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David Cassidy Special

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THE NEW IDOL

—he's here to send Wembley crazy!

A cheery wave from David as he steps down from his green and white Caravelle airliner.

How David Cassidy became the face on a million bedroom walls

by ANDREW BAILEY

After the pop stampede the big question: What went wrong?

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London shows ban as probe starts

By JOHN HISCOCK

AN inquiry st... day into th... everyone is... What went wrong a... the Cassidy concert?

London ... chief, Mr Frank Cooper, said yesterday: "The full machinery of London's County Hall will be involved."

And until the probe ... finished there will be ... more big pop shows ... London.

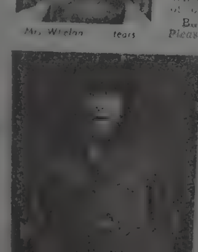
Hundreds of young girl fans were trampled and crushed at the White City Stadium on Sunday night as they ...ed towards Cassidy.

Details

"It is a terrible tragedy that these girls were injured, but at the moment we cannot apportion blame."

THE GIRL WHO 'DIED' FOR DAVID CASSIDY

Mrs Whelan ... tears



By COLIN MYLER

SCHOOLGIRL pop fan Bernadette Whelan lived for her idol, David Cassidy. And she nearly died for him.

Last night doctors were fighting to save 14-year-old Bernadette after her heart stopped in the frenzy of Cassidy's London farewell concert.

Before the concert her mother, Mrs Bridget Wh... warned her not to go because of the risk of ... crushed in a hysterical crowd of fans.

But Bernadette pleaded: *"I'll be all right Mummy. Please let me go—it will make me very happy."*

She queued for 12 hours to get a spot near the front of the 35,000 crowd . . . a spot where the pressure of the stampede was at its worst when the fans went wild.

About 800 girls needed treatment and many were taken for hospital check-ups.

After Bernadette fell unconscious a St. John Ambulance officer got her heart going again. But she was still "very serious" at Hammersmith Hospital last night.

Dangerous

Mrs Whelan was in tears at her home in Stockwell Park, South London, as she said: "The d...

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