

STAR SPORTING



YOU know, pop stars are really quite a healthy lot! You might think they get enough exercise when they're on stage but lots of them have quite energetic sports they like to involve themselves with when they're not working — as you'll find out when you read on . . .

Elton John and Rod Stewart have one thing in common (apart from the fact that they're both great singers and songwriters of course!) — they're both football mad. Elton is so crazy about the game that he's become a director of Watford Football Club. In fact he sometimes even goes along to join in the club's training sessions — and takes Rod with him!

But Elton's sporting interests don't stop at football! As you can see from the photo, he's also keen on cricket. And then there's tennis — would you believe he spent his summer holidays this year in Arizona, polishing up on his backhands and service strokes, and things like that?

Considering the temperature in Arizona during the summer rises to about 110 degrees Fahrenheit, that sounds pretty energetic to me!



Not only is Suzi Quatro a fantastic singer and bass guitar player, she's also pretty good at playing snooker!

She first learned to play in the snooker halls of Detroit, where she was brought up. And there, as in everything else, Suzi was playing against men, determined to prove that she was as good as, if not better than them!

And now that she's a big success in the pop world, Suzi found that snooker is more than just a game to her — it's a way of taking her mind off all the pressures of the business.

As you'll know if you're a regular "Jackie" reader, Alice Cooper is the Tony Jackin of the pop world!

"Golf's the greatest game in the world," he said. "I'm really quite an expert at it now — I know all the tricks!

"What I like about it is that it's such a change from what I do onstage. In fact it couldn't be more different!"

Well, that's true anyway!



Hud of Hudson Ford says his favourite game is squash!

"I first started playing about two years ago when I was in the Straws," he told me. "I'm quite good at it now — I'm in several clubs and I play about three times a week wherever I can."

"What with touring, though, I just can't keep up with my playing. For instance, the last time we toured America, I took all my equipment with me. But when I got there I discovered the rules over there are completely different to the British version of the game!"

"So in future I think I'll stick to playing at home in Finchley!"

David Cassidy, as you know, is a great animal lover — and the animals he loves most are his horses.

At one time, David's ambition was to race his horses — but now he's decided he's more interested in breeding them.

In fact, when I met David the last time he was in London, he was looking very excited — and he was dying to tell me why!

"I've just heard that my mare's had a foal," he told me. "It's great news — I can't wait to get home and see it!"



Gary Glitter's favourite sport is a more relaxing one — fishing!

"Over the years, I must have fished all the best rivers in England," said Gary. "It really is a great way of getting away from it all."

"You can have a whole day just lazing about — and then, if you're lucky, you can have the results for tea!"

"Lovely!"



Brian Connolly is another horsey person. When he was younger, his big ambition was to become a jockey — but unfortunately, he grew too much!

"I'm not particularly heavy," said Brian. "In fact, I only weigh 9 stone — but even that's too much for a jockey."

"But I still enjoy riding, and I'd like to get a horse of my own some time."



Another person who's keen on both cricket and tennis is Bryan Ferry.

When he was on holiday in the West Indies early this summer, Bryan spent a lot of his time brushing up on both games.

"I've always enjoyed playing tennis," he said. "In fact, I was captain of the tennis team when I was at school — and I'm still quite good, although I say it myself!"

Bryan spent his holiday on a very small island called Mustique. There weren't many holidaymakers there, but luckily, there were enough to make up a cricket team!

"All the visitors got up a team and challenged the residents to a match," said Bryan. "Unfortunately, though, they beat us easily!"

"Still, it was fun!"

