

David Cassidy's London performance

Hundreds of girls hurt in concert stampede

LONDON (UPI) More than 700 teen-agers, most of them girls, were injured when they were caught in a crushing stampede at a concert given by American pop star David Cassidy, police said Monday.

A 15-year-old girl suffered heart failure and had to be revived by ambulance attendants, they said.

Chaos began when dozens of fans

among the 35,000 who turned out at London's White City Stadium Saturday tried to climb a six-foot high wooden barrier to get closer to the stage.

The barrier caved in under the weight, and hundreds of girls fell or were pushed onto others sitting behind it. (Related story on page 19.)

Officials stopped the concert for 20 minutes while emergency service at-

tendants carried away the injured, many with broken ribs and internal injuries, and treated lesser wounds.

Police said several dozen girls had to be hospitalized.

The whole arena looked like a bloody battlefield," one ambulance man said.

A spokesman for the 24-year-old Cassidy said the pop star was very concerned by the incident.