

Thoroughbred breeder Cassidy 'staggered' by price filly brings



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DAVID CASSIDY
Soon will begin racing horses

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Sitting in section 5, row B, seat 3 at yesterday's Fasig-Tipton selected summer yearlings sale was a handsome young man wearing a Toronto Blue Jays baseball cap, sunglasses, blue-and-white striped shirt with the sleeves rolled and the tail out, jeans and old tennis sneakers.

At a glance, he looked like anybody — or nobody. Just another anonymous fellow checking out the thoroughbreds. And that's the way David Cassidy wants it. When he comes to Kentucky, Cassidy would rather concentrate on horses and not make a big deal of the fact that, in the early 1970s, he was the world's No. 1 teeny-bopper television and singing star.

Yesterday, believe it or not, Cassidy was so nervous you would think he was getting ready to go on stage and face a swooning, shrieking, throbbing mob. A thoroughbred breeder of modest proportions, Cassidy had one yearling — a filly by What Luck, out of Steel Wine — that he was offering in the Fasig-Tipton sale.

"I have no idea what she'll bring," he said. "Honestly, I don't. I was encouraged by the fact that the first What Luck filly in the sale brought \$53,000. But if I could get \$25,000, I'd be happy. I don't have great expectations and, consequently, I'm not disappointed. Life is easier and simpler that way."

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Of course, life has seldom been easy or simple for the son of actress Shirley Jones and the late actor Jack Cassidy. Soon after he began to appear with his mother on the "Partridge Family" TV series, Cassidy became the heart-throb of sweet young things the world over. His records were on all the charts and his concerts were exercises in mass hysteria. A girl in England once was smothered to death at a David Cassidy concert.

But, while still at the top, Cassidy walked away from it all. He felt that he needed to find some privacy, some sense of himself, some peace of mind. Of course, it didn't take the fickle public long to find a new idol. Interestingly,

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