

# DAVID'S TOUGH LESSONS GIVE HIM HORSE SENSE

**SEVENTIES** pop star David Cassidy is making his comeback with a single called *The Last Kiss*. It's 10 years since he was at the centre of hysterical scenes, when fans forced him to be a virtual recluse. He gave it all up, but now, at 34, says he is ready to throw himself back into the fray. Here is his style:

**HOME:** "I sold my home in California two months ago and am considering living permanently in Britain. There's no place like London, it's got a pulse. I also have property in Hawaii, and farms in the States."

**LOVELIFE:** "I married Meryl Tanz two months ago, although we've known each other for 10 years. Her daughter Caroline, 9, is in school here. Meryl was married to someone else when we met and she was put off by my bodyguards. I don't think she liked me, but I turned on the charm."

**HOBBIES:** "I breed race-horses. I have studied the subject and have quite extensive knowledge, although I'm not in Robert Sangster's league."

**AMBITION:** "I'd like to have one of my horses win the Kentucky Derby. I'd also like to be more successful in my



*Cassidy: afraid of jail.*

career than I was last time round—on my terms."

**REGRETS:** "I lost my direction 10 years ago. I made about 15 LPs in six years and I was burnt out creatively and emotionally. I gave up life as a human being. Then I saw Elvis and I saw my own future there, so I gave it all up and went home. Now all the kids wait outside Michael Jackson's home—two doors down from my house."

**FEARS:** "I'm afraid of going to jail. I think that's the worst thing that could happen to a human being. I would put a gun to my head if I was locked up. When I was young I was a bit wild and ended up one night in the police cells. I'd been drunk and belligerent. When you spend the night next to a derelict alcoholic you sober up quickly."