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National League North Play-off Winners: 2018-19
Northern Premier League Champions: 1987-88, 2013-14
Challenge Shield Winners: 1988
First Division North: Play-off Winners: 2010-11
Lancashire Combination Champions:
1919-20, 1922-23, 1927-28, 1928-29, 1932-33, 1933-34,
1939-40, 1945-46, 1959-60, 1960-61, 1963-64
Lancashire League Champions: 1896-97, 1898-99
Lancashire Alliance Champions: 1892-93
FA Cup 1st Round: 1899-00, 1938-39, 1945-46,
1963-64, 1978-79, 1985-86, 1987-88, 2017-18, 2018-19,
2019-20
FA Cup 2nd Round: 1986-87, 1990-91
FA Cup 4th Round: 2020-21
FA Trophy Quarter-Final: 1976-77
FA Trophy Semi-Final: 1995-96
Lancashire FA Challenge Trophy Winners:
1893-94, 1908-09, 1923-24, 1939-40, 1945-46, 1957-58,
1958-59, 1960-61, 1963-64, 1964-65, 1975-76, 1979-80,
1981-82, 1982-83, 2011-12, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2017-18



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GROUND INFORMATION

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Secure your spot at Paul Mariners Bars for ultimate matchday camaraderie.

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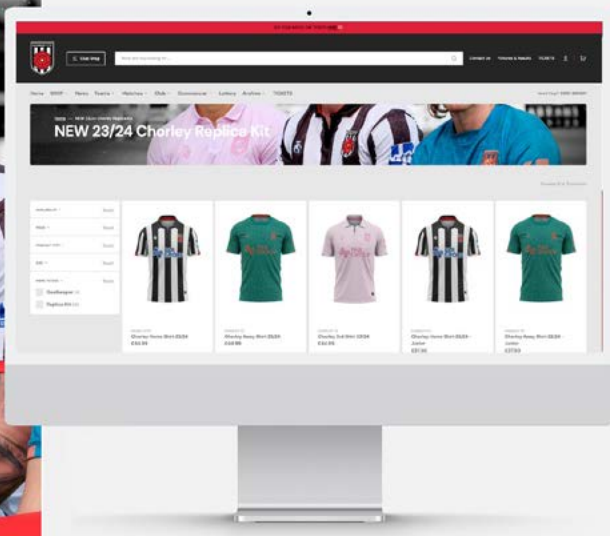
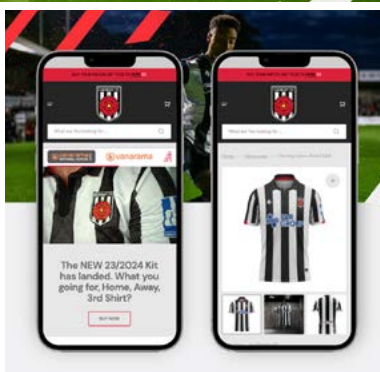
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A WORD FROM THE MANAGER PREECY'S PIECE

Welcome to the players, staff, supporters and directors of Rushall Olympic.

Rushall have settled into life in this division nicely having been promoted into the league this season under Liam McDonald and we're fully aware as to what he and his team will bring to the table on Saturday.

I know Liam very well from my time of having him as a player at Worcester City, he's a great lad, a real character and has more than shown he's got what it takes to operate and succeed in managing at this level.

Our last meeting with Rushall earlier in the season didn't go to plan, but was a real turning point for us in the season and that setback helped to catapult us on to bigger and better things, you can see that in the fantastic position that we've got ourselves in now.

We suffered a minor setback in midweek, a disappointing result away at Brackley Town but again, it's important to look at the bigger picture and we'd won four league games before that but you're always going to get games like that one across a long season where you have an off night and now it's up to myself, my team and the players to draw

a line under it quickly and move on to this big fixture back at home.

I'd like to thank our fantastic ground staff who have done a fantastic job in recent weeks in what have been nothing short of horrendous conditions given the amount of heavy rainfall we've had of late. To have been able to get the Tamworth on after a late pitch inspection and have ended their run of form with a victory on that night was nothing short of fantastic.

Also, a big thank you to our supporters who have continued to support us in numbers over what was an extended period of consecutive home games. I for one completely understand how tough times are at the moment, how games can become to feel expensive especially when they're in such quick succession but hopefully you will continue to support us through to the end of what has been an exceptional season for us up to now.

On that note,

We will need your support this afternoon, get behind the lads and hopefully we can get the right result this afternoon vs Rushall Olympic.

Enjoy the game,

Preecy

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Rio Rosenberg

BA (Hons) Football Business and Media student and Head of Women's Football at Hayters TV



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FULL INFORMATION

Introducing the Exciting New Fan Zone at Chorley FC!

We are delighted to announce that for the 2023/24 season, Chorley FC will be unveiling a brand-new Fan Zone, offering an incredible space for our devoted fans to enhance their matchday experience like never before.

Located within the vicinity of the Chorley Group Victory Park Stadium, the Fan Zone is designed to provide a vibrant and engaging environment for supporters to gather, socialize, and immerse themselves in the excitement of the game.

What to Expect in the Fan Zone

Entertainment and Activities: Get ready for a wide range of entertainment and activities tailored specifically for our passionate fans. From live music performances by local talents to interactive games and competitions, there will be something for everyone to enjoy. Test your football skills, challenge your friends to a game of table football, or simply soak in the lively atmosphere as you connect with fellow supporters.

Family-Friendly Environment: The Fan Zone aims to create a welcoming and family-friendly atmosphere, ensuring that fans of all ages can have a memorable time. Bring your little ones along and enjoy a range of activities specially designed for children, including face painting, mini-games, and other exciting surprises. Create lasting memories as you introduce the next generation of Magpies fans to the joys of matchday.

We invite you to join us in the all-new Fan Zone, where camaraderie, excitement, and the spirit of Chorley FC thrive. Immerse yourself in the vibrant pre-match buzz, connect with fellow supporters, and experience the thrill of cheering on our beloved team in an atmosphere tailored to enhance your matchday enjoyment.

Please note that specific details and additional attractions within the Fan Zone will be announced closer to the start of the season. Stay tuned to our official website and social media channels for updates on the Fan Zone and its exciting offerings.

Up the Magpies!





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FOUNDED: 1893
MANAGER: LIAM MCDONALD
GROUND: DALES LANE
DIVISION: NATIONAL LEAGUE NORTH

CLUB RECORDS
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE DIVISION ONE SOUTH PLAY-OFF WINNERS: 2010-11
MIDLAND ALLIANCE CHAMPIONS: 2004-05
WEST MIDLANDS (REGIONAL) LEAGUE DIVISION ONE CHAMPIONS: 1979-80

FOLLOWERS

2.4k
 4.6k
 8.4k
 570+





FIRST TEAM RUSHALL OLYMPIC

MANAGER

ANDY PEAKS



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DEFENDER

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DEFENDER

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ALEX FLETCHER



MIDFIELDER

JAKE GOSLING



MIDFIELDER

SAM MANTOM



MIDFIELDER

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A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN JAMIE VERMIGLIO

We extend a warm welcome to everybody involved with Rushall Olympic. Liam has done a brilliant job as manager this season since being promoted into the division. All too often now, teams come up and fail to make the grade for various reasons but Liam has got the basics right and as the season has gone on, Rushall have steadily begun to pick up more and more points week to week.

Rushall come into this one on the back of an excellent result against Farsley Celtic in midweek, everyone knows what Farsley bring to the table under Clayton Donaldson, especially at home, so Liam and his players will definitely be coming into this one on a high but we'll be hoping to get the right result this time around and being back at home should help us as well.

Our team fell to an unfortunate defeat in midweek at Brackley Town but I think it's important to remember what a fantastic position we are in at the moment in terms of position and looking at the run in towards the end of the season. Including today, we've only five home games left to be played before the playoffs take place and we'll need every single one of your support as we look to finish what has been an excellent season on a high.

The lads are still on a fantastic run and our home record, particularly of late has been nothing short of excellent, especially in the league. I know for a fact that Preecy and his team will have done their homework for this one and fingers crossed we can get on the right side of the result this time around, get back to winning ways and take that momentum into our next Tuesday night fixture away at Bishop's Stortford.

I hope you will continue to back the lads all the way today against Rushall Olympic and that we can get the right result.

Enjoy the game,

Up the Maggies!

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A MESSAGE TO YOU FROM THE OWNERS

WELCOME TO CHORLEY FC MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

Exciting Changes to Enhance Your Matchday Experience! We are thrilled to announce that, as part of our new ownership's commitment to improving and modernising the matchday experience, we have made some significant changes for the 2023/24 season. These changes coincide with the implementation of our new integrated ticketing system, which will go live for our first game of the season!

Online Tickets

In a change from previous seasons, we are now offering discounted ticket prices to everyone who purchases their tickets online for matches at the Chorley Group Victory Park Stadium. To secure the best price on single match tickets, simply visit our new ticket site and purchase your tickets. Online ticket sales will be available until shortly before kick-off (online ticket sales will close 2 hours prior). Then, on matchday, all you need to do is show up at the turnstiles, have your e-ticket scanned on your phone, and you're in! It's that simple.

In-person Tickets

We will continue to offer on-the-day in-person ticket sales for the 2023/24 season. However, the price of these tickets will be slightly higher compared to our online option. Please note that payment at the turnstiles will no longer be available. Instead, on-the-day in-person ticket purchases will be facilitated through our new ticket booth at the Chorley Group Victory Park Stadium. The ticket booth will accept both cash and card payments. Once you've obtained your ticket, you can proceed to the turnstiles as usual for ticket scanning and entry.

WELCOME TO CHORLEY FC MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

In addition to the ticket purchasing changes, we have revised our admission categories for the first time since 2019. To address instances where individuals deliberately attempted to purchase tickets incorrectly to gain access to cheaper admission prices, we have simplified the process to ensure fairness for all supporters. From now on, anyone aged 18 to 64 will be classified as an adult and will be required to purchase an adult admission ticket.

COMMERCIAL COLUMN

JEFF'S UPDATE

I'd like to welcome everyone back to the Chorley Group Victory Park Stadium this afternoon for our match against Rushall Olympic.

It has been absolutely amazing these past few weeks to see so many new and familiar faces in recently, the hospitality lounge has been packed out and your support is greatly appreciated.

We finally had a breather (albeit, a small one) with an away game but I hope I speak for everyone in saying it'll be a great feeling to be back on home soil this weekend again.

I would like to extend my thanks to our amazing ground staff this week, the team have worked tirelessly over the last few weeks with so many games being on in quick succession and the horrendous weather, everyone has come together so well to get the matches on in tricky conditions and thankfully we've managed to get the right results to go with it as well.

I would like to thank those who have already booked on for our game today and others that are up and coming. The Paul Mariner

Sports Bar is set to be packed out over the coming weeks and myself and the hospitality are excited and look forward to welcoming you in for those.

Hopefully we can get the right result this afternoon against Rushall Olympic, it'll be a tough game but I've everything crossed that we can get all three points.

Come on you Magpies!

Jeff Clarke



MAGPIES TRUST UPDATE

MAGPIES COLUMN



Welcome to Victory Park for this afternoon's fixture against Rushall Olympic – A warm welcome to our visitors from the West Midlands.

In this article for the fixture against Tamworth I wished Magpie supporters well in their travels to Bishops Stortford – Unfortunately it was yet another game that fell foul of the wet weather as the hosts pitch was not playable.

This postponement has not only caused issues within the Club as they need to re-arrange transport and potential time off work for our part time squad, but it effects the supporters.

There will be supporters who already paid for hotel and transport for the fixture on the Saturday and they are now out of pocket with high chances that most who planned to make the journey no longer can make the rearranged date. This is at no fault of our Club or Bishop's Stortford as postponements cannot be helped and are part and parcel of the non-league game.

It's also worth noting that the Hertfordshire based team did appeal the National League decision from being placed in the northern section of Step 2 but here they are.

With all this being said, I want to thank each and every supporter who makes these journeys – Your support means a lot to the team as I can assure you it is mentioned amongst the management team.

You may have seen over a week ago that we have very proudly introduced a new role around Victory Park as Alison Butcher has taken up the role of Trust Disability Liaison Officer. Alison can be located at Trust HQ and more information about the role can be found on our website.

Julian

Membership Update

Our membership numbers stand at 95.

How much does it cost? £10 per year, or £5 per month to be a 'Super Fan'

How do I register? On our website, at Trust HQ on matchdays or speak with a Trust board member – Look out for our lanyards to identify us.

Do I need to do anything else? You can be as active or inactive as you like. We are always looking for volunteers but if you can't commit the time, your membership is commitment enough.

Please visit our website for further news and updates –

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TUESDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2024 MATCH ACTION

WORDS: PETE TSCHEREWIK PHOTOS: DAVID AIRLEY

COMPETITION

VANARAMA NATIONAL
LEAGUE NORTH

VENUE

VICTORY PARK

REFEREE

GARETH THOMAS

ATTENDANCE

655

CHORLEY FC 1

UBAEZUONU (12')

CHORLEY battled tirelessly to claim all three points against league leaders **Tamworth** at the Chorley Group Victory Park Stadium on Tuesday evening.

Both sides struggled to settle into the contest in the opening exchanges, wet and windy conditions playing their part from the get-go but after a couple of half-chances, it was the Magpies who broke Tamworth's 900+ minutes run without conceding a goal, **CARLTON UBAEZUONU** tapping home the rebound after Justin Johnson initially stung the palms of Jas Singh from range but the latter couldn't hold on to it.

Tamworth began to grow into the game having gone behind, Tom Tonks's long-throw a big part of their game and Max Dearnley had to be alert to get out quickly and deny Dan Creaney a route to goal.

Despite their pressing, Johnson then was only a matter of inches away from doubling Chorley's lead - driving down the left wing before thundering an effort off the bar.

Dearnley then had a spell of being mightily busy for a spell of ten minutes before half-time, getting down well to deny Charlie Cockerill-Mollett's powerful shot from distance before somehow keeping out a header from Tonks after an initial corner.

0 TAMWORTH

Tamworth continued to pepper the Chorley goal towards the break and they themselves would hit the bar minutes later, Creaney getting through before Kyle Finn headed towards goal - Dearnley superbly tipping it onto the woodwork before going behind for another corner.

Chorley went close through Jack Sampson after the restart, forcing a smart save down low out of Singh before Ty Deacon had two shots for the visitors, the first of the two forcing yet another save out of Dearnley.

Dearnley continued to be the hero for Andy Preece's side, Tamworth hitting the bar for the second time through Liam Colman before the former got down low again to deny a massive opportunity for Tamworth.

From there it was a case of managing the game defensively for the Magpies and dealing with a substantial amount of pressure from Andy Peaks's side, Finn going closest to getting the Lambs back on terms before Frankie Maguire had a shot that was barely an inch away from sealing it for Chorley in stoppage time but the home side would hold on brilliantly to claim all three points on the night.





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BOYZONE JOIN UP WITH CHORLEY FC!

CHORLEY FC are absolutely thrilled to share some truly exciting news that will undoubtedly ignite a wave of enthusiasm throughout Chorley Football Club and beyond.

We have just confirmed that world renowned, Boyzone, will be joining us for our upcoming home game against Solihull Moors in the Isuzu FA Trophy this weekend!

This collaboration with Boyzone is part of ongoing discussions that could potentially see them becoming the face of the football club.

This is a game-changer that has the potential to bring our town into the limelight like never before, generating a buzz and publicity that will shine a bright light on Chorley and the local area.

We are bursting with excitement and gratitude for this incredible opportunity. Boyzone's presence at the game will undoubtedly create an electric atmosphere, filled with music, joy and a shared love for football and a close knit, family community.

Now, we need your support to make this news reach every corner of our community. Please share this incredible update with your friends, family and everyone in between so that everyone can be part of this extraordinary event.

Let's come together, united in our passion for Chorley FC and the amazing possibilities that lie ahead.

Stay tuned for more updates as we continue our negotiations. We firmly believe that this partnership with Boyzone has the potential to take Chorley FC to new heights, firmly establishing our town and football club as a force to be reckoned with.

Thank you for your support and dedication to Chorley Football Club. Together, let's make history and showcase the true spirit of our community.

We hope you will join us in welcoming Boyzone to the football club and look forward to embarking on this exciting new era at the Chorley Group Victory Park Stadium!






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WE'VE MET BEFORE...

12 YEARS AGO... RUSHALL OLYMPIC 1-0 CHORLEY

On Wednesday September 21st 2011 an energy firm announced it had found vast resources of shale gas on the Fylde Coast that it could extract through fracking. The evening before, AFC Fylde had found Victory Park fertile ground for a scalp as they left 1-0 victors, knocking the Magpies – who were then in the tier above them – out of the FA Cup.

It was a wake-up call for a Chorley side who had suffered just one loss in the league all season, a 1-2 defeat at Victory Park to Marine on the August Bank Holiday Monday. However, a midweek defeat away at Chester to close out September heralded a potted October.

Victory against basement side Burscough at Victory Park on October 1 was as much expected as demanded, but a 2-1 scoreline illustrated a close-run thing. The following weekend there was to be no hiding place though as the Magpies were thumped 4-0 by Matlock Town.

Another narrow victory, this time at home to Rushall Olympic in the midweek, was achieved in large part thanks to Chorley and the league's then top-scorer Steve Foster getting the only goal of the game.

A 2-2 draw at home to mid-table Ashton United was uninspiring and paved the way for an early FA Trophy exit to Marine, 0-1, before a stuttering 3-4 win over lowly Mickleover Sports concluded an ambivalent month.

Despite this, Chorley were excellently placed in third, joined on 36 points with Chester in second place; top of the pile Northwich Victoria were just three points clear. This did not translate on to the pitch when Chorley visited Dales Lane, home of Rushall Olympic, for the quick return fixture, as Ahmed Obeng scored the only goal of the game half way through the first half to clinch the victory in front of 257 spectators.



10 YEARS AGO... CHORLEY 0-1 RUSHALL OLYMPIC

In world events, February 2014 was characterised by the beginning of the West African Ebola virus epidemic which would lead to the deaths of over 11,000 people.

A 1-1 draw away at Grantham Town on February 22 had been the Magpies' first dropped points since a 3-1 defeat away to Blyth Spartans just under a month earlier, on January 25.

Just nine days before that Chorley had fought valiantly to remain in the FA Trophy third round but had eventually succumbed to Tamworth, sitting two tiers above them; it had taken a replay and penalties though, and would be a campaign to live long in the memory.

Overall, it had been an excellent season to date, with the only real disappointment being a 4-0 exit from the FA Cup at the second qualifying round stage at the hands of Conference North side Vauxhall Motors.

Chorley sat top of the Evo-Stik Premier Division on 70 points, three points and two games in hand over Skelmersdale United in second and six points clear of AFC Fylde with three games in hand.

Chorley would not underestimate their opponents from the West Midlands though, a first meeting between the sides that season. It was little over a year since their last meeting at Victory Park when the visitors had notched a 1-6 victory.

It was increasingly evident that Rushall were becoming a bogey side for the Magpies however, as they were defeated again, this time 0-1 thanks to a Matt Wood goal four minutes from time.

Martin Ramsbotham



TUESDAY FEBRUARY 27 2024 MATCH ACTION

WORDS: PETE TSCHEREWIK PHOTOS: DAVID AIREY

COMPETITION

VANARAMA NATIONAL
LEAGUE NORTH

VENUE

ST JAMES PARK

REFEREE

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ATTENDANCE

446

BRACKLEY TOWN 1

ROBERTS (8')

CHORLEY fell to their first league game defeat in four games having won each of the previous four at the hands of **Brackley Town**, **Morgan Roberts's** early goal enough to get the hosts a 1-0 win.

The Magpies struggled to settle into the contest in the early stages and after a fast-paced start, the hosts got themselves off to the best possible start as **MORGAN ROBERTS** reacted first to get on the end of Connor Hall's initial shot to slam home into the roof of the net.

Following the opening goal, attacking action was few and far between from both sides through to the final ten minutes of the first half where Chorley began to push with intent albeit without creating any real chances of note.

Brackley very nearly doubled their lead in stoppage time having broken away quickly on the counter attack in numbers, but Roberts couldn't get on the end of Hall's low cross aimed at the back post.

Chorley looked to get back into the game after the restart and had another spell of possession with 20-minutes to go that almost lead to

an equalising goal, Frankie Maguire firing into the side-netting with a wicked low shot from 18-yards.

Hall very nearly came back to haunt his former side with a spectacular diving header that struck the post from George Carline's cross from the right.

Chorley threw everything at it in the final minutes but it was to be the hosts who had the last chance of the match, Danny Newton breaking free to beat Harvey Smith and find a route to goal but by trying to place his effort into the corner, it went just wide.

Brackley Town: Lewis, Carline, Calder, Murombedzi, Gudger, Newton, Roberts, Lyttle, Hall (Turner, 90'), O'Sullivan, Lilly. **Unused:** Armson, Bates, Matwasa, Evans.

Chorley: Dearnley, Henley, Ellis, Smith, Wilson (Blakeman, 80'), Maguire (Donawa, 83'), Calveley, Glynn, Ubaezuonu (Hazlehurst, 63'), Sampson, Johnson. **Unused:** Shenton, Horbury.

Cautions: Lilly (5'), Smith (20'), Newton (31'), Murombedzi (59'), Hazlehurst (80')





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RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY, COME AGAIN ANOTHER DAY...

Down to Bishop Stortford on Saturday to play a game against the most southern team in the North. After many unsuccessful discussions on the state of the pitch we were finally told on Friday pm that even Moses could not hold the water at bay.

To be fair to Bishop Stortford they had moved a trophy game to another ground to try to save the pitch but from the pictures and the refs report it was impossible to play any type of football.

Disappointment on the day, hotels and coaches to be rearranged, players to tell and all the secretaries' routine jobs when a fixture is cancelled.

A positive plus was a rest for the players for the Tamworth game. What a game, what a result, great atmosphere and a superb team performance

What's next as I write this on the coach is the anticipation of a game at Brackley. A renewal and meeting with a Chorley Favourite Connor Hall, unfortunately we couldn't keep Connor as for family reasons he wanted to move down south.

We miss him but some of our other players have stepped up to the mark and scored the goals we thought we had lost with Connor leaving.

We must hope he hasn't scored against us.

Looking to next season in common with other clubs we have launched a Preecy Budget Booster which hopefully will give Preecy some extra monies on the budget the club can afford.

Clubs like Darlington raise in excess of 100,000 pounds let's see what we can do.

Just a thank you to all who supported Jack Sampson and Hannah on the past Saturday. It was a great come together of players, sponsors, fans to support Jack and Hannah through their ongoing fight and we know everybody is rooting for them.

Today although we welcome Rushall Olympic we must not forget our biggest defeat of the season at their ground.

Support the lads who no doubt will remember this game and look to come out successful today.

Date for your diary. March 20th Wednesday in the social club at 8pm Question and Answer with Preecy and Jamie.

See you there!

Terry

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