

BOBBY STAY FRIENDS?



Want to know what's really behind those rumors about the big feud between your two top faves? Here's the truth behind all that gossip—told for the first time.

■ There is such a parallel in the careers of David Cassidy and Bobby Sherman that it isn't any wonder they attract such similar fans, that there are all sorts of reports of feuds between them. Actually though they are much alike in size, coloring and appearance, they are completely different in personality. Both have loyal followers, but the general consensus is—David is ahead, is the current king of the young crowd.

I spoke to Bobby, whom I've known for many years—since 1965 when he starred in the popular *Shindig*—about the situation. He smiled, showing the famous dimples. "I'm doing very well and I still do a lot of concerts, cut records, guest on dramatic TV series," he told me.

Was there real rivalry with young David Cassidy? Bobby shook his head. "No way," he said, quickly changing the subject.

The facts, though, point to something of the sort, whether it is between the two personally or with their management. They both were groomed by Screen Gems, the TV department of Columbia Pictures. Bobby was one of the stars in *Here Come The Brides* which ran for awhile and was later dropped. But Bobby's fans still loved him and wrote him saying so.

In the meantime, Screen Gems came up with *The Partridge Family* which starred Oscar-winning actress, Shirley Jones, and her stepson, David Cassidy, a young man who had already proved himself an actor on the New York stage and was into rock music and singing. Immediately the big push was on and David caught on both with television viewers and with his records. Came free time from the series and he was off on concerts where, it was reported, he was taking

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