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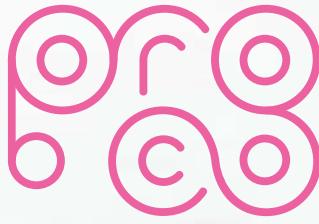
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As always, we extend a very warm welcome to all our visitors at Silver Leys today, and especially to all players, officials and supporters of Blackheath, our 1st XV opposition. Last season, we 'did the double' over our famous guests, which was a real feather in our cap, and both were victories that we were rightly very proud of. Blackheath though, are currently flying high this season, and sitting at the top of the pile in Nat 1. You can be sure that they will be out to gain revenge for those two defeats last season.

Our fortunes this season have not been quite so bright, but what a difference a week can make! Whilst our last home performance against Caldy can best be described as 'flat', last weeks away win at Cinderford was inspired, especially in defence, where the whole team were outstanding. Restricting any side in this league to nil points speaks volumes, not just for the actual defensive shift, but also of the spirit that exists in the team, more of the same this week please! Unfortunately, the Blues were 14-point losers to Cinderford 2nd's, and as I've said before, the Blues are really suffering the knock on's from a very lengthy squad injury list which hopefully, will become far more manageable in the next few weeks.

Elsewhere, our Colts progressed into Round 3 of the National Cup with an excellent home win over Ealing Trailfinders by 52 - 25. Congratulations to Andre and his team on the win, they now have to

wait until February 10th for the next round. One of the bigger events last weekend, featured our Under U11 & U13's girls teams, who were invited to play a curtain raiser for the England v Australia game at Twickenham. What an absolutely thrilling day for all concerned and a great honour for The Club(!) to see our name on the advertising reel whilst watching TV, well done to all concerned.

We're always pleased to see our sponsors at any of our matches, so many of whom we often see on the touchline as enthusiastic supporters, and this week we have a hatful of them for lunch! Match Day sponsors are Harlow Agricultural Merchants headed by Darrell Clark, who tells me he now loves Stortford Rugby more than Tottenham Hotspur! Our Man of the Match sponsors are Tees, and also here are Nick Moore Associates, Weldon Beesley, Nockolds, Koru, System One, Three Willows/Ace of Lanes, NFU Mutual, Connect Scaffolding and KMD Private Wealth Management.

All our sponsors are extremely important to us, and it's your support and generosity that helps us to do so much more as the community club that we have become renowned for. Ladies, Gentlemen and your guests, you are all very welcome. So, let's get behind the boys again today, make some noise and see if we can build on the fantastic performance of last week.



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ANDY LONG



Good afternoon and welcome to Silver Leys, today we welcome top placed Blackheath who have enjoyed a great start to the season.

Last season saw us put in two solid performances and we know that we will have to be at our best again today if we want to come away with the result against probably the form team in the league.

Last week finally saw us back to winning ways after a tough and frustrating few weeks, our performance was one of immense character. The strength of a team is often displayed by the way it defends and this was very much evident at Cinderford. We will need the same again today.

Some notable International call ups for Stortford lads this week, Andy Christie and Manu Vunipola were both included in the England 20's squad and Joss Linney travelled to Dubai to represent England 7's. Well done lads!

Billy Walker has moved on loan to Nottingham for the remainder of the season and we wish him well.

Congratulations also to our Colts side who beat Ealing Trailfinders in the second round of the National Cup, well done to all involved and we look forward to the next round.

Finally, it looked like the girls enjoyed a fantastic day at Twickenham in their curtain raiser to the Internationals, as a 12 year old I also was lucky enough to play a curtain raiser with Dorset and Wilts and the feeling of being on the hallowed turf spurred me in my junior rugby career. Well done everyone!!

Enjoy the game

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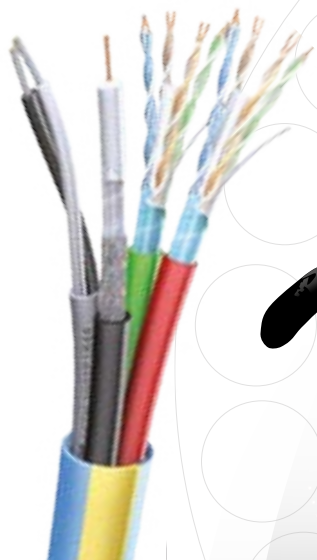
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On arriving home I was informed they had thoroughly enjoyed themselves (well, one had; the other just did as he was told) but that the organizer, a very nice chap apparently, had put out a request for parents to assist with some coaching and I had been “volunteered” for the following week.

A week later, having cleaned mud and mold from my old boots, I turned up to assist as instructed and met the nice chap, who for some odd reason was wearing a France shirt. I wasn't the only person who had been roped in however. In what, on reflection, seems like the start of a poor joke, the “Frenchman” was joined by a Policeman, a Scouser, a couple of Welshmen and a Scotsman who was undeniably actually English.



Dom, Darren, Ian, Jonny, Steve, Paul and Neil - I think it was a month before we actually exchanged names - all shared our love of Rugby with the kids and discovered that crowd control and herding cats is a far more important skill when coaching 5 years olds than worrying about anything too technical.

From the years of Tag Rugby - give it to the quick kid and let him run - through to the Under 9s - give it to the big kid, they won't be able to tackle



him - and on towards playing something the resembled Rugby, we turned up every Sunday and coached the best we could - we even survived the great streaming debate of 2011.

Over the years, a few of us drifted away from the age group. Ian's son was tempted away by the round ball game; Paul Major moved to Switzerland; Steve and Neil were dragged off to coach their other boys; my son stopped doing what he was told while both mine and Dominic's daughters could not continue into Youth. Supplemented by a few Dads who sat out coaching the minis, Paul, Darren and Jonny soldiered on into Youth Rugby and last season had the tremendous pleasure of coaching the boys to their finest season yet.

Today, to celebrate a decade at the club, we are having a bit of a reunion lunch. Dominic and Ian are back at the club and Jason - never known to miss a pint - has left the sidelines to join us coaches for the day.

And tomorrow I will be out there again with this years Under 6s using the same games and drills that Dominic taught us 10 years ago - the “bean game” and “Snake Passing” are still alive and kicking.

So thank you gents for the reunion and if as an age group we have a legacy, I would like to think it's the singing of “5 Gold Rings” echoing around the clubhouse every December - Stay Now!

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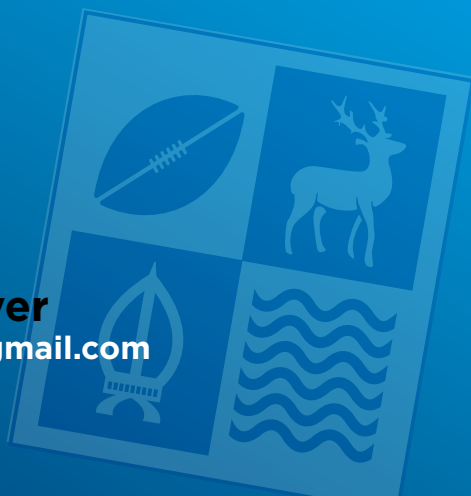
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In 1863 the club developed the tactic of passing the ball from player to player as an alternative to the solo break and the “kick and follow-up”.

In 1863 Blackheath was a founder member of The Football Association which was formed at the Freemasons’ Tavern, Great Queen Street, on Lincoln Inn Fields, London 26 October 1863 with the intention to frame a code of laws that would embrace the best and most acceptable points of all the various methods of play under the one heading of “football”. Mr Francis Maule Campbell, a member of Blackheath, was elected treasurer. At the fifth meeting Campbell argued that hacking was an essential element of ‘football’ and that to eliminate hacking would “do away with all the courage and pluck from the game, and I will be bound over to bring over a lot of Frenchmen who would beat you with a week’s practice.” At the sixth meeting on 8th December Campbell withdrew Blackheath, explaining that the rules that the FA intended to adopt would destroy the game and all interest in it.

Other rugby clubs followed this lead and did not join the Football Association. In this way the great divide between soccer and rugby took place.

In December 1870 Edwin Ash, secretary of Richmond Football Club published a letter in the papers which said, “Those who play the rugby-type game should meet to form a code of practice as various clubs play to rules which differ from others, which makes the game difficult to play.” On 26 January 1871 a meeting attended by representatives from 22 clubs was held in London at the Pall Mall Restaurant. As a result of this meeting the Rugby Football Union (RFU) was founded. The Club is one of seven of the original twenty-one clubs to have survived to this day.

Blackheath initially played its matches on the Heath (meeting and changing at the Princess of Wales public house) but occasional interruptions from spectators led the club to move, initially to a private field (Richardson’s Field) in Blackheath before moving to the Rectory Field in 1883.

In 2016 after 158 years at Rectory Field, the Club moved to their training ground at Well Hall in Eltham.

Last season they finished a highly creditable 5th in the league but we still managed to do ‘the double’ over them winning 21-19 at Well Hall in November and then 15-5 in the return fixture in March. A similar outcome today would however be an upset because they are very much the team to beat in National One this season currently sitting top of the pile after amassing an impressive 9 wins in 12 games.





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BSRFC	10-29	1.12	52-8		3-13	2.03	26.01	23.03	23-26	26-29	57-25	13.04	9.02	22.12	8.12	12.01
Caldy	19-18	17-25	30-27	9.03		9.02	12.01	31-38	8.12	31-29	43-19	30.03	26.01	13.04	29-33	22.12
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Esher	5.01	7-36	21-38	2.02	19.01	17-10	13.04	10-7	24-25		8.12	16.02	21-24	9.03	15-45	30.03
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Season 2018/2019 NATIONAL 1

Results From 24th November

Home Team		Away Team
Esher	21-38	Birmingham Moseley
Blackheath	39-32	Loughborough Students
Amptill	40-29	Darlington Mowden Park
Cambridge	17-20	Old Elthamians
Caldy	29-33	Rotherham
Cinderford	0-11	Bishop's Stortford
Plymouth Albion	21-35	Rosslyn Park
Chinnor	28-21	Sale FC

Season 2018/2019 NATIONAL 1

Fixtures for 1st December

Home Team		Away Team
Darlington Mowden Park	vs	Cambridge
Sale FC	vs	Esher
Loughborough Students	vs	Chinnor
Bishop's Stortford	vs	Blackheath
Rotherham	vs	Cinderford
Old Elthamians	vs	Caldy
Birmingham Moseley	vs	Plymouth Albion
Rosslyn Park	vs	Amptill

National League 1 - 2018/19

Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	TBP	LBP	Points
Blackheath	12	9	1	2	327	241	86	5	0	43
Old Elthamians	12	8	2	2	328	270	58	5	1	42
Chinnor	12	7	2	3	312	285	27	6	3	41
Amptill & District	12	7	1	4	331	233	98	7	3	40
Rosslyn Park	12	7	1	4	340	311	29	8	1	39
Rotherham	12	7	0	5	330	279	51	7	2	37
Caldy	12	7	0	5	305	288	17	6	3	37
Cinderford	12	6	1	5	259	273	-14	4	3	33
Darlington Mowden Park	12	6	0	6	318	333	-15	7	2	33
Cambridge	12	5	1	6	251	261	-10	2	5	29
Sale FC	12	5	1	6	343	369	-26	5	2	29
Plymouth Albion	12	4	0	8	226	254	-28	3	5	24
Bishops Stortford	12	4	0	8	261	229	32	3	4	23
Birmingham Moseley	12	3	0	9	324	382	-58	5	6	23
Esher	12	4	0	8	228	316	-88	2	3	21
Loughborough Students	12	2	0	10	297	456	-159	7	3	18

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10	Tom Coleman
11	Chris Smith
12	Reuben Bird-Tulloch
13	Sam Winter ©
14	Rob Duff
15	Nick Hankin

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17	Louis Castiglione
18	Oli Jones
19	George Cullen
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	Jake Lloyd	11
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	Elliott Clement-Hill	14
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MATCH REPORT

CINDERFORD 0-11 BISHOP'S STORTFORD 1ST XV



Stortford battled back from the previous week's setback at home to Caldý to produce a performance full of character and determination, to beat a powerful Cinderford side, coming off a stirring draw against the odds last week against table-topping Blackheath and who struggle to remember when they were last "nilled" at home.

The visitors started confidently and, with Tom Coleman back at the helm, played impressive, controlled rugby in the first half, when they were facing a stiff breeze, blowing straight down the pitch. They kept possession for extended periods, thus keeping Cinderford's strong pack out of striking range of their line, apart from occasional incursions off a couple of excellent tactical kicks. On these occasions, though it took some colossal last ditch defending by Stortford to keep the driving opposition forwards at bay, as they mounted assault after assault.

More than one home supporter told us afterwards that no other side this season has contained this threat as well as Stortford did today. By and large, Stortford had kicked judiciously but, ironically it was from a slightly over-kicked box kick that the breakthrough score came, when Cinderford tried to run the ball back, but were smartly turned over near half way. The ball went quickly to Rob Duff on the right wing, who he put a tumbling kick down to the home line and followed up to catch the covering home threequarter in possession and drive him back over his own line.

Not content with this, though, the winger bounced to his feet and stripped the defender of the ball, before he could touch it down for a 5 metre scrum and instead was able to dot it down for a real opportunist try. Tom Banks' conversion effort from the touchline flew wide of the target. Stortford tails were now up and went straight back onto the attack courtesy of a great leaping catch by Duff from another Banks box kick. Although

Cinderford were able to repel the danger, the visitors confidently saw out the first half with a valuable 5 point lead at the break.

Stortford again started strongly and only two penalties awarded against them on the home line prevented further scores - the first for holding on at a tackle and the second for a double movement, as Banks touched the ball down.

The scrumhalf was soon able to add to the scoreline, though, when, after 5 minutes, the home skipper was penalised for foul play, resulting in a penalty originally in Cinderford's favour being reversed - and a yellow card for the player. Banks stepped up and slotted the difficult shot at goal from some 40 metres out. This further blow seemed to fire up the home side, who produced some threatening running from deep but, once again, Stortford's aggressive and determined defence held firm and a pinpoint kick for touch from Tom Coleman after 25 minutes eventually put his side into the Cinderford red zone.

It was now the home side's turn to show their defensive capabilities and they did hold out a number of threatening thrusts from Stortford forwards and backs, but eventually conceded a penalty for offside, presenting Banks with a much easier 3 points to take the lead out to 11 points. Cinderford thundered forward again and, as their pack started to gain a slight upper hand in both the scrum and open play, Stortford were forced to concede a number of penalties, from which their defensive mettle was, once again tested to the full.

Once more, though, the whole team rose to the occasion, hurling themselves into tackle after tackle to frustrate the home side and pressure was, eventually relieved, after many phases of play, when James Apperley took an excellent lineout steal. Cheered on by the 20 or 30 travelling supporters lucky enough to have made the trip down to the west country, Stortford managed to see out the final few minutes for a tremendous victory - all the more memorable for the run of results out of which this performance, full of character and guts had emerged.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT:

CHRIS SMITH

I was born and grew up in Essex, and played club rugby for Brentwood RFC from the under-10s up to the Colts under the guidance of our teams coach, my dad Rick. Unfortunately, whilst at university in Brighton, I tore my MCL playing for the 1st XV and it took me out of the game for a couple of years. Getting back fit was a priority, and so I turned to Rugby 7s where I was fortunate enough to enter the IRFU player pathway on their emerging Men's 7s program.

I was selected in 2015 to play at the World Club 7s at Thomond Park for Ulster, and subsequent invitational sides at tournaments in Amsterdam, Milan & Nairobi, then was invited to an Ireland Men's 7s training camp in the capital. The next time I returned to Dublin, I was playing for the Irish Wolfhounds at the Dublin 7s competition, where I met GC who invited me to come and join his club - Bishop's Stortford. I weighed up my options and thought it a great challenge to have a go at National 1 rugby, and so called Longy in the final week of the 2017 preseason and ran out that weekend for the Blues vs Hertford & 1st XV vs Cambridge in one day.

The team went on to have a fantastically successful start to their first season in English rugby's third tier. I was lucky enough to come into the 1st XV early in the season through injury away at Rosslyn Park and managed to nick a fair few tries in successive games that were really more created by the excellent players around me than my own ability. A real highlight in that period was how close we ran the eventual league winners Coventry away at Butts Parks, as well as a festive-thumping of OE's at Silver Leys and turning over 'Club' (Blackheath) away in the final play of the game. Injuries really crippled us however some big leadership characters came to the fore, notably skipper Sam Winter, and we battled our way to finish a respectable 8th.

Towards the end of the season, my parents moved from our family home in Brentwood to Bath and thus rendered me homeless - cheers Mum & Dad. Fortunately my involvement with the club meant that I was able to move into a genuine palace in Stortford, subsequently dubbed the Taj Mahal, with the Australian contingent of the 1st XV - Dan Elsom & Rob Duff. A huge thanks to those boys

for helping me out during my 'housing crisis' and for showing me the lighter side of any problems. With the 2018 Movember campaign in full swing, embodied by our own home-grown Hairy Handlebars, I believe it's really important that all men understand it's never weak to speak and that there is plenty of good people around the club ready to listen.

It's been a tough start to 2018 at Bishop's Stortford with injuries again not helping the campaign. It was great to run out for the first time last week during a hard-fought win at Cinderford, and a huge thanks to the physio team led by Kathy & Jade who helped get me back on the pitch. The support for the playing team is hugely appreciated, and it's great to see so many Stortford spectators both home and away. A big thanks to my family for all their support with my rugby from an early age, especially my dad who has attended nearly every match I've ever played. A big shout out to my player sponsor Marcella as well - Yoga with Marcella has really helped support me over two seasons and hopefully for many more.



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Director of Rugby, Andy Long, has reiterated on a number of occasions the importance he attaches to the financial support given by Club Stortford. Quite simply, without it's support, the team would not be able to perform at such currently high levels.

We continue to look for new members, to allow us to broaden and deepen the extent of our support.

We would urge you to consider joining Club Stortford. If you are interested and would like further information, please contact our secretary,

Russell Cattell 07778 101988



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- Protective fencing around back pitches
- Funding the cost of the use of additional playing surfaces
- Supporting Minis and Youth sections
- Refurbishment of changing rooms and showers

Regular social events are organised for and enjoyed by Oval Club members each year.

The Oval Club has played a considerable part in donating much needed funds to enable BSRFC to provide facilities and to enhance its reputation in the local and rugby communities.

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By Jasmin Bice

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The girls demonstrated nerves of steel, performing with fantastic attack and defence lines, scoring a number of tries against the Havant girls' teams. After their own matches, the girls formed the guard of honour as the English and Australian players ran on to the pitch to cheers from over 80,000 rugby fans before heading back to their seats to enjoy the match.

And what a match it was! – After battling to make the most of the ball in the first half, England dominated over Australia in the second half, leading to a 37-18 victory.

Still buzzing from the high of the previous match, the girls were then given the same opportunity to support the Red Roses as they ran on the pitch to beat Ireland 37-15, while Rosie Gosling had the honour of presenting the match ball to the teams.

All in all, it was an incredible day for everyone and definitely one that won't be forgotten any time soon.

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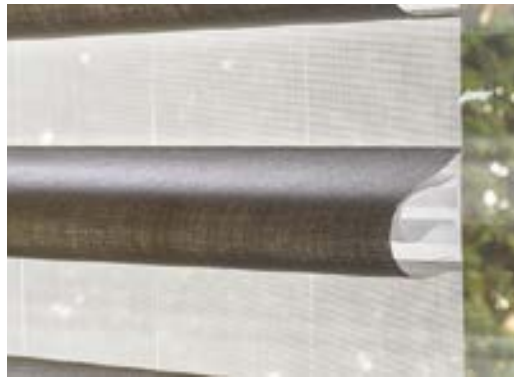


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Peter Baines

Many of you will have seen the news item on our website announcing the untimely death of Peter Baines, President of Hertfordshire RFU who passed away at the end of October after a short illness.

Peter visited us many times here at Silver Leys and was our guest of honour during his tenure as RFU President when we played Taunton in October 2016. He was a good friend to the club and supported all of our efforts to improve and grow the club.

Earlier this year he was elected President of the Herts RFU but, unfortunately was not well enough to actively take up the role which was a great disappointment to all as the Presidency was Hertfordshire's accolade to Peter following his very successful term as President of the Rugby Football Union.

Peter was a great servant to Rugby spanning the game from Grassroots to the International stage, embracing many aspects of the game including women's rugby and the welfare of injured players along the way.

Peter was educated at Wells Cathedral School, where as well as starting to play rugby he was also head chorister, and St John's College Cambridge. Having qualified as a solicitor he settled in St Albans, where he lived, eventually with his wife Sue and three children, for the rest of his life.

When a meeting was held in 1970 to form St Albans rugby club, Peter was elected Chairman, a position held for a total of 13 years during three separate terms, the last of which ended in 1996. In addition, he captained the side from full back during the inaugural season.

Having represented St Albans on the Hertfordshire RFU General Committee for a number of years, Peter was elected to the Executive Committee in 1994 and became Chairman, a position he held for five years, in 1997.

In 2002 Peter was elected Hertfordshire's representative on the RFU Council and it was not long before he was invited to join the



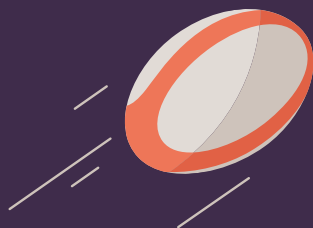
Management Board. Among his many national roles, he was Chairman of the Finance & Funding and Governance Standing Committees. He also chaired the Professional Game Board Review Group and the Rugby Football Union for Women Integration Task Group, helping to ensure a smooth integration of the women's game with the RFU as well as chairing the Agents Review Board. Peter was also a founding Trustee of both the RFU Injured Players Foundation and the Rugby Football Foundation.

All of Hertfordshire Rugby was very proud when Peter joined the Presidential pathway as Junior Vice President in 2014, culminating being elected RFU President for season 2016-17. The first Hertfordshire President of the RFU.

As Peter told us during his address to those gathered for the Taunton lunch, during his period in office he travelled far & wide, representing the RFU at all levels of the game from Internationals seated between Prince Harry and Princess Anne to some of the smallest outposts of the game. One of his highlights was a return visit to Wells Cathedral School, where his very long and fruitful journey in rugby first began. A true rugby gent who will be sorely missed by many.

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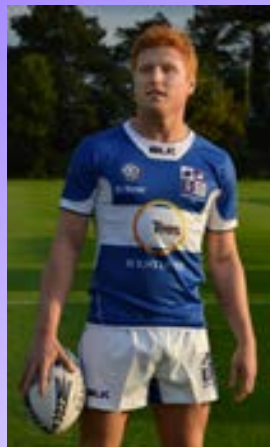
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