

= Running Back (Jessica Mauboy song) =

" Running Back " is the debut single by Australian R & B recording artist Jessica Mauboy , which features American rapper Flo Rida . It was written by Mauboy , Audius Mtawarira , and Sean Ray Mullins , and was produced by Audius . " Running Back " was released for digital download on 19 September 2008 , as the lead single from Mauboy 's debut studio album , *Been Waiting* . Mauboy felt " so excited and honoured " to work with Flo Rida , calling it a dream come true .

The song peaked at number three on the ARIA Singles Chart and was certified double platinum by the Australian Recording Industry Association (ARIA) , for shipments of 140 @,@ 000 units . In 2009 , " Running Back " won ' Highest Selling Single ' at the ARIA Music Awards , where it was also nominated for ' Breakthrough Artist Single ' . It also won ' Urban Work of the Year ' at the APRA Awards and ' Single Release of the Year ' at the NT Indigenous Music Awards . The music video was directed by Fin Edquist , and portrays a fictional relationship between Mauboy and Flo Rida . The video has garnered over 1 million views on Vevo . The song has been performed live at the 2008 Sydney New Year 's Eve event and on *Australian Idol* , where Mauboy was a former contestant of the show in 2006 .

= = Background and composition = =

In September 2007 , Mauboy became a member of all @-@ girl pop group Young Divas , replacing one of the group 's original members , Ricki @-@ Lee Coulter , who had left to resume her solo career . Mauboy 's management saw the group as a " perfect learning curve " about all that was positive and negative in the music industry . Together , they released their second studio album , *New Attitude* in November , and the album 's lead single , " Turn Me Loose " . After things went downhill for the group following the song 's release , Mauboy went to the studio to begin working on her debut solo album *Been Waiting* , because she wanted to be a solo artist and it was always on her mind to become one . Mauboy began writing songs with Adam Reily , Israel Cruz , Brooke McClymont , and Audius Mtawarira . In June 2008 , Mauboy told *The Jakarta Post* that her debut solo single would be released in August , with the album planned for a September release . Two months later , it was announced that Mauboy had left the Young Divas to resume her solo career .

" Running Back " was written by Mauboy , Mtawarira , and Sean Ray Mullins , and was produced by Audius . " Running Back " is one of the three tracks Audius produced for the album . Mullins has stated that when he hears the song on the radio , " he 's merely satisfied " that it fits the formula . " Running Back " was recorded at The Sound Academy in Sydney , New South Wales , and Phil Tan mixed the track at Soapbox Studios , Atlanta , Georgia . Mauboy and Flo Rida recorded their verses in separate studios . She said that the song is based on " one of my past experiences " . In an interview with *Take 40 Australia* , Mauboy said working with Flo Rida was a dream come true , " I love urban music and have been a huge fan of Flo @-@ Rida 's from the moment I heard ' Low ' . For him to now feature on my first single I just can 't believe it ! I am so excited and honoured . " " Running Back " is an urban pop ballad , featuring " a restrained vocal performance from Mauboy . " According to Davey Boy from *Sputnikmusic* , the song " is one @-@ part smooth ballad with its twinkling piano loop and lovelorn lyrics , and one @-@ part contemporary hip hop with its deceptively slinky vocals and effective ? if phoned in ? Flo Rida cameo . "

= = Release and reception = =

" Running Back " was released for digital download on 19 September 2008 . A digital extended play was released on 11 October ; it includes a remix featuring Israel Cruz and a karaoke version to " Running Back " , as well as two additional tracks . The CD single for " Running Back " was released in Australia on 18 October .

Jarrad Bevan from *The Mercury* noted that Flo Rida " ads punch to her sultry hook " , and added that " it 's a hit , no doubt . " Mawunyo Gbogbo from *Groove On* wrote , " ' Running Back ' is not only a hot track , but it 's prompted many to take notice of this fresh new face in Australian R & B . " "

Running Back " debuted on the ARIA Singles Chart at number thirteen and peaked at number three . Her next single , " Burn " was released in November and charted even higher when it peaked at number one . " Running Back " spent a total of thirty @-@ one weeks on the chart . It also spent forty @-@ five weeks on the ARIA Urban Singles Chart , where it peaked at number three . The song was certified double Platinum by the Australian Recording Industry Association (ARIA) , for shipments of 140 @,@ 000 units .

In 2009 , " Running Back " won ' Urban Work of the Year ' at the APRA Awards , and was nominated for the same category the following year . It was also nominated at the ARIA Music Awards , in the categories of ' Breakthrough Artist Single ' and ' Highest Selling Single ' , winning the latter category on 26 November . " Running Back " also won ' Single Release of the Year ' at the NT Indigenous Music Awards . At the MTV Australia Awards , " Running Back " was nominated for ' Best Collaboration ' .

= = Music video = =

The music video for " Running Back " was directed by Fin Edquist and filmed in Melbourne during the first week of September 2008 , during Flo Rida 's visit to Australia . The video starts off showing a view of the city , before Mauboy appears on the balcony of a bedroom singing the first verse . When the first chorus begins , Flo Rida is seen wandering around in a different bedroom . During the second verse , Mauboy then appears inside the bedroom looking at a photo , packing her bags , and singing in front of a mirror . During this time , Rida is also seen standing in front of a mirror in his bedroom . As the video progresses , Mauboy makes her way towards the car , and Rida then raps his verse on the telephone to her . The video ends showing Mauboy back at the balcony at the bedroom .

= = Live performances = =

Mauboy performed " Running Back " on the elimination show of Australian Idol in October 2008 , wearing a black dress and heels with her hair tied up in a bun . Mauboy was a former contestant of the show in 2006 , and became runner @-@ up to Damien Leith . She also performed the song at the 2008 Sydney New Year 's Eve event . On 11 January 2009 , Mauboy performed " Running Back " during a Twenty20 cricket match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground . At the 2009 MTV Australia Awards , Mauboy performed a medley of " Running Back " and " Been Waiting " , which broadcast in 162 countries . She also performed " Running Back " at her first ' Live at the Chapel ' concert , held at the Paddington Uniting Church in Sydney on 9 July 2009 . In September 2009 , Mauboy performed the song during Beyoncé 's Australian leg of her I Am ... Tour , in which she served as a support act . She also became a support act for Chris Brown 's Australian F.A.M.E. Tour in April 2011 , and performed " Running Back " . For the performance , Mauboy wore a " skin @-@ tight black spandex ensemble with silver glittery " boots . In January 2012 , Mauboy performed the song during her Galaxy Tour in Australia , dressed in a black and gold dress and silver diamond high heels . A live version of " Running Back " was included on Mauboy 's extended play iTunes Session (2014) .

= = Track listings = =

= = Personnel = =

Credits adapted from the liner notes for Been Waiting .

Jessica Mauboy ? vocals

Audius Mtawarira ? arrangement , production , vocal production

Sean Ray Mullins ? arrangement

Flo Rida ? featured vocals

Phil Tan ? mixing

= = Charts = =

= = = Weekly charts = = =

= = = Year @-@ end charts = = =

= = Certification = =

= = Release history = =