REQUESTS OVER FOUR YEARS GAVE FRANKIE VALLI A HIT

NYONE not familiar with the story behind "You're Ready Now" might be excused for thinking that a little girl or a choir-boy was singing lead! All that's happening, in fact, is Frankie Valli demonstrating some facets of his remarkable voice which ranges from paritone to tenor to a high falsetto.

And fit's not a new record, either at was first released back in 1966, after the Four Seasons had already notched up a string of thits all over the world.

Frankle's record company told the NME: "We were still being constantly asked for this record even after four years. So we decided to re-release it. We've heard that copies of the record being sold privately for high prices." quite

But having a hit on his own, without the other members of the Seasons, doesn' necessarily mean that Frankie will go solo automatically. He's content with the way thing, are going for the group as a whole — and the group's many vested interests in other businesses.

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for a long time before 'You're Ready Now' was released," he for a long time before "You're Ready Now" was released," he revealed in a transatlantic telephone call. "But we're such good buddles there's no question of us splitting up. Why should we? We've got the best of both worlds, we stick together. Occasionally, however, I make a record on my own or do a solo spot without any protests from the others."

Outside of recording and per-forming, the Four Seasons have a number of other projects to kee, them active. Frankie ran through

them for me.

"We produce our own discs,
we have a production company,

we have several pub outlets and an artists' agement corporation," pointed out. "We are looking for new talent. manalways

"We do all this because we have worked hard for our success and we don't want to throw it away. We've also worked out a great attitude to our career. We can work both the teenage and the cabaret circuits, putting on shows to suit both type of audience."

Frankle is a founder member of the Four Seasons. He and Tommy de Vito met Sob Gaudio just after the latter had written "Short the latter had written "Short Shorts" with Buddy Rand. | for the Royal Tiens. Bob wanted to get a group together and the three men teame. up, With Nick dassi they worked together as the Four Lovers for a while without much success. Then in 1962 they recorded "Sherry."

After a time, Nick was replaced by Joe Long and still the hits con-tinued. "Rag Doll," "Big Girls Don's Cry," "Walk Like A Man" and "Let's Hang On" among others all marked by Frankit's peculiar voice. peculiar voice.

Thirty-five-year-old Frankie is very much the family man with three children at home in Newark, New Jersey. He taught himself to play the drums and is a big band jazz fan who plays football and basketball. He also enjoys sketching and drawing cartoons.

Valli's from %66

I'M tired of hearing dee-jays, and reading reports, on about the Valli single. Frankie "You're Ready Now" They say it's his new solo record and that he'll soon be leaving the Four Seasons. Let's get the record straight. "You're Now' Ready was originally released in the UK in 1966 but was played. He hardly followed up numerous including other singles, "The Proud One", Give", "Can't Take "To "Can't Take My Eyes Off You" (the original version written by the Seasons and Bob (rewe) and "I Make A Fool Of Myself"

Valli and the Seasons have since recorded many singles, all of which have been available here, right raving number opened with including "Saturday's shricking girl choir, fast and Father", "Electric Stories" very punchy and if you close and the beautiful "Wil can almost and the beautiful "Will you're eyes you can almost and imagine the other three seasons You Still Love Tomorrow". On top of Some lovely crashing piano this, the group brought halfway through helps break this, the group things up and it would be so out a superb album "Immitation Gazette", a completely new style for the team.

> But these were hardly ever played. No wonder the critics get their facts confused as the group is almost totally ignored. -P. M. CROOKS, Crabtree Wilby Road. Cottage, Meon Ashby, Northamp-

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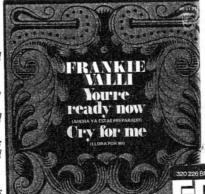
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Inis song is so daminar i sna kick myself when the first pe-son reminds me who else ha done it recently. Albeit, this is the nearest you'll get now to the immortal Four Seasons — a

in the chart.



Flashback to 1966-for both the picture and Frankie Valli's latest release, "You're Ready

When it was first released, it didn't make any impression on the charts, but on listening to it again recently, the record company decided it hadn't dated at all and so re-released it.

Frankie Valli has made several solo records while singing lead with the Four Seasons, and they also recorded under the name of the Wonder Who.

He had success with "Can't Take My Eyes Off You" among his solo numbers.

The group will be visiting Britain in February to tour here for the first time in five years, with Rufus Thomas. Phillips will be rush releasing Frankie an album called "Frankie Valli-Solo" as soon as possible.

Although they have been out of the charts for some time, the Four Seasons are among production, the voice and the biggest selling recording artists in the world, the lyrics. I like the Four They have sold over 50 million discs.

"You're Valli's Ready Now" is fantastic. I like the whole American