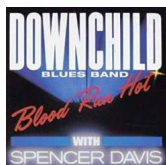


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1. *Hey Hey Little Girl* 2. *Rocket 88* 3. *Could Have Had All Your Lovin'* 4. *Natural Ball* 5. *Drivin' Blues* 6. *Blood Run Hot* 7. *Nine Below Zero* 8. *Shot Full Of Love* 9. *Let's Get High* 10. *They Were Rockin'* Musicians: Nat Abraham (saxophone), Bill Bryans (drums), Tony Flaim (vocals), Wayne Jackson (trumpet), Craig Kaleal (drums), Jim Milne (bass), Paul Nixon (drums), Jane Vasey (piano), Cash Wall (drums), Donnie Walsh (guitar), Rick Walsh (vocals), James Warburton (alto saxophone), Vic Wilson (baritone saxophone), Dave Woodward (tenor saxophone).

Formed in Toronto, Canada, the Downchild Blues Band is surpassed only by Rush in terms of name recognition within that city's musical firmament - and the Downchild Blues Band can boast of even greater longevity. Led by former pig farmer Donnie Walsh (harp, guitar), the group adopted their name from Sonny Boy Williamson's recording 'Mr Downchild', when they formed in June 1969. The original participants were Donnie Walsh on guitar, brother Rick Walsh on vocals and Jim Mine on bass. Their inspiration came from seeing Muddy Waters play live on stage. Their first sets were 'pass-the-hat' affairs at the Grossman Tavern on Spadina Avenue in Toronto. The membership has remained fluid, with the roll-call of frontmen including Tony Flaim, John Witner and current incumbent Chuck Jackson. The present line-up also includes Mike Fonfara (keyboards), Jim Casson (drums), Gary Kendall (bass) and Pat Carey (saxophone). Estimates at the actual number of musicians involved in the band over its long existence extend to about 130. Since their inception the band has appeared at between 100 and 150 dates a year, supporting blues greats including Muddy Waters, Buddy Guy, B.B. King, John Lee Hooker and Howlin' Wolf. Their first US date, coincidentally, came in 1974, as support to Rush at Cleveland's Agora Ballroom. The group celebrated its 25th anniversary in 1994 with a 10-date return to Grossman's Tavern, with those in attendance including Daniel Lanois (who produced some of their 80s albums) and actor Dan Aykroyd (a long-time fan). In fact, because of this connection two Walsh songs, 'I Have Everything I Need - Almost' and 'Shot Gun Blues', appeared on the Blues Brothers' 1978 number 1 album, Briefcase Full Of Blues. ---oldies.com

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