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01 - Oh Pretty Woman 02 - Snowey Wood 03 - Main Line Driver [play](#) 04 - Mary Anne [play](#)

05 - Pauline 06 - Pretty Girls 07 - Yonder Wall 08 - All My Love 09 - Hey Gyp 10 - It Hurts Me Too 11 - Rubber Duck

Line-Up: Tony Walton (Drums) Neil Edwards (Bass) Lou Rawnsley (Rhythm Guitar)
Murray Grindley (Vocals) Harvey Mann (Lead Guitar)

It all started back in 1957 in Mt Maunganui, when Archie Bowie got his wake-up call after hearing Elvis Presley's "Hound Dog". He was very interested in rock and roll, and by 1960 was a member of a local group called the String Stars. This group consisted of Julian Collier on lead guitar, Roger Knight on drums, Dennis Pocock on piano, and Archie playing second guitar and sharing the vocals. Julian's girlfriend at the time was Harvey Mann's sister. In early 1967 they released their first single "See Saw"/"Looking Back" and were invited to appear on TV's C'mon show. They caused a stir by appearing in their street clothes and their attitude was far from the normal immaculately groomed pop groups that the public was used to seeing. The producers tried to clean their act up, but Harvey Mann didn't want any part of that and left the group to join the Brew.

Mann's departure could have been disastrous for the group, but they readjusted the line-up, putting Rawnsley on lead guitar, and recorded their best selling single. It was a remake of John Mayall's "Sitting In The Rain" backed with "Shortnin' Bread". It was a huge hit in the Auckland area and did well nationally. It was also the title of their EP. 1968 saw the release of their album "Blues Band". The Underdogs were also referred to as the Underdogs Blues Band.

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