

David dodges the girls



POP STAR David Cassidy dodged a group of young teenage girls waiting for him at the Southern Cross Hotel last night.

The security was just too good for them.

The girls, who had been waiting at the front of the hotel for about 45 minutes, missed seeing Cassidy arrive by the hotel's car park entrance in Bourke St. about 7.10 p.m.

Cassidy, surrounded by security guards, used the lift in the car park to go to his suite on an upper floor.

Ten years ago, the Beatles used the same tactics to escape fans.

A hotel spokesman last night said that fans should not even try to get into the hotel. Security men were everywhere.

And they were everywhere at Tullamarine when Cassidy flew in at 6.30 p.m.

Cassidy, 23, who was supposed to have driven past the crowd on the observation deck, left his car and walked, then rode on an airport tractor.

A few waves, a wiggle now and then and a streamer thrown into the crowd made the 200 kids more than happy.

Cassidy will perform at the MCG on Sunday at 2 p.m.

Cassidy had dinner at a South Yarra restaurant last night.

"So far the tour has been great," he said.

"It looks like rain. Sure hope it doesn't rain on Sunday.



ABOVE: Cassidy rides a tractor at Tullamarine . . . and welcoming tears flow from a young fan (top).