

## FANS' TRIBUTE

Getting shirty  
David with a  
Clyde top

# A day to remember with David Cassidy...

## World star came to town

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**It was a day unlike anything Rutherglen had seen before.**

Thousands of teenage girls descended on Shawfield Stadium on May 24, 1974, to watch pop star David Cassidy strut his stuff on the Scottish leg of his tour.

The singer, who first shot to fame with the Partridge Family, passed away last

week at the age of 67 after suffering from dementia, but his appearance in Rutherglen will always be cherished by those who saw it.

Before the gig the singer posed with a Clyde top and the Reformer's late photographer Brian Logue often recalled that he kept it afterward - much to the annoyance of Clyde management who had expected the strip back.

The Reformer's edition at the time reported on how "Rutherglen was besieged by armies of girls... some of them had even come from as far away as England to see their idol."

The report stated that there were "hundreds of cases of fainting."

"Time and time again waves of weeping girls surged towards the stage with stewards and police fighting to hold them at bay. For those at the front it was a night of mixed pain and pleasure as they watched David Cassidy, for at the

same time they were being crushed against the barriers by the force of thousands behind them."

One fan got a bit too carried away as he climbed the roof of Shawfield and ended up in court as a result, paying a £40 fine the next day as a result.

Fans paid tribute to the singer on the Reformer's Facebook page.

Christine Hannah said: "It was a fantastic night. Couldn't believe I saw my American idol and heartthrob."

Heather Scott wrote: "Got the ticket for my birthday. Never forget that amazing concert. Walking down to Shawfield with my pals singing his songs. David in his white jumpsuit. Was a dream come true for a teenager."

Helen Cogman said: "I lived in Toryglen and could see Shawfield from my bedroom. I remember sitting on the windowsill listening to the concert."

Rutherglen woman Kim Jackson was there as a first aid cadet. She told us: "It was absolutely crazy - it was just madness when he came on and started singing."

"I remember the DJ Tiger Tim was there in a tiger suit. He was the compere, and Showaddywaddy were supporting."

Chatting away David Cassidy at a press conference before the gig

