SOUNDS' readers pay tribute to 10 years service...

WHO TOP OF THE POLL

The Who registered their best-ever year in the SOUNDS poll, winning four sections including the "Best British Band," and getting equal highest number of mentions with Emerson, Lake and Palmer, who came top in six sections.

Inside, Roger Daltry talks, exclusively to SOUNDS, about his second solo album, his film roles and a decade of the Who (page 7).

Stevie Wonder was voted "Top Musician" in the world, in addition to getting five other mentions in the world categories, and gives a revealing interview on page 26.

The top British musician was Mike Oldfield, and in a special SOUNDS competition on page 27, there are 50 copies of his latest album, "Hergest Ridge" to be won, also an interview with his arranger and orchestrator, David Bedford, on page 8.

The top new band, by a long way, were Bad Company, who won five sections less than a year after their formation.

Other winners to move up from the lower regions of last year's poll included Paul McCartney and Kiki Dee (see page 16) in the British sections and Carlos Santana and Joe Mitchell in the International.

Among the new bands, Sparks finished as a clear second to Bad Company.

One oddity of the voting was that only one of the ex-Beatles, Paul McCartney, gained any placings in the SOUNDS top 10s, which are published in full on pages 20 and 21.

'Taylor Leaves Stones'

Five and a half years to the day after he joined the band, Mick Taylor has left the Rolling Stones to join a new band formed by Jack Bruce.

Mick Jagger, in Munich where the Stones are recording a new album on which Taylor plays, said: "I was a little bit surprised at first. I was upset, but now I think it's all for the best."

The Stones are not looking for a new guitarist to replace Taylor as yet, although they have plans for extensive tours beginning in the Spring.
"The Who really started from the day we had our first fight, that's the way we've been going ever since..."

"They just don't make music like they used to..."

"KUNG FU FIGHTING"

"Ten years ago the Who's lead singer kicked off a musical career with an 18-year-old model..."

"Kung Fu Fighting" is a 1974 hit song by the American singer Carl Douglas. The song was written by Andy Kim and published by AC/DC Records. The song reached number one on the Billboard Hot 100 chart and has since become a classic. It was later featured in the movie "Rocky II" and the television series "Miami Vice." The lyrics of the song are based on a traditional Chinese folk song called "Kung Fu Shoushi."
DALTREY

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greater numbers than ever before, while the group will perform with the same kind of hell-bent aggression, guts and sheer power that has made their absence from the concert scene painfully missed.

There is nothing like the real thing and other groups, as good as they may be, are only inadequate substitutes. Even individual group projects don't compensate for the empty gap left by no live Who, but solo projects will inevitably make the group as whole stronger.

"Everything has helped," Daltrey agrees, a man who's been quite busy this past year. "Moody did his solo thing and I think that will do him a lot of good cause he's such a brilliant bloke. It doesn't matter if the album is good or bad, it'll do Moony a lot of good. And John's on the road: he's been talking about it for years now and he's finally done it. And it will teach John a lot about being a front man.

"And Pete," Roger pauses.

"I think Pete's gonna do an album cause he's never really done a solo album. I'm sure if he did a solo album it would be bloody brilliant. That solo album I did was only one side. You don't show all your cards at once, love, he mysteriously giggles, an optimistic sign of future projects.

It's that unpredictable quality about the future coupled with the band's ability to do anything, that makes every Who project such a glorious cause worth celebrating. "Quadrrophenia" was two steps forward that taught them: perhaps, that the steps were too large. The next time the Who kick out the jams, they just might take a step backwards, not wallowing in sentimental nostalgia but concentrating all their energies on what they do best.

"It's just down to us getting our heads into it, into a real simple funky rock 'n' roll band. That's when the Who are at their best. Most of the stuff the Who do is really simple. And the more complicated it gets the further it gets away from being the Who. If we can get back to our roots we'll be all right. We'll be on the road the second half of next year for sure. Definitely.

But definitely.

Don't lie awake nights worrying about the Who, the kids are really all right. Even if Roger Daltrey does like Gary Glitter.

"I've always liked Gary Glitter, ever since his first record," the singer declares. "You laugh about it but his words are so similar to people like Eddie Cochran. It's fuckin' rock 'n' roll, it's great."

Gary Glitter might be all right, but remember, the Who came first.
congratulate

THE WHO

on being voted

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