



TOUCHLINE RAMBLINGS

SEASON 2007-2008



STOCKPORT RUGBY NEWS

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

2 league points...lets move on

At first sight the trip to Tyldesley last Saturday didn't look to hold too many problems. Total commitment, concentration and focus seemed to be the only elements that might be a problem when a glance at the league table revealed our opponents and proud Lancashire club propping

up the League without even a glimmer of a win all season.

TEAM NEWS: Tim Burgon for one was not going to be accused of under estimating the opposition. There were only minor alterations to the line up following the defeat by Chester. Richard Hopkin-

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06-12-07

TYLDESLEY	21	v	40	STOCKPORT
Half Time	14		26	

HOME TEAM

Andy DICKENSON [C]	15
David CHANNEL	14
Allan GLASSIE	13
Shane EDMONDS	12
Gareth JONES	11
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AWAY TEAM

Richard HOPKINSON	
Greg NEWTON	
Craig COOPER	
James DALTON	
Phil LEIGH	
Steve PEARSON	
Mike RAVEN	
Ian KENNEDY	
Andy FULLER	
Jan-Erik ANDERSON	
Tim OAKES	
Dave MARWICK	
Hugo CORBETT	
Christian CHAPMAN	
Peter BREDEKAMP	

Attend: N/K

Weather: Fine

Venue: Tyldesley



Steve Pearson

REPLACEMENTS

Howard HUGHES	16	Chris WEEKS
Jamie McGREGOR	17	John WILSON
Alex GIBSON	18	Chris NEL

SCORING SEQUENCE										REPLACEMENTS					
Time	Home	Away	No.	T	C	P	PT	DG	Score	Y	R	Off	On	Reason	
7	X			X					5 0						
7	X				Y				7 0						
15	X			X					12 0						
15	X				Y				14 0						
29		X	2	X					14 5						
29		X	15		Y				14 7						
32		X	7	X					14 12						
32		X	15		Y				14 14						
35		X	13	X					14 19						
35		X	15						14 21						
39	X		13						14 21						
40		X	14	X					14 26						
40		X	15		N				14 26						
17	X								14			2	16	Injury	
20		X										6	17	Tactical	
31		X	2	X					14 31						
31		X	15		Y				14 33						
32		X										2	16	Injury	
36		X	16	X					14 40						
36		X	15		Y				14 40						
38	X		8	X					19 40						
38	X		13		Y				21 40						

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son and James Dalton were back following their weekend off. Chris Nel, Chris Weeks and John Wilson were all rested on the bench allowing Steve Pearson a start at 10, Ian Kennedy at Prop and Christian Chapman on the flank.

MATCH: The game started with us playing into a stiff breeze. Credit to Tyldesley for the excellent playing surface and even more credit to them for thoroughly ambushing us over the first 15 minutes. If we'd come on a coach then we were definitely still on it. The home side used the wind to their full advantage and pushed us back into our 22. They quickly scored two tries in that period and with the conversions they were on their way to scoring more points in one game than they had in their previous 4 home games. We were guilty of missed tackles, losing the ball in contact and the line out was suffering in the wind. Things didn't turn round immediately for us. We still huffed and puffed for another 15 minutes as

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we struggled to establish any continuity in our play. As the half hour mark approached we then decided to come alive and proceeded to score at over 2 points a minute for the remaining time in the half.

It didn't happen all at once. Reviewing the video it's noticeable that we started to retain the ball better and Tyldesley began conceding more penalties. Steve Pearson was also starting to boss the game well at 10 and Hoppo was the first to go close to a score in the right corner but he brushed the touchline before going over. It was a bit of old fashioned grunt that finally got us on the score board when, after Hoppo's near miss, we pinched the resulting line out and drove over with Andy Fuller claiming the 5 points. Hoppo added the extras and looked as if his kicking practice on the beach in Sardinia had paid dividends.

The next try, considering the game to that point, was a gem. From the restart Steve Pearson cleared to the far touch on the half way line. Mazza then got his finger tips to the ball and flicked it back to Ian Kennedy. This started a sequence of the ball being recycled 7 times and passed 9 times before it arrived into Christian Chapman's hands and he just brushed past the last defender to score. The pivotal moment of the move came early on when Steve P squeezed through a non-existent gap and made 25 yards. Hoppo added the extras and after 30 minutes we were finally back to all square 14-14.



The action was coming thick and fast. The next try was similar to the previous one. Good decisions, a variation in probing runs, players getting over the gain line on each run and then the incisive pass and run with the defence pulled to breaking point. I was Craig Cooper who touched down. 14-21 with the with conversion.

Tyldesley had a chance to quickly reverse the flow of points with a penalty and I was surprised when their newly arrived centre from New Zealand, Allan Glassie, squandered the opportunity to make it 17-21. He is a class act and has obviously made a big difference to the home side in recent weeks.



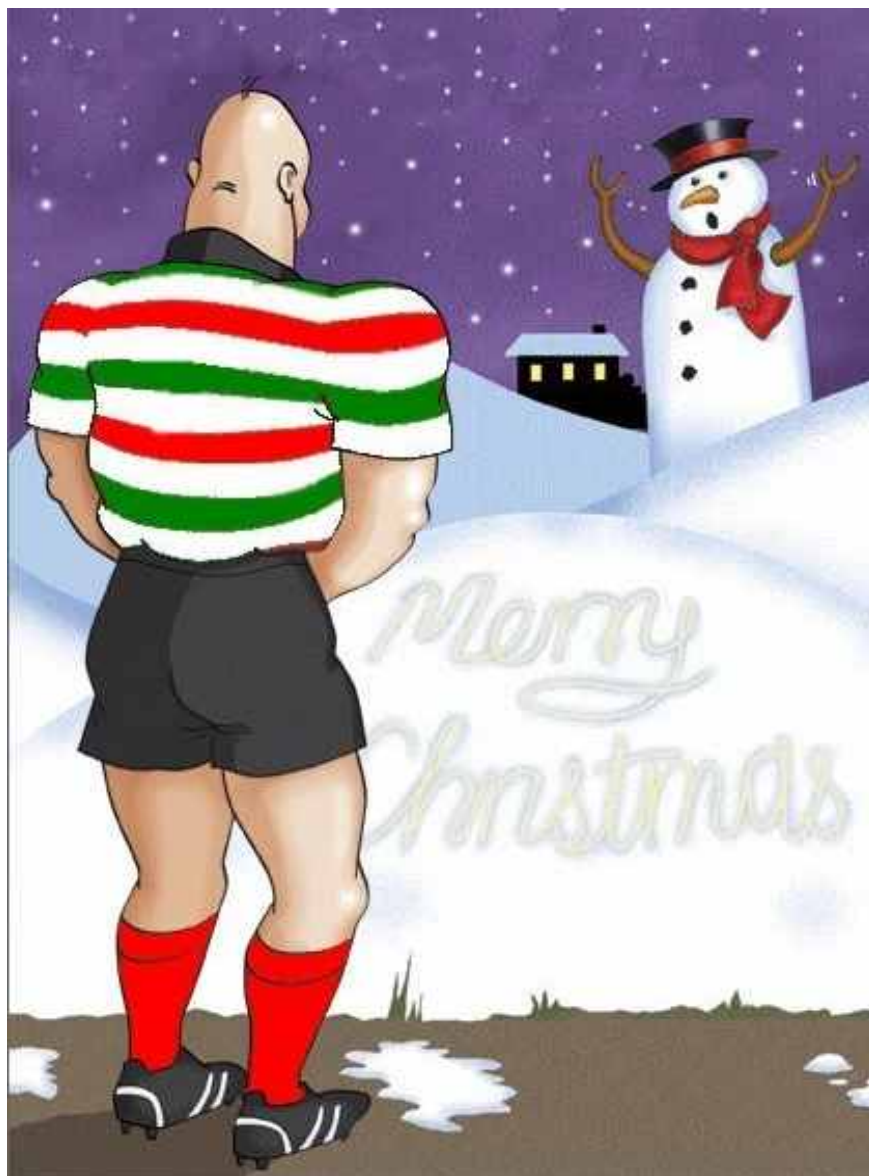
We then saw Hoppo at his magnificent best. A high ball was lofted into the 22 and Richard took it cleanly. A quick show of the ball sent one centre off in the wrong direction and Hoppo was off up the middle.

As he approached the home side's 10 metre line he slowed, drew the defender and slid a simple short ball for Steve P to run on to. A couple of more phases of play and with Tyldesley at full stretch the ball went left and Greg Newton popped up in the

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NORTH 2 WEST

Saturday, 1st December 2007			
Broughton Pk	26	8	New Brighton
Chester	20	11	Lymm
Northwich	17	32	Leigh
Tyldesley	21	40	Stockport
Vale of Lune	20	26	Sandbach
Winnington Pk	12	21	Rochdale
Saturday, 15th December 2007			
Leigh			Chester
Lymm			Broughton Pk
New Brighton			Rochdale
Sandbach			Winnington Pk
Stockport			Vale of Lune
Tyldesley			Northwich

NORTH 2 WEST								
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	
Chester	11	9	1	1	329	126	203	19
Stockport	11	9	0	2	368	109	259	18
Lymm	11	8	0	3	272	129	143	16
Broughton Park	11	8	0	3	252	131	121	16
New Brighton	11	7	2	2	265	181	84	16
Rochdale	11	6	1	4	210	170	40	13
Sandbach	11	6	0	5	193	222	-29	12
Leigh	11	5	0	6	187	236	-49	10
Winnington Park	11	2	1	8	161	348	-187	5
Northwich	11	2	1	8	119	181	-62	3
Vale of Lune	11	1	0	10	149	321	-172	2
Tyldesley	11	0	0	11	93	444	-351	0

NORTH 1

Saturday, 1st December 2007			
Altrincham K	24	49	Huddersfield
Birkenhead Pk	23	9	Darlington
Liverpool-St H	14	20	Cleckheaton
Penrith	6	16	Middlesbrough
Sheffield Tgs	3	10	Kendal
Westoe	17	8	Hull
Saturday, 15th December 2007			
Cleckheaton			Birkenhead Pk
Darlington			Altrincham K
Huddersfield			Hull
Kendal			Westoe
Middlesbrough			Sheffield Tgs
Penrith			Liverpool-St H

NORTH 1								
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	
Kendal	11	11	0	0	335	115	220	22
Huddersfield	11	10	0	1	240	158	82	20
Birkenhead Park	11	8	0	3	254	127	127	16
Westoe	11	7	1	3	217	204	13	15
Cleckheaton	11	6	2	3	259	199	60	14
Middlesbrough	11	6	0	5	271	175	96	12
Sheffield Tigers	11	6	0	5	212	189	23	12
Hull	11	4	1	6	208	224	-16	9
Liverpool-St H	11	2	0	9	202	288	-86	4
Darlington	11	2	0	9	136	362	-226	4
Penrith	11	1	0	10	181	314	-133	2
Altrincham Kersal	11	1	0	10	164	324	-160	2

STH LANCS & CHES 1

Saturday, 1st December 2007			
Anselmians	18	13	Widnes
Aspull	11	17	Bowdon
Ruskin Park	7	0	Hoylake
Vagabonds	16	21	Sale FC
Wilmslow	32	12	Burnage
Wirral	11	10	Wigan
Saturday, 15th December 2007			
Bowdon			Anselmians
Burnage			Wirral
Hoylake			Aspull
Ruskin Park			Vagabonds
Sale FC			Wilmslow
Wigan			Widnes

STH LANCS & CHES 1								
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	
Wilmslow	11	10	0	1	315	134	181	20
Wigan	11	6	2	3	264	116	148	14
Burnage	10	7	0	3	272	151	121	14
Sale	11	6	0	5	223	187	36	12
Hoylake	11	6	0	5	167	147	20	12
Widnes	11	5	1	5	212	221	-9	11
Wirral	10	5	0	5	163	183	-20	10
Aspull	11	5	0	6	161	218	-57	10
Vagabonds	11	4	1	6	248	197	51	9
Bowdon	11	4	0	7	151	202	-51	8
Anselmians	11	2	0	9	137	313	-176	4
Ruskin Park	11	3	0	8	140	384	-244	4



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Tuesday Dec 18th



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centre to receive a pass. Greg turned his opposite man inside out and scampered over to score. No conversion this time 14-26. Half Time.

With the way the last 10 minutes of the half had gone it was not unreasonable to have expected a high score to be racked up after the break. It didn't happen.

Fair credit to Tyldesley, they defended bravely but as the unexpected sun came out they found themselves pinned for most of the 2nd period deep in their half. The brief excursions they enjoyed were thanks to their veteran full back and Captain Andy Dickinson who had a stormer

for them in attack and in defence

Unbelievably it took us 30 minutes to get on the board again. It would have been a bit sooner but I think Christian Chapman will have to wait some time to live down his miss even without my assistance!

It was joint top try scorer for the league season, Andy Fuller who finally broke the second half dead lock as he flopped over from close range with what actually was a nicely constructed try from the training ground coming from 2nd phase off a line out. 2 more points from Hoppo's brought the score to 14-33.

Andy Fuller then left the field for more repairs from matron to the eye injury picked up against Chester. Chris Weeks had 10 minutes to stretch his legs.

It was a nice build up to our last try of the day. Nice hands good angles of running and ultimately good support play from that man Weeks who was on hand to receive Steve P's off load. Conversion added 14-40.

Tyldesley then went on the attack in the closing minutes and got no more than they deserved: a try in the left hand corner which was converted 21-40.

There was just time to savour a moment of genius from Phil Leigh on the left wing. He pick up the ball on the Tyldesley 10 metre and put in a delicate chip ahead. Phil ran through and collected it himself. Had it not been for a brave last ditch tackle he would have added another try which would have made the score a little more respectable.

We're back on the road to 'Duloc' this Saturday against Carlisle from North 2 East. Of course we played them in the last campaign that took us to the pearly gates....an OMEN.....time will tell



	NORTH 2 WEST : 2007-2008											
	HOME						AWAY					
	Broughton Park	Chester	Leigh	Lymm	New Brighton	Northwich	Rochdale	Sandbach	Stockport	Tyldesley	Vale of Lune	Winnington Park
Broughton Park		24-0	10-12	10-7	26-8	1/3	29/3	12/4	5/1	26/1	16/2	62-4
Chester	9/2		39-7	20-11	26-26	19/1	1/3	29/3	12/4	5/1	72-10	30-8
Leigh	19/1	15/12		18-39	6-27	19/4	9/2	1/3	29/3	27-10	28-3	23-17
Lymm	15/12	19/4	8/3		44-17	16-10	19/1	9/2	14-20	36-3	29-7	39-6
New Brighton	19/4	8/3	16/2	26/1		8-6	15/12	29-3	16-0	42-12	27-26	41-8
Northwich	3-17	6-19	17-32	16/2	5/1		12/4	26/1	8/3	26-20	20-5	16-16
Rochdale	20-11	17-19	22-14	9-23	24-24	5-3		5/1	26/1	16/2	8/3	19/4
Sandbach	16-18	3-28	13-12	9-14	19/1	14-12	27-26		16/2	8/3	19/4	15/12
Stockport	34-15	9-10	39-18	1/3	9/2	29-0	27-12	48-8		19/4	15/12	19/1
Tyldesley	5-37	5-66	12/4	29/3	1/3	15/12	0-29	5-59	21-40		19/1	9/2
Vale of Lune	12-22	26/1	5/1	12/4	29/3	9/2	10-25	20-26	5-50	34-0		1/3
Winnington Park	8/3	16/2	26/1	5/1	12/4	29/3	12-21	10-15	0-72	48-12	22-17	

Stockport 3's v Burnage 3's WON 45-0

Back to the Top

We were expecting a tough afternoon since we struggled to overcome the same opposition in the cup and Burnage had beaten Heaton Moor 2s, the only team to beat us, a week ago . Once again Burnage provided a stern test up front but overall our determination and steadfast tackling led by a terrific back row performance in attack and defence kept them in check.

We played up the hill and into the wind and after repelling a few Burnage attacks turned the ball over in our own half, swept up the field with excellent handling and Simon Drew, who was involved three times in the move, touched down. Tony Wood who had his, or somebody else's, kicking boots on slotted his first of five.

Same procedure for our second try with Burnage coughing the ball up and this time Matt Brundrett was on the end of the move. We continued playing some of our best rugby of the season and added tries through Joe Woodcock, Oye

Oyewumi and Jez Taylor to turn round 31-0 ahead. Chris Sham came on for Jez Taylor and Will Lowth for Jack Woodcock. Apparently downhill with the wind is harder than the other way round. A combination of Burnage's spirited defence and our unexplainable ability to waste good opportunities meant we didn't score again until the 65th minute when Paul Garner used up two of his trademark dummies to ghost in under the sticks.

Jamie Smith got another in the last play of the day after we had laid siege to the Burnage line for five minutes. This win puts us back on top on points difference in what is looking increasingly like a three horse race for the two promotion spots. Back to the lottery of the cup next week when the strength of the opposition will be more a feature of whether their higher teams have fixtures or not than their league position.

1. **Joe Woodcock**T
2. **Jack Woodcock**
3. **Jez Taylor** T
4. **Matt Heywood**
5. **Lee McLean**
6. **Dave Hawley**
7. **Ged Gurney**
8. **Simon Drew** T
9. **Jamie Smith** T
10. **Paul Garner** T
11. **Oye Oyewumi** T
12. **Anthony Wood** CCCCC
13. **Peter Lambert**
14. **Matt Brundrett** T
15. **Dave Houghton**
16. **Will Lowth**
17. **Chris Sham**

STOCKPORT RUFC 1ST XV 2007-2008

PLAYED 13 WON 9 DRAWN 1 LOST 3 POINTS FOR POINTS 420 AGAINST 155

DATE	OPPOSITION	COMPETITION	VENUE	RESULT	F	A
25/08/07	Longton	Pre-Season	Away	Draw	10	10
01/09/07	Cleckheaton	Pre-Season	Away	Lost	5	21
08/09/07	Leigh	North 2 West	Home	Won	39	8
15/09/07	Northwich	North 2 West	Home	Won	29	0
22/09/07	Lymm	North 2 West	Away	Won	20	14
29/09/07	Sandbach	North 2 West	Home	Won	48	8
06/10/07	New Brighton	North 2 West/CC	Away	Lost	0	16
20/10/07	Rochdale	North 2 West	Home	Won	27	12
27/10/07	Winnington Park	North 2 West	Away	Won	72	0
03/11/07	Broughton Park	North 2 West	Home	Won	34	15
10/11/07	Vale of Lune	North 2 West	Away	Won	55	5
17/11/07	Lymm	Intermediate Cup 2	Home	Won	32	15
24/11/07	Chester	North 2 West	Home	Lost	9	10
01/12/07	Tyldesley	North 2 West	Away	Won	40	21
08/12/07	Carlisle	Intermediate Cup 3	Home			
15/12/07	Vale of Lune	North 2 West	Home			
05/01/08	Broughton Park	North 2 West	Away			
12/01/08		Intermediate Cup 4				
19/01/08	Winnington Park	North 2 West	Home			
26/01/08	Rochdale	North 2 West	Away			
02/02/08		Intermediate Cup 5				
09/02/08	New Brighton	North 2 West	Home			
16/02/08	Sandbach	North 2 West	Away			
23/02/08		Intermediate Cup QF				
01/03/08	Lymm	North 2 West	Home			
08/03/08	Northwich	North 2 West	Away			
15/03/08		Intermediate Cup S-F				
22/03/08		Cheshire Cup Final				
29/03/08	Leigh	North 2 West	Away			
05/04/08		Intermediate Final				
12/04/08	Chester	North 2 West	Away			
19/04/08	Tyldesley	North 2 West	Home			
26/04/08		Play Offs				

STOCKPORT RUFC 1ST XV 2007-2008

AFTER 11 LEAGUE GAMES

Players		A	R	T	C	P	DG	Pts
1	Richard Hopkinson	10	0	4	34	9	0	125
2	Steve Pearson	8	1	5	0	3	0	34
3	Greg Newton	11	0	5	0	0	0	25
4	Craig Cooper	9	0	5	0	0	0	25
5	Andy Fuller	11	0	5	0	0	0	25
6	Dave Marwick	11	0	4	0	0	0	20
7	James Drew	6	0	3	0	0	0	15
8	Chris Nel	7	3	3	0	0	0	15
9	Simon Baker	3	1	3	0	0	0	15
10	John Wilson	11	0	2	0	0	0	10
11	Peter Bredenkamp	9	0	2	0	0	0	10
12	Ian Kennedy	4	3	2	0	0	0	10
13	Christian Chapman	2	3	2	0	0	0	10
14	Jan-Erik Anderson	10	1	1	0	0	0	5
15	Mike Raven	8	0	1	0	0	0	5
16	James Dalton	7	0	1	0	0	0	5
17	Chris Weeks	7	1	1	0	0	0	5
18	Matt Langtree	5	3	1	0	0	0	5
19	Phil Leigh	3	1	1	0	0	0	5
20	Nick Wroe	3	0	1	0	0	0	5
21	Charlie Maunder	1	3	1	0	0	0	5
	Tim Oakes	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Alan Boyd	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Hugo Corbett	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dave Morris	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
	Ben Kerr	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Alex Hooley	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
	Chris Thompson	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Julian Harris	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Colin Nevett	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Kieran Hibbs	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Zak Hammond	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Penalty Tries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Totals	165	43	45	34	12	0	369

RESULTS FROM LAST WEEKEND

Saturday 01/12/07				
TEAM	Opposition	H/A	Competition	Kick Off
1 ST XV	Tyldesley	Away	North 2 West	Won 40-21
2 ND XV	Altrincham Kersal	Home	Miller Homes Premiership	Lost 15-27
3 RD XV	Burnage 3's	Home	Miller Homes Leagues 4E	Won 45-0
4 TH XV	Heaton Moor 3's	Away	Miller Homes Leagues 5N	Won 3-7
VETS XV	Bowdon ?	Away	Vets League	P-P
Sunday 02/12/07				
Senior Colts	Eccles	Home	Friendly	C-C
Junior Colts	Broughton Park	Away	Lancs/Ches League	Won 33-14
U16	Marple	Home	Cheshire Cup	Won 76-0
U15	Wirral	Away	Cheshire Cup	P-P
U14	Macclesfield	Away	Friendly	Won 24-17
U13	Manchester	Home	Friendly	C-C
U12	Training			
U11	Training			
U10	Training			
U9	Training			
U8	Training			
U7	Training			

SUPPORT YOUR CLUB THIS WEEKEND

Saturday 08/12/07				
TEAM	Opposition	H/A	Competition	Kick Off
1 ST XV	Carlisle	Home	Intermediate Cup	2.00
2 ND XV	No Fixture			
3 RD XV	Eagle 2's	Home	Miller Homes Leagues 4E	2.15
4 TH XV	Oldham 3's	Home	Miller Homes Leagues 5N	2.15
VETS XV	Rochdale	Away	Vets League	2.15
Sunday 09/12/07				
Senior Colts	Widnes	Away	Cheshire Cup	2.00
Junior Colts	Birkenhead Park	Away	Lancs/Ches League +CCup	12.30
U16	Ashton on Mersey	Away	Friendly	11.00
U15	Ashton on Mersey	Away	Friendly	11.00
U14	Ashton on Mersey	Home	Friendly	11.00
U13	Ashton on Mersey	Home	Friendly	11.00
U12	Macclesfield	Away	Friendly	11.00
U11	Macclesfield	Away	Friendly	11.00
U10	Macclesfield	Home	Friendly	11.00
U9	Macclesfield	Home	Friendly	11.00
U8	Macclesfield	Home	Friendly	11.00
U7	Macclesfield	Home	Friendly	11.00

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