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J-5 MEET THEM—DATE THEM

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Tito is the kind of guy who loves helping people. He wants to find a girl who'll lean on him, who'll come to him with her troubles.

Now, this doesn't mean he wants you only if you've got problems, or are the clinging vine type—no guy wants that. But he's so warm and sympathetic, that if something was bothering you, he'd do his best to make things right for you.

On a date, he'd want you to sense his moods, and if he felt like a quiet evening, he'd love it if you'd agree, even if you had planned on going to a party.

On the other hand, when he's in an up mood, he wants his date to share that feeling, too.

The girl Tito will fall in love with, and someday marry, will have to be strong in many ways. She'll have to make a home for him, and to allow for the fact that he'll be away a lot, on concert tours. A petty, spoiled chick who wants to be the center of attention all the time just wouldn't fit in with Tito's life style.

When he was with her, though, he'd give her all his love and attention—and that would mean an awful lot to any girl, wouldn't it?

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Want to meet Jackie, and win his heart? Then you'd do well to get interested in sports, or, if you don't want to learn to play, you should at least be an interested spectator. Jackie is sports-minded and the best place to meet this wonderful guy would be at a ball game or other sporting event.

He'd want you to know the fine points of the game, too, whatever it was—so if you have a brother, start

asking him questions about baseball, football and such, and really listen to the answers.

Since Jackie's just a little shy, you might have to make an effort to get him to talk. Once he's at ease with you, he'll be gabbing away like mad, but give him time. And don't get scared if he's quiet for a long time. It doesn't mean he's bored with you; that's just the kind of guy he is.

The girl Jackie loves will have to be cool, and in control of her emotions. Jackie doesn't like girls to be sloppy-sentimental and gush over every little thing that happens. If something's really a big deal, okay. But a girl who cried because she couldn't go to a party she'd planned on, or who lost her temper over trifles, just wouldn't be the kind Jackie could love.

Jackie's ambitious and the girl he loves will have to share his ambitions. He dreams about owning his own record company someday, and he'd have to know that his special girl could understand his dreams, and help him to achieve them.

CAN DAVID AND BOBBY STAY FRIENDS

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away Bobby's fans. Actually he was winning his own, girls much younger than those who had adored—and in most instances still do—Bobby.

And it was the same Screen Gems who asked Bobby to guest on *The Partridge Family* in an episode which was used as a spin-off for his own series, *Getting Together*. Immediately there were rumors in Hollywood that David and Bobby didn't get along during the making of the episode, that they were, in fact, feuding.

I spoke to David about this when I saw him last winter at the Golden Apple Awards of the Hollywood Women's Press Club. "Not so," he said, "There was no feud between us." But that was all he said. Neither boy had at any time claimed to be a friend of the other.

Unfortunately, Bobby's show was doomed from the beginning with unreal situations and its time slot which was the same as that of the powerful Emmy-winning *All in The Family* of CBS. Bobby was worried from the start. He had wanted a different format for his show. David, growing powerful with *Screen Gems* in his hit series, wanted it made clear—if you are to believe the rumors—that Bobby's show be completely different from *The Partridge Family*.

No one, least of all Bobby, was surprised when *Getting Together*

folded after several episodes. He told me, "I should have stood my ground and fought for what I wanted. I knew it was wrong, that it would have been off in any time slot, but on Saturday night opposite Archie Bunker, wow! We didn't have a chance."

But it didn't get the effervescent, creative and intelligent Bobby down. He has too many projects to let it get to him. Bobby is one of the busiest people in Hollywood. He has his own recording studio—on the San Fernando Valley farm of his parents. He plays several instruments, has every conceivable kind of camera and is an ace photographer. Singing is only one of his many interests. He plans for his future very carefully.

"Bobby is the most brilliant boy I know," according to one of his girl friends. "He has so much going for him. Like he wants to direct and produce films as well as act in them—in dramatic roles. Of course, he loves to sing and does, but it's only one of his things. And he's very well organized and you know—mature."

He's a multi-millionaire already and he's still going strong. In his concerts he feels a rapport with his audiences. "I love those kids," he told me one night following a concert in the Hollywood area. "I really love them. I just wish there were time to talk to each one of them personally. There's so much I'd like to tell them—to stay away from drugs, to try communicating with their parents. I know I'm lucky that I am now and always have been very close to my parents. There's no generation gap with us at all. We can talk about anything. But then not every kid is so fortunate."

There is a new maturity about Bobby these days, a trace of sadness behind the bright ready smile. He won't talk about it, but you kind of know that he has been hurt, that David's sudden rise to the top with Bobby's own fans has hurt a little. Perhaps Bobby even wonders if David can handle it, will know the things to say to these very young girls. Bobby knows from experience that is is a responsibility, that role of King, and one that must be handled with great care.

David is very young and stardom came breathtakingly fast to him. Some think it came too fast, that he can't at his young age begin to cope with it. "Sure I love my fans," he told me last winter. "They're the reason I'm where I am. But I try to give them what they want and I guess I do."

He does, but then so did Bobby. And Bobby still has many loyal fans who fell in love with him at the height of his