

Bobby tells ALL:



THE VERY FIRST TIME I met David Cassidy and *The Partridge Family* was on a Screen Gems' sound stage at what is called a rehearsal-reading. Two days later I would be filming a show with the *PF* gang and this rehearsal-reading was a chance for the entire cast and crew to get together and look over the script. Having seen *The Partridge Family* show at least a couple of times—and, like you, having enjoyed it—I immediately recognized several of the familiar faces as I looked around the big table that was set up for the meeting. Danny Bonaduce's hair was just as red as it looked on my color TV and Susan Dey was just as pretty as she looked on the screen and in magazines. As I scanned the group, I realized that someone was missing. I didn't see the *Partridge Family* star David Cassidy — and I wondered where he was!

MY EMBARRASSING MOMENT

Suddenly, Paul Witt, the producer of the show and a friend and co-worker of mine from *Here Come The Brides*, walked over to me and introduced me to the young man he had arrived with several minutes before. The young man's name was David Cassidy! I had been looking at David for the past three minutes without recognizing him!!

When David saw the surprised look on my face, he explained that he had recently returned from Hawaii, where the sun had tanned his skin and lightened his hair. In addition to that, he had a completely different hair style than the way I remembered him looking on TV. Now, his hair was longer, fuller and he had cut bangs. It was really a funny but embarrassing moment for me, cos I actually didn't know it was David when he first entered the room.

HOW IT ALL STARTED

Before I continue with my story, I think I should backtrack a little and explain just how my meeting and working with *The Partridge Family* came about. Several months ago, Bob Claver, one of Screen Gems' top executives, phoned my manager, Ward Sylvester, to say that he had a wonderful script he felt would be just perfect for me. It was about two struggling, young songwriters, how they meet, get together, and the hilarious predicaments they get into as they pursue their musical careers. Bob wanted me to play the role of

*"The Day I
Met David &
The Partridge
Family!"*

"Here I am with David during one of our scenes together."



"My songwriting partner Wes Stern and me."

