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17. Take Me For What I Am 18. There You Go Again

KENNY ROSSI Arctic 122 19. Turn On Your Love Light 20. Don't Lose This Love

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THE VOLCANOS Arctic 125-A 5. A Lady's Man

BARBARA MASON Arctic 126 6. Poor Girl In Trouble 7. Hello Baby

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9. Take It Easy (With My Heart)
10. You Never Loved Me (At All)
 HONEY & THE BEES Arctic 149 11. Love Addict 12. I'll Be There THE AMBASSADORS Arctic 150 13. Ain't Got The Love Of One Girl (On My Mind) 14. Music (Makes You Wanna Dance) WINFIELD PARKER Arctic 151 15. Shake That Thing 16. Brand New Start HONEY & THE BEES Arctic 152 17. Together Forever 18. Dynamite Exploded THE AMBASSADORS Arctic 153 19. I Dig You Baby 20. Storm Warning

THE COMBO KINGS I'm At My Best When I'm Down The Rock

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DISC SIX

BARBARA MASON Arctic 154

- 1. You Better Stop It
- 2. Happy Girl

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- 3. (Girls Have Feelings) Just Like The Boys Do 4. Over The Tracks
- THE AMBASSADORS Arctic 156
 - 5. Can't Take My Eyes Off Of You
 - 6. A.W.O.L. (Away Without Love)
- JIMMY BISHOP Arctic 157
 - 7. (If You Could See Through) The Eyes Of A Blackman 8. Mr. Charlie
- HONEY & THE BEES Arctic 158
 - 9. Sunday Kind Of Love
- 10. Baby, Do That Thing
- **DELLA HUMPHREY** Arctic 159 11. Will You Love Me Tomorrow
- 12. Let's Wait Until Dark
- THE ROYAL FIVE Arctic 160
- 13. Ain't No Big Thing (But It's Growing)
- 14. Peace Of Mind (It's Just A Matter Of Time)
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