

# David's Gals Pack Garden

## Cassidy Sings to Screams of 21 000

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Young David Cassidy, TV and recording idol, arrived at Madison Square Garden yesterday afternoon and tamed it about as easily as the first David tamed Goliath.

While their parents covered their ears and cringed, the majority of the audience spent most of the afternoon screaming, screeching and yelling, welcoming their idol back to his home town of New York City.

As a star in an extremely popular TV show, *The Partridge Family*, in which he plays 16-year-old Keith, David is the idol of millions of young girls. The Garden didn't hold millions but more than 21,000 of his fans made it there yesterday to cheer him on.

For the most part the audience was made up of teenagers and pre-teenagers, mostly girls.

### Gals Scream, Shout & Jump

They screamed, shouted, jumped up and down. They clapped their hands and all but had heart palpitations as the frail-looking, long-haired David gyrated around the stage.

David, who will be 22 next month, is the new-

est sex symbol for the pre-teenagers. He gyrates and dances and sings, plays a little guitar and in general keeps things at a fever pitch.

The hour-and-15-minute show included a number of his hit recordings, and he reprised them leaping around the stage dressed in a skintight white jumpsuit. It was hard to hear him over the noise of the audience, but just seeing him there was enough for most.

Twirling the microphone cord as if it were a rope, he whipped it around and leaped across the stage and sent the children in the audience into what appeared to be ecstasy.

### Tough Day for Security Force

The Garden was scaled for this show from \$7.50 down and had security men all over, holding back the screaming girls trying to rush onto the stage to touch David.

But on the whole, it was a good-natured, reasonably orderly crowd. When the special police chased the kids back to their seats they almost always went.

"We've had very little trouble with them," one security man said. "Probably because their parents are with them. They're all too young to go out alone."



NEWS photo by Keith Torrie

David Cassidy wows his fans at Madison Square Garden yesterday.