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ELI "PAPERBOY" REED AND THE TRUE LOVES

Roll With You
(Q Division, TMS £10.99)

★★★★☆

It took Brooklyn's brilliant soul revivalists Dap-Kings a decade to break through, but Boston's Reed looks ready to hit the big time with his first widely distributed effort.

He might be a white Yankee, but the 24-year-old is a belting singer. Songs such as the unashamedly funky *The Satisfier*, the Stax tribute *I'm Gonna Getcha Back* and the heartbreaking Sam Cooke-style *I'll Roll With You* are so full of life that they defy the accusations of pastiche. The instant classic *(Doin' the) Boom Boom* is no academic exercise, more a call to party like it's 1969.

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