

DAVID IN EUROPE

Why so many gloves flew onto the stage in Stockholm Why his suit was in tatters in Gothenburg Why David was particularly funny in Hamburg BRAVO reporter Frances Schoenberger followed David Cassidy wherever he went

I don't know how many of you have seen the last "Musikladen". The TV recording of Rock me Baby was David's first appearance in Europe. I spent three weeks traveling with David all over Europe. We spent two days in Hamburg. And it was here that David discovered German specialties that he had never tasted before: Red fruit jelly with cream and German beer. At dinner in an old Hamburg pub, I persuade him to have an ice-cold Korn with his beer. David first sniffs the fogged glass

suspiciously. Then he bravely downs the Schnapps and is thrilled. It makes me laugh!" he says. Things get serious the next day. It's off to Scandinavia. In Stockholm, David gives his first public concert in Europe, in the open air in Tivoli Park. The time is 7 pm. It's freezing cold. 3 degrees above zero. A bitterly cold wind whistles through the open-air stage. With red-frozen noses and ears and jumping from one foot to the other from the cold, over 8000 blonde Swedish girls wait for Darling Dave'. When David takes to the stage

The cold is forgotten, the girls are ecstatic, a shower of flowers welcomes David. And even more: many throw their gloves onto the stage. David shouldn't freeze... In Gothenburg, however, everything goes wrong. Even on arrival. Hundreds of teenagers besiege the hotel entrance. David immediately turns around and heads for the next hotel. But they don't want to take him in. Rod Stewart and his rock band had recently trashed their hotel room there. Back to the first hotel. There was no more time for rehearsals. David has to climb over 3 meters of scaffolding to get to the high stage in Gothenburg's ice stadium. His white tuxedo is in tatters. He changes his clothes in a flash. When he finally stands in front of the microphone, it fails during the first song. It is replaced. David starts all over again. The whole system fails. An absolute disaster. After the concert, everyone was depressed,

even though the fans were cheering like everywhere else. David himself is the most depressed: "It was my fault guys. I should have insisted on a rehearsal or cancelled the concert. I don't like half measures." Rotterdam is the next stop. David's excitement from the Gothenburg concert can still be seen: he has allergic spots on his face, as always when something really gets to him. I try to cheer him up. We go to the movies, buy ice cream and Coke. The tough action movie Papillon distracts David from his own problems. And when the concert in Rotterdam is a roaring success the next day, the dust has settled. Such were David's turbulent experiences in Scandinavia and Holland. But what he experienced in Germany afterwards was the crowning glory of his triumphant European tour. That's when I really got to know David. The big report in the next BRAVO: David in Germany

Main Photo –
In Tivoli, Stockholm David Cassidy sings the Beatles song Please, Please Me for 8000 fans

First Photo
Stockholm: Ten girls fainted and had to be carried away by the police

Second Photo
Copenhagen: Autograph collectors crowded in front of the stage even before the concert began

Third Photo
Paris: David on a walk with his two bodyguards Billy Francis and Gerry Slater