

IN BRIEF

Pop show hysteria

MELBOURNE Sunday. — Police threatened to stop the David Cassidy pop show at the Melbourne Cricket Ground today as ambulancemen treated 350 girls for hysteria and minor injuries.

Hysterical and fainting girls were passed over the heads of the crowd to the first-aid stations. As screaming fans surged towards the stage they pushed those in front on to the steel barriers.

Several times a senior police officer went back-stage to warn organisers he would stop the show altogether unless fans were told to move back.

The barrier was set up so close to the stage that police, ambulancemen and crowd controllers had difficulty in getting the victims out from in front of the stage.