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WINGATE & FINCHLEY FC

Hello and welcome to the Maurice Rebak Stadium! We hope that all associated with the club, the match officials and the staff, players and officials of Erith and Belvedere enjoy their stay in N12 this evening!

This is our first competitive meeting since the 2004/05 season when both sides competed in the Southern League Division 1 East.

That was to be the first of our two campaigns in the Southern League to date, having been transferred from the Isthmian League Division 1 North that summer before switching back in the summer of 2006. In both seasons we finished in 12th place out of 22 teams, though in 2005 saw the Deres finish 21st and relegated to the Kent League.

Tonight's tie will be settled on the night with no replay. In the event of a tie after 90 minutes, we will go to extra time then to penalties if required.

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CLUB NOTES

Congratulations David Wolff!

Our life vice-president David Wolff has recently received the London FA's Bobby Moore Award for 2024 Grassroots Heroes Award (sponsored by Panini!)

Congratulations David!

Mr Wolff is also chairman of the Maccabi (Southern) GB Football League (since 1970!), overseeing the organisation of the league.

His footballing career began back in the 1950s as a member of the Ivri Maccabi Youth League and is a supporter of West Ham United – once being asked to manage their under 16s team. He joined the MSFL Management Committee in December 1963 as assistant secretary, before rising to vice chairman in 1965 then chairman in 1970. During his directorship, the league has risen from 12 clubs to 66.

David has also chaired the London FA since 2022.

From all at the club, congratulations on your award David!

Folkestone Invicta (H)

Following a horrible injury to our goalkeeper Prince Adegoke that saw the above tie abandoned late on, it has been decided that the game will not be replayed. The tie stands as it was at abandonment – a 3-3 draw, both sides receiving one point.

Happy New Year

We would like to wish all of our Jewish supporters, friends and colleagues a happy New Year. Shana Tova from everyone at the club!

Rifat

Last weeks' crucial 3-2 win away at Dartford was manager Ahmet Rifat's 100th game in charge of the Blues!

Top scorers 2024/25

Competitive first team games only.
Total games played: 11 league, 4 cup

	Lge	Cup	Tot.
Obi	10	3	13
Lowe	3	0	3
Georgiou	3	0	2
Frempah	3	0	3
Oladipo	3	0	3
Tanimowo	3	0	1
Deslandes	2	0	3
Briscoe	1	0	3
Drakes-Thomas	1	0	1
Iontton	1	0	1

Hendon away

Last week saw our biggest win against our local rivals Hendon at Silver Jubilee Park, leaving North West London with all three points after storming to a spectacular 6-1 victory!

See later pages of this programme for a match report from this game!

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Respect

A VIEW FROM AFAR

As this article is largely river related, three statements about the River Thames, only one of which is true; but which one? Answer at the end of the article.

- *The Latin name for the Thames is Sabrina*
- *There are more than 80 islands in the River Thames*
- *Tower Bridge was built in 1654 to connect the Tower of London to the South bank*

I am old enough (surely not, I hear you cry!) to have seen Erith and Belvedere play at what is now the Maurice Rehak Stadium back in their Athenian League days, so it is good to see them back here this evening.

As far as I can recall, I have never been to Erith or Belvedere, so I thought I'd look them up. Although they currently play at Welling, both the areas from which the club take their name are on the bank of the Thames. This sort of fact always gives rise to the question, 'which professional club play closest to the River Mersey?'. Next year, assuming they don't have any further financial crises that prevent them moving to their new stadium, it will be Everton so it is timely to remind my reader that the current answer is, in fact, Stockport County.

Grounds beside rivers are quite numerous. The lady wife and I have on many occasions crossed the Kessock Bridge and admired the ground of another financially struggling club, Inverness Caledonian Thistle. Who can forget the former Shrewsbury ground at Gay Meadow, where a man in a coracle would be waiting on the waters of the River Severn to collect any stray balls that flew over the main stand after a hasty clearance from an old fashioned uncompromising and skill limited centre half like, for example, Harry Maguire.

Harry nearly went to West Ham in the summer but begging not to have to go there obviously worked, which meant that he would not be hoofing a ball from the London Stadium into the River Lee; mind you, that would be quite some kick. I've only been there during the 2012 Olympics where the volunteers were quite brilliant. One, who was greeting people through a loud hailer from what appeared to be a tennis umpire's chair stolen from Wimbledon, endeared himself to the lady wife by greeting our party of three (our son was with us) by saying 'Good Morning Sir, how kind of you to bring both of your children with you!'

Fulham of course is right on the banks of the Thames and before they built the imaginatively named Riverside Stand, it was possible to stand on that side of the ground and watch the University Boat Race pass by, but only once a year and then only if tidal conditions meant that kick off coincided with a match.

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Similarly, Middlesbrough thought long and hard before naming their new stadium 'The Riverside'. It could so easily have been the 'Tees Transporter, the Grade II listed longest transporter in the world stadium', but maybe that would have required bigger signposts directing approaching traffic.

Closer to our own level, we have seen over the years the perils of playing at Leatherhead where the River Mole seems to regularly flood, causing games to be postponed and the North Sea fishing fleet to arrive in order to boost their catches of cod, haddock and goldfish.

Which reminds me – good chips are available here at half time.

Which Thames fact is true? There are more than 80 islands along its course. Sabrina is the Latin name for the Severn and Tower Bridge was built in 1894

By Peter Brown

WINGATE & FINCHLEY CLUB HISTORY

Wingate and Finchley Football club can trace its roots back to the formation of Finchley Football Club in 1874 making it one of the oldest clubs in the country. Founded by Pa Jackson, who also was instrumental in the creation of the Corinthians, The London Football Association as well as later serving as secretary of the FA, Finchley became founder members of the Athenian League in 1912 after spells in the London League and North London League. They finished fourth in the maiden season, higher than such luminaries as Grays Athletic, Chelmsford City and Enfield.

However their stay was cut short due to the onset of World War One and they would only return for a lone season in 1929 before returning to the London League and forging success. The club's first piece of silverware was won during the 1934-1935 season when the League Cup was captured, with the taste of achievement forming Finchley went on to win the London League in 1936-1937 before World War Two scuppered their winning streak.

It was immediately after the conflict that saw Major Harry Sadow, Frank Davis, George Hyams and Asher Rebak form a Jewish Football Club believing the field of play was a ground of battling the ignorance of anti-Semitism. So in 1946 Wingate Football Club began life in the Middlesex Senior League. The club was named after General Orde C. Wingate who despite not being Jewish himself oversaw the creation of the Israeli Army during the Second World War. The club enjoyed early success and by 1952 they were promoted to the London League.

Meanwhile Finchley, back in the Athenian League, were in the middle of their glory years with the 1952-1953 season proving to be the pinnacle. That year saw their progression to the Third Round Proper of the FA Cup. Defeated along the way were Chelmsford City, Kidderminster Harriers (1-0 at Aggborough) and Crystal Palace (3-1 at Summers Lane) before the Finches were finally beaten 2-0 at Gay Meadow against Shrewsbury Town.

Despite an Amateur Cup semi-final appearance, losing to bitter local rivals Hendon at Highbury in 1965, a sense of decline was starting to emerge. A switch to the Isthmian Premier League failed to stop the halt, and in 1980-81 Finchley were relegated to the second division.

Wingate by now had become a senior club and were competing in the Athenian League. Many players had become members of the Middlesex FA representative side and also partook on behalf of Great Britain in the Maccabiah Games. Disaster struck though in 1972 when their Hall Lane ground in Hendon was lost to the M1 extension and despite a short ground share with Finchley FC the club reverted to junior football.

Wingate finally returned to the senior game with a brief merger with Leyton FC. This partnership proved to be unsuccessful and despite a 1984-1985 League Cup victory, ironically defeating Finchley in the final, both clubs went their separate ways.

In 1991 with Finchley struggling in the Isthmian League Second Division and with mounting debts it was announced that a merger with Wingate would take place in the

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summer. After extensive refurbishment and a name change of the Summers Lane ground in honour of long time Wingate supporter Harry Abrahams, Wingate and Finchley took to the field for the start of the 1991-1992 season.

Success was immediate and despite starting life in the South Midlands League the club were quickly competing in the Isthmian League and by season 2003-2004 were members of the newly formed Division One North.

In recent seasons the club has continued its growth. A brief flirtation with the Southern League was shortly followed by the arrivals of Manager Michael Stone and Chairman Aron Sharpe. Now back in the Isthmian League a youthful squad achieved seventh position in the First Division North in the 2008-2009.

Stone sadly left the club in 2009 after being offered the post of Assistant Manager at Conference giants Rushden and Diamonds. The club's first team manager in time for the start of the 2009/10 season was former Oswestry Town manager and Total Network Solutions Llansantffraid midfielder David Norman. At the end this season the Club finished in a record high position of 3rd in the Ryman Division One North, mainly thanks to a record run of 17 matches without defeat from the turn of the year, a run which included 13 wins. The Club reached the playoffs but lost out to Enfield Town in the semi-final 3-2 in an incredible match. This paved the way for what was to be a monumental and unforgettable 2010/11 season.

The Club was quickly becoming the most progressive non-league club in the area, thanks to Sharpe's focus on youth development. Bobby Aisien and Medi Alabimba had progressed from Hadley Wood and Wingate to earn professional contracts, and in 2011 over 20 of the U16-18 age group represented their County. Six boys at U16's were given scholarships with pro sides and the club developed into a community club with a Mencap disability initiative, work with schools, and it entered its fourth year of the Flex educational scheme.

A consistent league season for the First Team saw the side match their previous 3rd place league finish and earn a second crack at the playoffs. In the semi-final Harlow Town were beaten 4-2 after extra time, and promotion to the Ryman premier Division was won with a 118th minute winner over Brentwood Town in extra time of the final - The Blues winning 3-2 on their home turf.

This victory was the middle leg of a remarkable and unique Treble. Earlier that season the club had lifted the Ryman League Cup having beaten Dulwich Hamlet 2-0 at Imber Court, and London Senior Cup success was to follow shortly afterwards when Hendon were convincingly beaten 3-1 in the final.

Success flowed throughout the Club this year, with the youth teams also building on their previous season's work as they progressed superbly. The U18's won the Middlesex County Cup, and at U15 level the League Title and three Cup trophies followed (two County cups and the League cup). Even the Under 10's were getting in on the action as they lifted the Spring Cup!

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The first season in the Ryman Premier Division in 2011/12 saw the side secure safety in this new level with a comfortable mid-table finish, ending up closer to the playoffs than from relegation. The final third of the season saw breakthroughs for youth players Liron Mannie and David Smouha who both played big roles in the first team squad. Meanwhile there was huge cup success at youth level yet again; The Under 18's won the AFA Cup, beating Valley Park after extra time, as well as the London County Cup. The Under 17's won a double as they beat Thurrock in the EJA League Cup final to add to their earlier AFA Cup success having beaten Bethwin 8-1! The Under 16's also got in on the action securing their AFA Cup title beating Woodford FC, which they added later on securing their EJA (Herts) League title.

Success of the youth sides prompted three players - Ross Weinreb, Nathan Sollosi and Joe Sharpe - to earn selection to the Great Britain Maccabi Team for the world games in Israel during July 2013. Meanwhile the Barnet Mencap disability sides grew in strength as they entered the fourth season with the club, with three sides now competing in the Camden Step Leagues. The year ended on a high as McDonalds joined in lucrative sponsorship deal.

The following season, 2012-13, was a difficult one for the first team. Early season poor form led to the departure of Norman in November as ex-Northwood boss Gary Meakin came in. The Club flirted with relegation all season until a momentous 3-2 victory over Lowestoft two days before the final day secured survival. However Norman rejoined the Club in the summer as Director of Football, as veteran defender Daniel Nielsen was put in place as Head Coach. Meanwhile a new Under 21 Development squad was set up to compete in the inaugural Ryman U21 League.

There was continual success for the youth sides. The U17's added the London County Cup to an earlier EJA league title, the EJA cup and the AFA cup. These were also followed up with the League Regional Playoff title. The U16's won two cups in this season, the EJA and AFA trophies.

In 2014 the side faced another relegation fight in the league, which was lost on goal difference on the final day of the season despite a 5-0 victory over Billericay Town. However, when Worksop Town pulled out of the Southern League due to financial problems, Wingate & Finchley were the first in line to earn the reprieve back to the Ryman Premier Division.

The 2014-15 season resulted in a record finish of 12th place in the Ryman Premier League, and at the end of the season Norman departed, to be replaced by Simon Lane as Director of Football. However for the start of 2016 he was replaced by former Northern Ireland International Keith Rowland and the side finished in a stable 13th position. In August 2016 the stadium at Summers Lane was re-named after Wingate FC co-founder Maurice Rebak who had passed away in February of that year aged 95.

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The 2016-17 season saw the club set a new record, finishing in 5th place in the Ryman Premier League and qualifying for the end of season playoffs. A last-minute defeat at Bognor Regis Town in the semi-final ended the season, but this was a magnificent achievement and saw the Blues win the League's Team Performance of the Year Award.

A ninth-place finish followed in 2017-18 as the Blues narrowly missed out on a second successive play-off berth. There was success for the Under 23 side who won the Isthmian Development League North Division at a canter. Over the summer the Club embarked on an extensive state-of-the-art refurbishment of the stadium, for the first time since 1991's merger, giving the clubhouse a much-welcomed overhaul and making the stadium one of the most impressive in non-league football.

The subsequent three seasons saw a period of uncertainty both on and off the pitch, with short management stints for ex England International Nicky Shorey, ex Premier League stalwart Glen Little and ex West Ham Academy and Wingate & Finchley favourite Steve Clarke, followed by two null and void seasons under the stewardship of Spencer Knight due to the COVID pandemic. However, during this period there were still many successes, including U18s winning County Cup in consecutive seasons and the London Champion of Champions trophy, U23 Development Squad being victorious in Herts League Cup fielding a squad largely made up of Under 18s, while both U13s and U12s secured League Titles.

In the summer of 2021, Club legends Ahmet Rifat (Director of Football) and Marc Weatherstone (Manager) were appointed as a new Management Team after nearly 1000 first team appearances between them. Later in the 2022/23 season Ahmet Rifat was to take sole charge.

Season 2024/24 will go down on record as one of our finest if not the finest. Finishing in 4th position with a record haul of 76 points and scoring 78 goals. Ahmet Rifat's charges made it to the play offs on the last day of the season with a 3-0 win over Carshalton.

We faced local rivals Enfield Town in the play off Semi finals at the QE II Stadium. We narrowly lost a very tight match 1-0 in front of a crowd of 2,225 that night. A fine season was ended, but what memories it brought.

What does 2024/25 hold, a new revamped side, and a manager and coaching squad with that extra years experience. Looking forward to the journey.

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HENDON (A) – CHRIS CUMMINGS

Obi hat-trick helps Blues hit Hendon for six

Picture the scene: It's 9:00 on a Tuesday night. You're standing in the bar of Hendon FC at half-time, having just watched your side put four past their North London rivals. It's the second time in four days you've watched your team score three goals or more before the break. Life is good.

And there's no need for nerves on this Tuesday night. A 3-0 lead has proved a precarious one at times both for and against Wingate & Finchley lately: That famous win against Bowers last season; away at Whitehawk last season; at home to Folkestone this season.

But when Ogo Obi scored his second and third quickly after half time, the Blues' fifth and sixth, any chance of an unlikely come back was well and truly put to bed. It was credit to Rifat's men who were quicker, and stronger than their opponents all night. To a man. They started the second half just as they ended the first, by winning the ball with robust challenges, and getting it forward to Newton, Georgiou, and Obi to wreak havoc in the large amounts of space that was left for them. And havoc it indeed was.

We won't give you a blow by blow of all the goals - you can see them below - but safe to say that they showed off a range of threats for the Blues. There were two goals from set pieces, an area that has sometimes been a struggle for this side, but which has turned into a real strength in the last week. There was a headed finish from a lovely cross, two one-on-ones that were slotted home with aplomb, and an outside the box curler that nestled itself in the top corner from 18 yards out.

Oh yeah, there was also a missed penalty and a goal ruled out for offside.

I think the message is clear: this Wingate & Finchley side can harm any team on their day, and from any facet of play. It's now 12 goals in the last three games, and the 28 scored this season in the league sits second only behind Dover.

So with a run of games coming up that will test the mental and physical resilience of the squad, Tuesday's display can only send the team into that run in good spirits, and at the right end of the table, sitting in the playoff places in fourth, where they finished last season.

There are some especially tough games coming up in the league (not that any game in this league isn't tough), but before that, there is a Saturday to rest without a game, as attention turns to the London Senior Cup, when Erith & Belvedere visit Summers Lane on Tuesday night. We'll see you there.

Wingate & Finchley: Grainger; Cracknell (Webb 58'); Byron; Achuba (Iontton 58'); Frempah; Drakes-Thomas; Garrett-Douglas (Hernandez 76'); Tanimowo; Obi (Briscoe 69'); Georgiou (Lowe 78'); Newton **Attendance:** 269

ERITH & BELVEDERE

2023-24 was Erith and Belvedere's second season in the Isthmian League: it was only slightly less harrowing than their first 10 years earlier, and ended the same way, with relegation, albeit 3 points adrift of safety as opposed to 23 the previous time. The Deres were simply unable to score enough goals to be competitive, and although there was an improvement when present managerial team Billy Hamlin and Jamie Phipps took over on Matt Longhurst's resignation, other teams pulled away.

The Deres were formed in 1922 on the restructuring of Belvedere and District FC, founded in 1918. They played their first Kent League match on 26 August 1922 at Park View, Belvedere, losing 3-1 to Chatham. They reached the FA Amateur Cup quarter-final, and in 1923-24 they reached the Final, losing 3-0 to Clapton at The Den in front of the day's biggest football crowd. In the same season they won the Kent Amateur Cup, and in 1924-25 lost 2-0 at home to Third Division Reading in the FA Cup.

Apart from two seasons (1929-31) in the London League, the Deres remained in the Kent League until the war. In a league featuring many semi-professional and nursery sides, third place in 1928-29 was their highest finish, but greater success came in cups. They reached successive Kent Amateur Cup Finals in 1934/5. The FA Amateur Cup Final was reached again in 1938: although they lost 1-0 to Bromley, again at The Den, the 33,346 crowd was the biggest ever for a Deres match.

On the outbreak of war the Deres joined the South-East Combination. Since local industry was important to the war effort, Erith lost few players to the Forces, and became one of Kent's top clubs. In 1941-42 they won the Kent Senior Cup (the first amateurs to do so for 30 years) and the South East Combination League and Cup double: they dropped only one point, scored 253 goals in 44 games and had a 64-game unbeaten home run ended only by an Army side fielding four full internationals.

Having won the London Senior Cup on the weekend after VE Day, the Deres were founder members of the Corinthian League, winning the Memorial Shield (League Cup) three seasons in succession (1948-50). Along with Slough and Maidenhead, the Deres remained in the Corinthian League throughout its existence, and in 1963 they joined the Athenian League on its expansion to 3 divisions.

ERITH & BELVEDERE

In the late 60s the Deres won the Kent Amateur Cup four times in five years and were runners-up in an international tournament in Belgium! They reached the Athenian premier division in 1971 managed by 1959 Cup Final goalscorer Roy Dwight, and won the League Cup in 1974. Deres chose to return to the Kent League in 1978, but in 1982 entered the Southern League as Kent champions and League Cup finalists, the highlight of Peter Peters' record 17½ years in charge between 1971 and 1991.

Life was hard for the Deres in the Southern League, with just six top-half finishes and a best placing of 7th under Harry Richardson in 1993. On his departure Deres struggled until the appointment of Mike Acland in 1996. 18 months into Acland's reign the club could have folded when arsonists destroyed the main stand at Park View on 1 September 1997. The club was based in portakabins for two years before starting a groundshare arrangement with Welling United in 1999. Acland departed in 2003, and in 2005 the Deres were relegated, ending a 23-year Southern League stint.

Back in the Kent League, the Deres were in promotion contention until the final day of 2005-06, but were out of the hunt in the following few seasons, apart from a Kent Senior Trophy final defeat to VCD in 2009. Micky Collins took over as manager in May 2010 and won the Kent League double in 2012-13, edging VCD Athletic in an epic title race and beating Corinthian in the League Cup final.

Collins resigned soon afterwards and 2013-14 was a debut Isthmian season to forget: a 16-game losing streak, 137 goals against and relegation confirmed with 4 games to go. New manager Matt Longhurst took the club to 3rd in the SCEFL and FA Vase quarter-final (losing to eventual winners North Shields) in 2015 with 41 goals for Alfie May (now at Charlton). Longhurst departed in autumn 2015, beginning a decline which saw Deres relegated in 2017.

They came back two years later as runners-up in the SCEFL second tier under Owen Jones, winning the London Senior Trophy and with Harry Harding scoring a club record 45 goals in the season. The 2020s began with a turbulent period when the Deres lost a manager, most of the first team and all but two directors. Del Oldfield steadied the ship in the two Covid seasons, before Danny Murphy took Deres to 6th in 2022. The centenary season 2022-23 saw a club record 11 league wins from the start of the season, and the Deres withstood a late charge by Phoenix Sports to win their third Kent/SCEFL league title.

MATCH PREVIEW

Match preview

After no game on Saturday due to FA Trophy commitments for our scheduled opposition, we are back in action on Tuesday night at the Maurice Rebak Stadium in London Senior Cup action, for the first time this season.

Our Opponents

Erith & Belvedere play their football in the Southern Counties East Premier, at step five of the non-league pyramid. Last season, "The Deres" were relegated from Isthmian South East division after finishing bottom of the league in 20th place, with 26 points from their 38 games. Despite a good start to the season last year, Erith & Belvedere dropped into the relegation zone in December and stayed there throughout the remainder of the season.

They only had one season at step 4 this time, having been promoted the season before, and in the last decade they have also played at step 6, back in 2017-18. This season, the Deres sit in 9th place, four places below the playoff spots, with 19 points from 13 games (W5 D4 L4).

Head-to-Head

The last time that we played Erith & Belvedere in a league fixture was in 2004/05 in the Southern League Division One East, the Blues doing the double over the Deres that season including a 4-1 win thanks to a Dean Williams hat-trick. More recently, in 2010-11, we faced the Deres in the London Senior Cup, winning 2-1 on our way to winning the trophy that season, goalscorer on that day were Leon Smith and Dave Laird.

Last Time Out

The Deres were in league action on Saturday, beating Bearsted 3-0 thanks to goals from Ladic Melconian, Joe Chalker and Dieko Falade. Last Tuesday, the Deres were in league action at Glebe and were leading 3-2 with two minutes to play before a floodlight failure caused the game to be abandoned! It is hard to forget our last match, beating Hendon 6-1 last Tuesday in a goal that will live long in the memory of Blues fans. Our last game in the London Cup was also against Hendon, last season, as we lost

MATCH PREVIEW

1-0 at Silver Jubilee Park last year, after beating Brentford B 2-0 at the Maurice Rebak Stadium.

Players To Watch

Erith & Belvedere's top scorer this season is striker Tunde Aderonmu who joined the Deres from Punjab United. Aderonmu had a previous spell at E&B, scoring 24 goals as they won the Southern Counties East title in 2022/23. Meanwhile another one to watch is Freddie Baker, a young midfielder who has been a near ever-present in the side this season, after joining from a lower division club in the summer.

For the Blues, our only clean sheet this season so far came in the FA Cup with Fergal Hale-Brown in goal, and the former Welsh youth international goalkeeper will be looking to make it two from two if he's between the sticks on Tuesday. Forward Zack Newton made his 50th appearance for the club against Hendon and everyone at the club knows what to expect when Zack is on the field, with his pace, tenacity and work-rate providing many defences with a headache this season and last.

Tickets are available online and on the gate (Adults £12, Concessions £8, 11-18yrs: £5. Under 11s FREE). Cash and card are accepted throughout the Maurice Rebak Stadium. We look forward to welcoming you to N12!

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Sam Smith

Rob Strachan

Tommy Whitnell

Romario Williams

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