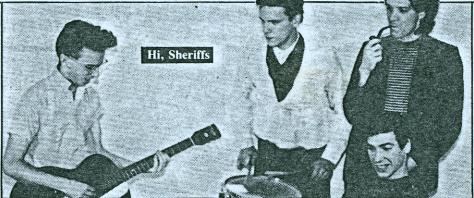
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sort Bar, and Steve Mass among them.

Swinging Singles: The Hi Sheriffs of Blue's "Ain't But Sweet 16" (Roller Skate) was one of my most-played 45s last yearcountry blues meets an atomic warhead. The Hi Sheriffs gig very rarely and when I saw them months ago at the Mudd Club, I was surprised and somewhat disappointed by their toned-down, somewhat "straighter" approach. On their new single, "Cold Chills, Parts I and II" (Tweet), the change of pace remains, but my opinion has changed to almost unqualified approval. Mark Dagley leaves his guitar in the case this time out, leaving the sound sparse. The stuttering rhythm's ever on the verge of falling apart, and in holding together it forms a perfect backdrop for Dagley's strained and pained vocals. My complaint: Parts I and II in fact means Versions I and II, and they're too similar to justify including both. How about another song, gang? In any case, I'll be there this Saturday at A-7 to see the Hi Sheriffs

(their second date in as many months, a trend I hope).