Goes for Horses

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — Former teen idol David Cassidy hopes he has enough horse sense to control his passion for thoroughbred horses.

"I guess it's safe to say it's like I've got a disease," said the 35-year-old actor and singer.

"It's a great high; it's a great fix to win," said the star of early-70s TV series "The Partridge Family" at

Santa Barbara's first-ever yearling thoroughbred auction Monday at Earl Warren Showgrounds.

Cassidy said he and his wife Meryl have raised thoroughbreds since the mid-1970s. He owns a ranch in the Santa Ynez Valley near President Reagan's mountaintop Rancho del Cielo.