



Girls who got steamed up about not meeting David Cassidy leap into the icy pool. Pictures by James Sutherland.

FANS TAKE THE PLUNGE FOR DAVE

DAVID CASSIDY mania swamped Manchester yesterday. Frantic fans leapt into a freezing hotel pool. And there was pandemonium when he arrived for a concert at Belle Vue.

Hundreds of girls screamed and sobbed as the 22-year-old Prince of Pop waved to them. Teenyboppers pleaded with their parents to be hoisted aloft.

Cassidy's 10-strong group began the concert. But they were drowned by 8,000 hysterical fans chanting: "We want David."

First to take the plunge into the hotel pool was 14-year-old Margaret Schofield, of Acacia Avenue, Hale, near Altrincham, Cheshire.

Security guards at the Excelsior Hotel had found Margaret sitting on the roof dangling her legs over the side—50ft. up.

She was dragged away. But ran back to jump into the icy pool.

"I hoped to be allowed into the hotel to dry off," said Margaret.

Nervous

But one girl was lucky. Nineteen-year-old Laura Cobain, from Aberdeen, met her idol. And she even got a kiss on the cheek.

Red-haired Laura stole into the hotel through a kitchen door on Monday night and hid under a table.

When Cassidy came by she rushed out and handed him a doll.

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The only girl to get a kiss from Cassidy—19-year-old waitress Laura Cobain. She hid under a table to be near him.



Please Pleas

THESE five happy fans met their idol last night . . . after sending him the world's longest love letter.

The 15-year-old girls from St Helens, Lancs, wrote asking Dave for a date, adding please ONE MILLION times.

WINE, WOMEN AND SONG

"SUPER PUPPY" Cassidy drove the fans wild when he opened his British tour in Manchester last night.

The young pop prince spent all the energy he had been building up for

days. And that build-up was only possible because the star surrounds himself with a screen of aides who are paid to protect him from the pressures of his position.

He has a personal security man; a tour manager, a tour organiser

—and a curious figure called The Ant.

The Ant — real name Anthony Fawcett — is a professional companion of pop stars.

He is English, and first became established as John Lennon's personal assistant.