54	60	<b>FEVER</b> ★ 5	Kylie Minogue (Stannard/Galagher/Dennis/Fitzgerald/Various)	Parlophone 5358042 (E)	5358044/-
58	55	6	<b>TESTIFY</b> ●	Phil Collins (Cavallo)	Face Value/East West 5046614842 (TEN)	-/-
59	58	7	<b>THE VERY BEST OF</b> ●	The Stone Roses (Lockie/Dawson/Schroeder/Hook)	Silvertone 9260382 (P)	9260371/-
60	48	4	<b>SEEING DOUBLE</b>	S Club (Various)	Polydor 0654962 (U)	-/-
61	63	50	<b>SILVER SIDE UP</b> ★ 2	Nickelback (Parashar/Nickelback)	Roadrunner 12084852 (U)	-/-
62	62	4	<b>IN THE BEGINNING</b> ●	Biazzini Squae (Cutler & Joe/Hovav/Harrington/Davis/True North/Supa Fyssi)	East West 5046610792 (TEN)	-/-
63	65	7	<b>FOOTPRINTS</b> ●	Holly Valance (Hooper/Cutler & Joe/Padley/Godfrey/Thornally/Various)	London 0927493722 (TEN)	-/-
64	59	4	<b>DOES THIS LOOK INFECTED?</b> ●	Sum 41 (Nori)	Mercury 0635592 (U)	-/-
65	70	6	<b>HAVE YOU FED THE FISH?</b> ●	Badly Drawn Boy (Rothrock/Badly Drawn Boy)	XL TNXLCD156 (V)	-/-
66	66	30	<b>18</b> ★	Moby (Moby)	Mute CDSTUMM202 (V)	CDSTUMM202/STUMM202/-
67	73	25	<b>TENACIOUS D</b> ●	Tenacious D (King/Simpson)	Epic 5077352 (TEN)	-/-
68	68	18	<b>IMAGINE</b> ★	Eva Cassidy (McCulley/Cassidy/Biondo/Lizzi)	Blix Street/Hot G210075 (HOT)	-/-
69	RE	MELODY AM	WALL OF SOUND WALLCD027 (V)	Royksopp (Royksopp)	-/WALLLP027/-	
70	71	86	<b>SONGBIRD</b> ★ 4	Eva Cassidy (Cassidy/Biondo)	Blix Street/Hot G210045 (HOT)	6410045/-
71	72	134	<b>WHITE LADDER</b> ★ 8	David Gray (Gray/McClune/Polson/De Vries)	JHT/Est West 85732832 (TEN)	8573031554/-
72	57	3	<b>CHARMBRACELET</b> ●	Mariah Carey (Carey/Jackson/Just Blaze/Dupri/Vida/Jam/Lewis/Mercy/Various)	Island US/Mercury 0633842 (U)	-/-
73	RE	UNDER CONSTRUCTION	Elektra 7559628132 (TEN)	Missy Elliott (Timbaland/Elliott/Brockman)	-/7559628131/-	
74	69	6	<b>LIVE IN PARIS</b>	Diana Krall (LiPuma)	Verve 0653692 (U)	-/-
75	75	44	<b>READ MY LIPS</b> ★ 2	Sophie Ellis-Bextor (Wilkinson/Hillyer/James/Rowe/Alexander/Raskacina/Hall/Legassick)	Polydor 5891742 (U)	-/-

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TOP COMPILATIONS

This Week	Last Week	Wks	Title	Artist	Label/CD/Cass/Vinyl/MD (Distributor)
1	5	5	<b>NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL MUSIC!</b> 53 ★ 4		EMI/Virgin/Universal CDNOW53/TCNOW53/- (E)
2	2	2	<b>FAME ACADEMY</b> ★		Mercury 0636132/-/- (U)
3	7	8	<b>COUNTRY LEGENDS</b> ★		Virgin/EMI VTDCD480/-/- (E)
4	5	6	<b>CHRISTMAS HITS</b>		BMG/Sony/Telstar/WSM HITSCDX01 (BMG)
5	3	5	<b>THE BEST AIR GUITAR ALBUM IN THE WORLD 2</b> ★		EMI/Virgin/Universal VTDCD488/-/- (E)
6	12	8	<b>8 MILE (OST)</b> ●		Interscope/Polydor 4935322 (U)
7	4	11	<b>BEST CHRISTMAS ALBUM IN THE WORLD EVER</b> ★		Virgin/EMI VTDCD347/VTDCM347/- (E)
8	14	6	<b>ALL TIME CLASSIC TEARJERKERS</b> ●		WSM WSMCD116/-/- (TEN)
9	6	15	<b>WHILE MY GUITAR GENTLY WEEPS</b> ★		Universal TV 5834442/-/- (U)

10	9	7	<b>THE ANNUAL 2003</b>	Ministry Of Sound ANCD2K2/-/- (3MV/TEN)
11	NEW	1	<b>I LOVE 2 PARTY 2003</b> ●	Various Artists Virgin/EMI VTDCD483 (E)
12	17	2	<b>PURE GARAGE PLATINUM - THE VERY BEST OF</b>	Warner Dance WSMCD120 (I)
13	8	6	<b>CLUBLAND II</b> ★	UMTV/AATW 0680632 (U)
14	10	6	<b>50 YEARS OF THE GREATEST HIT SINGLES</b> ●	EMI/Virgin/Universal VTDCX491/-/- (E)
15	15	3	<b>CHRISTMAS WITH THE RAT PACK</b> ●	Capitol 5422102/-/- (E)
16	11	5	<b>HUGE HITS 2003</b> ●	BMG/Sony/Telstar/WSM HITSCD2003/-/- (TEN)
17	19	7	<b>CLASSICAL CHILLOUT GOLD</b>	Decadance DECTV005/-/- (3MV/TEN)
18	16	4	<b>THE VERY BEST OF PURE R&amp;B - THE WINTER</b>	Telstar TV/BMG TTVCDD3303/-/- (BMG)
19	13	2	<b>THE JAZZ ALBUM 2003</b>	Verve 0680672 (U)
20	RE	CLASSIC FM - SMOOTH CLASSICS	Classic FM CFMCD371/-/- (BMG)	

ARTISTS A-Z

AQUILERA, Christina	55	MOBY	56
ANASTACIA	54	MS DYNAMITE	57
ATOMIC KITTEN	13	NELLY	48
BADLY DRAWN BOY	65	NICKELBACK	51
BLUE	2	NIRVANA	30
BOCELLI, Andrea	18	O'DONNELL, Ryan & Rachel	44
BOWIE, David	33	OASIS	46
BLAZIN' SQUAD	62	OSMOND, Denny	16
CAREY, Mariah	72	PELLLOW, Mani	40
CASSIDY, Eva	68,70	PINK	5
COLDPLAY	9	PRESELEY, Elvis	58
COLLINS, Phil	9	QUEEN	25
DAVID, Craig	41	RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS	8
Daniel Bedingfield	19	RICHS, Lemel	22
Darius	17	ROLLING STONES, The	69
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GRAY, David	6,21	STREISAND, Barbra	37
GREEN, Robson	5	SUGARABES	20
HOLLAND, Jools	27	SUM 41	64
IGLESIAS, Enrique	3	SHAKIRA	42
JA RULE	53	TIMBERLAKE, Justin	56
JOHN, Elton	26	TWAIN, Shawn	15
JONES, Noran	35	TENACIOUS D	67
KEATING, Ronan	14	U2	38,43
KRALL, Diana	74	VALANCE, Holly	63
LAVIGNE, Avril	7	WATSON, Russell	23
LIGHTHOUSE FAMILY	47	WESTLIFE	4
LOPEZ, Jennifer	21	WILLIAMS, Robbie	1
LIBERTY X	36	WONDER, Steve	45
MANIC STREET PREACHERS	32,57	YOUNG, Will	28
MINOGUE, Kylie	29		

### ALBUMS COMMENTARY

by ALAN JONES



Providing the number one Christmas album for the second year in a row, Robbie Williams sold more than 310,000 copies of *Escapology* last week – and jumped to the top of the 2002 rankings. The album passed the million sales mark on Thursday, 32 days after it was released, and subsequently cruised past both Pink's *Missundaztood* and Enrique Iglesias' *Escape* to leap 3-1 on the best sellers of the year list. Although a comparatively fast million seller,

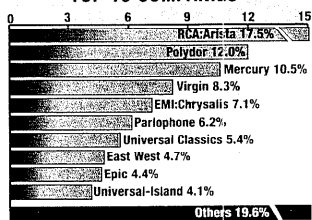
*Escapology* has taken nearly twice as long to get there as the record holder, *Be Here Now* by Oasis which reached seven figures in a mere 17 days in 1997. It is also selling slower than Williams' last album, 2001's *Swing When You're Winning*. *Swing* sold 365,000 copies in the comparable week last year, to take its five week total to 1,312,000, compared to the 1,185,000 copies *Escapology* has sold in the same period thus far.

The week before Christmas traditionally provides the heaviest sales of the year, and 2002 is no different from usual, with sales of all albums up week-on-week by 30% to 9,232,000. While that is historically a superb performance, it is nevertheless considerably fewer than the total for the comparable week in both 2000 and 2001. In 2000, a staggering 10,298,000 albums were sold in the week, while 2001's tally was 9,768,000. Artist albums account for 6,924,000 of this year's tally, compared to 7,156,000 in 2001 and 7,946,000 in 2000.

On a positive note, the top 34 artist albums sold more than 50,000 copies last week, with the top 11 all exceeding the 100,000 mark. Only two albums in the Top 75 declined week-on-week, these being *S Club 3*'s *Seeing Double* (down 48-60 with a 14% dip) and *Mariah Carey*'s *Charmbracelet* (off 13%, and falling 57-72). In percentage terms, the winners were *Ronan Keating*'s *Destination* (up 93% and climbing 31-14), *Royksopp*'s *Melody AM* (83%, 82-69) and *The Eminem Show*

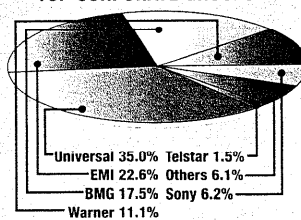
### MARKET REPORT

#### TOP 10 COMPANIES



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

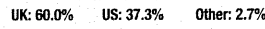


### SALES UPDATE



(77%, 39-29). Many of the week's biggest sellers – including Keating and Shania Twain (Up is indeed up 21-15 with a 51% hike) – were helped by appearances on the Royal

### PERCENTAGE OF UK ACTS IN THE CHART



Variety Performance Show on BBC last Sunday (15th).

So high was the bar raised that no new release managed to sell the 14,000-plus tally

required to dent the Top 75. The nearest to doing it was God's Son by rapper Nas, which debuted at number 80 with nearly 13,000 sales. Nas' last album *Stillmatic* was released exactly a year ago, and also missed the Top 75, debuting at number 92 with 8,900 sales. Chartwise, both albums are duds compared to his 1999 album *I Am* or its 1996 predecessor *To The Head* got there too. The *Red Hot Chili Peppers*' *By The Way* and *Blue*'s *One Love* are likely to follow this week.

Meanwhile, the *Rolling Stones* and *Elvis Presley* both enjoyed a 53% hike in sales in the week but both will miss the million mark this year. In fact, besting them both as the biggest-selling hits compilation of the year is *Westlife*'s *Unbreakable*, which sold nearly 148,000 copies last week, to bring its overall sales to 808,000 in six weeks.

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### COMPILATIONS

A 26% increase week-on-week helped compilation sales to top the 2m mark last week for the first time this year. In all, some 2,308,000 albums were sold.

**Now That's What I Call Music! 53** was the biggest seller for the fifth week in a row, and reversed three weeks of decline to sell more than 159,000 copies – a 6% improvement. Its lead at the top decreased marginally from 36,000 to 34,000, however, as *Fame Academy* improved by 10% to 125,000 sales in second place.

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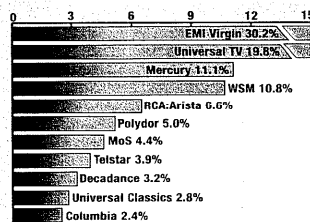
for Christmas 2001 when it was less successful, peaking at 11. Total sales topped the 300,000 mark last week, having started the season around the 135,000 mark.

The only other seasonal set in the Top 20 is the newly compiled *Christmas With The Rat Pack*, which holds at number 15 with 37,000 sales. The disc – featuring Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis, Jr, all of whom have departed this life – has now sold 87,000 in three weeks.

Sales of Phil Spector's *A Christmas Gift For You* remain disappointing. Widely regarded as the best album of seasonal songs ever committed to record by pop performers, it was expected to sell much better than it has since its reissue by Universal Music TV a few weeks ago. It remains at number 32 this week, with only 18,000 sales last week.

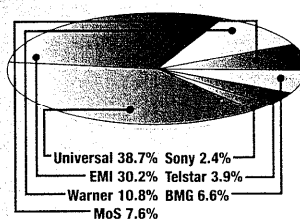
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#### TOP 10 COMPANIES

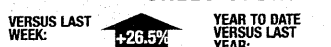


Figures show top 10 companies by % of total sales of the Top 20, and corporate group shares by % of total sales of the Top 20

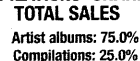
#### TOP CORPORATE GROUPS



### SALES UPDATE



### COMPILATIONS' SHARE OF TOTAL SALES



### INDEPENDENT ALBUMS

This	Last	Title	Artist	Label (distributor)
1	1	THINKING IT OVER	Liberty X	V2 VV11017782 (3MV/P)
2	3	THE VERY BEST OF	The Stone Roses	Silvertone 9260382 (P)
3	2	GREATEST HITS 87-92	Kylie Minogue	PWL 9224682 (P)
4	8	MELODY AM	Royksopp	Wall Of Sound WALLCD027 (V)
5	6	JUSTIFIED	Justin Timberlake	Jive 9224772 (P)
6	4	HAVE YOU FED THE FISH?	Badly Drawn Boy	XL TNXLCD156 (V)
7	5	18	Moby	Mute CDSTUMM202 (V)
8	7	SONGBIRD	Eva Cassidy	Blix Street/Hot G210045 (HOT)
9	9	IMAGINE	Eva Cassidy	Blix Street/Hot G210075 (HOT)
10	10	COMFORT IN SOUND	Feeder	Echo ECHCD43 (P)
11	12	LOST HORIZONS	Lemon Jelly	Impotent Fury/XL IFLXLCD160 (V)
12	11	LOVEBOX	Groove Armada	Papper 9230682 (P)
13	16	DANCING DOWN THE STONEY ROAD	Chris Rea	Jazzee Blue JBLUECD01X (3MV/P)
14	NEW	RAT PACK	Frank Sinatra/dean Martin	Planet Media & Ent (TBD)
15	14	PUSH THE BEAT FOR THIS JAM - THE SINGLES	Scotter	Sheffield Tunes/Edel UK 01411725TU (V)
16	13	THE DATSUNS	The Datsuns	V2 VVF 1020962 (3MV/P)
17	15	ABOUT A BOY (OST)	Badly Drawn Boy	Twisted Nerve/XL TNXLCD 152 (V)
18	17	GREATEST HITS	Bjork	One Little Indian TPLP359CD (P)
19	20	YOUR NEW FAVOURITE BAND	Hives	Poptones MC5065CD (P)
20	18	UP THE BRACKET	The Libertines	Rough Trade ITRAECD065 (P)

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### THE YEAR SO FAR... TOP 20 ALBUMS

TW	LW	Album	Label
1	18	ESCAPOLOGY	EMI
2	2	MISSUNDAZTOOD	ARISTA
3	NEW	ESCAPE	INTERSCOPE/POLYDOR
4	4	A RUSH OF BLOOD TO THE HEAD	PARLOPHONE
5	6	BY THE WAY	WARNER BROS
6	1	ONE LOVE	INNOCENT
7	4	THE EMINEM SHOW	INTERSCOPE/POLYDOR
8	NEW	UNBREAKABLE - THE GREATEST HITS - VOL 1	S
9	5	HEATHEN CHEMISTRY	BIG BROTHER
10	13	ELVIS - 30 NUMBER 1 HITS	RCA
11	9	COME ALIVE WITH ME	PARLOPHONE
12	7	SILVER SIDE UP	ROADRUNNER
13	8	FEVER	PARLOPHONE
14	10	GREATEST HITS I, II & III	QUEEN
15	NEW	A NEW DAY AT MIDNIGHT	DAVID GRAY
16	12	LAUNDRY SERVICE	SHAKIRA
17	19	FROM NOW ON	WILL YOUNG
18	14	NELLYVILLE	NELLY
19	NEW	FEELS SO GOOD	ATOMIC KITTEN
20	NEW	LET GO	AVRIL LAVIGNE

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