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Cameron & Justin

HOT!

With their sizzling new romance taking them from coast to coast, It couple **Cameron Diaz** and **Justin Timberlake** show no signs of cooling down **BY LARA COHEN**

EVER SINCE JUSTIN Timberlake split with Britney Spears last year, he has been the reigning ladies' man of pop, dating everyone from Alyssa Milano to dancer Jenna Dewan. So it was hardly surprising to see a gorgeous blonde waiting in the wings while he rehearsed for a July 22 concert at Chicago's Allstate Arena. But this was no ordinary groupie. It was

Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle star Cameron Diaz. Moments later, as he walked to his dressing room after sound check, Diaz — in cargo pants and a fitted white T-shirt — followed close behind, gently holding his elbow. "They looked very comfortable together," an onlooker tells *Us*. Says another source: "Cameron checks up on his wardrobe needs and makes sure the food trays are stacked

so he has something to eat. She does everything with a smile. It's so sweet."

The Real Thing

Indeed, what seemed like a fling when it started in June suddenly seems to be heading (dare we say) into Demi-Ashton seriousness. Though she's 30 and a former model, and he's 22 and an avid sneaker collector, their romance — more May-July than May-December — appears already to have overcome some daunting odds. When they began dating, she had just emerged in April from a four-year relationship with actor Jared Leto, 31; Timberlake, despite much fervor over a possible reconciliation with Spears, seemed all but addicted to his swinging-bachelor lifestyle, enjoying brief affairs with Milano, 30, Dewan, 22, and others. "She's hot and hilarious," says Steven Fatone (brother of Timberlake's NSync bandmate Joey), who works on Timberlake's tour. "Who wouldn't want to date her?"

Body Language

Love hadn't yet bloomed for Diaz and Timberlake at the Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards 2003 back in April. But *Us* had body language expert Patti Wood weigh in to see if sparks were flying even before their first date. "When people present awards they usually both face the audience," says Wood. "He has his heart toward her, and she is leaning her body in toward him. She is putting effort out to get the kiss." STEPHAN ANSOLDO

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Can It Last?

So what are the chances of Cameron and Justin's new May-July romance lasting to, well, September? "Everyone deserves a great summer fling," says relationship expert Sharyn Wolf, author of *How to Stay Lovers for Life*. "And this guy is good to have fun with. He's a young man in his prime. Why not?" But Lynn Harris, author of *Breakup Girl to the Rescue!*, thinks the spunky actress might still be nursing a broken heart from the recent end of her four-year relationship with Jared Leto. "Justin is a rebound," Harris tells *Us*. "I don't see her winding down with a Mouseketeer. This is her summer vacation. People always have new beginnings in September. But you can't do that without taking a break and getting your thoughts together." Still, Harris says she sees nothing wrong with Diaz letting her hair down a little: "I just see them having fun together." MARK OHA