

Herd of Boppers Rushes Idol

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— Frenzied girl fans gave American pop idol David Cassidy a welcome unparalleled since the heyday of the Beatles at a concert in this north England city Tuesday night.

As soon as the show began about 6,000 frantic "teeny-

boppers" stood on their toes, screaming, weeping and waving while their idol performed.

Some rushed on stage and were fought off by guards. Press photographers were trampled on, losing valuable equipment in the crush, and one was heard to comment: "I would sooner be back in Belfast."