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- 3. JOHN BUTLER (Rochdale Hornets)
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 - 6. KEN GILL (St. Helen's Recs.)
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 - 10. ALAN GRICE (Blackbrook)
 - 11. JOHN KNIGHTON (Heaton Moor R.U.)
 - 12. COLIN DIXON Halifax)
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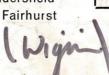
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- 7. ALAN BATES
- 8. BRIAN HUGHES
- 9. ROGER O'MAHONEY
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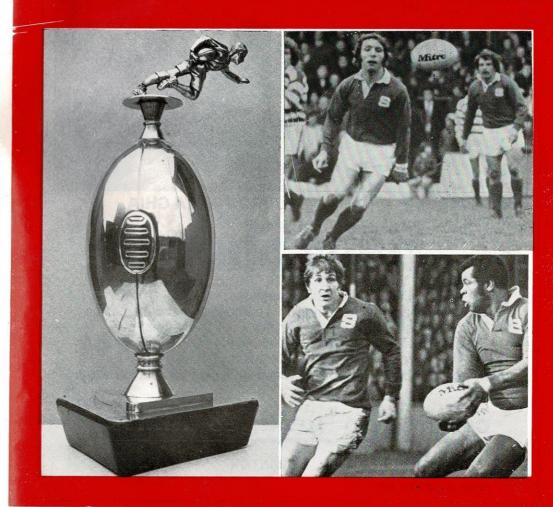
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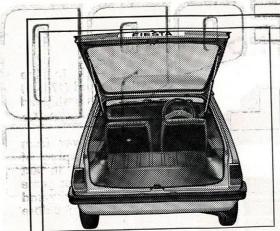


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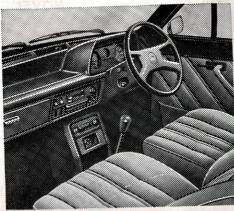




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REDS' EARLY IMPROVEMENT

SALFORD'S failure to progress further than the second round in any of last season's knock-out competitions resulted in our lowest placing in a long time in our popular cup fighters' table.

Most of our defeats were close affairs—only one point difference in two cases: the 13—14 Lancashire Cup defeat at Warrington after we had scored three tries to the Wires' two and the 17—18 reverse at Leeds in the Player's No. 6 when both sides touched down four times.

We also matched Leigh's four tries in the BBC2 Floodlit Trophy game at Hilton Park, but brilliant John Woods proved the superior goalkicker on the night with five against David Watkins's three.

1976-77

	W	D	L	F	Α	% 83.33
Leeds	12	1	2	273	170	83.33
	11	0	3	213	126	78.57
	13	1	4	318	245	75.00
Leigh	9	0	4	228	176	69.23
Workington	7	1	3	183	113	68.18
St. Helens	8	1	4	178	159	65.38
Featherstone	7	0	4	203	96	63.63
Blackpool B.	5	0	3	97	131	62.50
Hull	6	0	4	155	102	60.00
Hull K.R	5	0	4	126	119	55,55
Dewsbury	4	Ö	4	110	134	50.00
Wigan	4	1	5	137	85	45.00
Wakefield T.	3	Ö	4	66	49	42.85
Bradford N.	3	Ö	4	94	95	42.85
York	2	Õ	3	46	62	40.00
Salford	3	Õ	5	179	123	37.50
Halifax	2	0	4	84	85	33.33
Oldham	2	Ö	4	69	78	33.33
Huddersfield	2	Ö	4	62	102	33.33
New Hunslet	2	Ö	4	66	116	33.33
	3	1	7	162	165	31.81
Warrington	1	ö	4	64	68	20.00
Bramely	1	0	4	50	82	20.00
Rochdale	1	0	4	59	111	20.00
Barrow	1	0	4	59	122	20.00
Whitehaven			4	48	104	20.00
Swinton	1	0	1100	40	104	20.00
Keighley	1	0	4			20.00
Huyton	0	0	3	23	61	
Batley	0	0	3	26	84	
Doncaster	0	0	3	31	133	_

Only Workington (4—13) in the Challenge Cup and Castleford (17—25) in the first round of the Premiership did we come off second best in the tryscoring department.

All these defeats were away from home and emphasised the value of ground advantage in cup-ties. In fact the last time we lost a knock-out game at The Willows was in the second round of the Challenge Cup the season before last.

This term has already shown a marked improvement with only one defeat—at Workington again 12—17 in the first round of the Lancashire Cup—and apart from this the draw has been kind in providing Second Division opposition so far.

This Season

	HIS	•	cu.	SOII		
	W	D	L	F	A	%
Castleford	6	0	0	89	40	100.00
	4	0	0		34	100.00
	5	0	1	165	79	83.33
Vakefield T.	4	0	1	78	38	80.00
	4	0	1	83	57	80.00
	4	1	1	152	28	75.00
	3	0	1	84	35	75.00
eigh	3	0	1	95	48	75.00
Keighley	4	0	2	87	55	66.66
	2	0		34	61	66.66
	3	1	2	119	86	58.33
	2	0	2	63	41	50.00
	2	0	2	69	53	50.00
	1	0		28	32	50.00
	2	0	2	45	68	50.00
	2	1	3	98	95	41.66
Huddersfield		0	2	63	55	33.33
Hull K.R	1	0	2	50	46	33.33
	1	0	2	49	60	33.33
	1	1		49	71	30.00
Whitehaven	1	0	3	50		25.00
Bramley	0	0	3			_
Huyton	0	0	2			-
	0		2		54	_
Barrow	0	0	3		53	_
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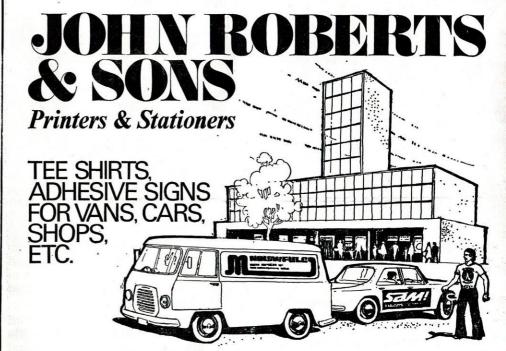
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OLDHAM SCENE

by DON YATES

TONIGHT Salford bid for a place in the semi-final of the Floodlit Cup when they take on local rivals and Second Division Championship contenders Oldham whose experienced side has won their last nine matches.

One of the most experienced members of the Oldham side is Phil Larder who has just returned to first team duty after spending all last season under treatment for a badly broken arm.

He joined Oldham from Sale RUFC in August 1968 and developed into a speedy, elusive and high scoring centre who topped his side's scoring charts in four of the five season between 1971 and 1976.



Away he goes! Not a Barrow man in sight as Phil Larder races up the wing to score Oldham's first try in their 16—8 Player's Competition first round success.

Photo: Oldham Evening Chronicle

His best season was 1972-73 when he scored 13 tries and 129 goals with 11 of those goals coming in the 55—3 away win over Blackpool Borough. Since his injury he has moved out onto the wing and he has also handed over the goal kicking duties to new recruit Uri Stondin

Stondin, 25, has enjoyed considerable goal kicking success since joining Oldham from the local rugby union club last March but as well as being an accurate marksman he is a strong running winger who has been most impressive in his short career in the professional ranks.

Skipper of Oldham this evening will be their trialist half-back Alan Bates, an experienced 31-year-old who is on loan from Dewsbury having been transfer listed at £3,000.

He is a tireless worker who in 1974 toured Australasia with Great Britain, playing in two tests to add to the two French tests which he appeared in prior to the tour. He has also played five times for Yorkshire. Bates was a member of the Dewsbury side which reached the 1975 Floodlit Cup Final.

Bates has developed a tremendous half-back partnership with Johnny Paterson, 22, another player with an amazing appetite for work and it is from these two that the majority of Oldham's moves stem. Paterson is a Yorkshireman who joined Oldham in May 1974 from Cutsyke juniors.

A player who will need little introduction to Salford fans is prop forward Peter Frodsham who joined Oldham in August after a six year spell here at The Willows.

Frodsham is 26 and joined Salford from West Park RUFC but was unable to command a regular place in the first team so moved to Watersheddings where he scored a try on his debut and

has now become a popular member of the Oldham line-up.

The other Oldham prop is Brian Hughes, 25, a fiery character who joined Oldham in September 1973 from Leeds for a bargain £500. He is a product of Castleford Juniors who turned professional with Leeds in December 1970.

Completing the Oldham front row is the former England schoolboy hooker Roger O'Mahoney who joined Oldham in November 1971. He is a lively forward in the loose and, at 24, plenty should be heard of him in the coming seasons.

Although back-row forward Peter Jewitt, 22, learned the game in the Oldham area playing for Higginshaw, he turned professional with Warrington and was a member of the Warrington team which played against Salford in the 1974 Floodlit Cup Final.

Jewitt, who gained Lancashire and Great Britain honours at under-18 level, moved to Oldham at the beginning of the season and gave his best performance when Oldham beat Warrington in the last round of this competition.



Winger Uri Stondin on a determined run against Barrow. He landed five goals to take his tally to 14 out of 15 attempts in three matches.

Photo: Oldham Evening Chronicle

That Oldham victory over Warrington gives some indication of the strength of Salford's opponents this evening but with eight successive victories behind them, Salford will feel confident that they can succeed and take one more step nearer liftint BBC's Flootlit Cup.

TONIGHT'S REFEREE

GRADE ONE official Billy Thompson last Saturday took charge of his eighth Lancashire Cup Final and his 15th major domestic final which includes three Floodlit Trophy finals. He has also refereed 16 international matches in Britain, France, Australia and New Zealand and was referee of this year's World Cup Final.

Mr. Thompson, who was Trumann's Steel Referee of the Year last season, is married with three daughters and lives at Linthwaite, Huddersfield where he works as an engineer with David Brown Tractors.

RUGBY LEAGUE QUIZ

- Who was Oldham's top try scorer last season?
- 2. What was the attendance at last season's Floodlit Cup Final when Castleford won at Leigh 12—4?
- 3. Have Salford ever met Oldham in the Floodlit Cup prior to tonight?
- 4. When were the Watersheddings floodlights first used?
- 5. Who did Salford beat to win the Floodlit Cup in season 1974-75?

5. Salford beat Huddersfield (home) 16—2, St. Helens (away) 11—7, Hull Kingston Rovers (home) 27—10 and Warrington 10—5 in the final re-play at Wilderspool after a 0—0 draw here at The Willows.

sheddings when Oldham won 12-8.
4. October 1965 when England Under-24 beat France 12—5.

3. Yes, in October 1972 at Water-

1. Mike Elliott with 17 tries.

Answers

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Batty's Scene

'VOLL' RETURNS TO MIXED MEMORIES



By BRIAN BATTY, "Daily Mail"

TOM VAN VOLLENHOVEN's brief return to this country must have had fans throughout the game recalling his memorable try scoring feats.

The South African winger made the trip-to see a sick friend-almost 20 years to the day he joined St. Helens.

Within hours of his arrival he had watched a couple of games-one televised and one live-and was quickly making comparisons from when he left for home nine years ago.

He has been wondering where all the crowds have gone, why wingers don't seem to get more passes and what has happened to some of the tiger tackling he had to withstand.

Tom plays a little golf now but more hockey, as a centre forward, and confesses he had a couple of friendly games of Rugby Union on his return to South Africa.

I could not resist flicking through some of many cuttings which chronicle his career and I came across a couple which touched on two of the points he had raised.

The first concerned an article by winger Alf Ellaby, dated February 17, 1957, in which he stressed that Tom received only two passes in a game against Oldham.

"I think Tom has the lot", said Alf. adding: "I feel sure we would attract many more players if we changed the play-the-ball rule.

"Under the rule at present we have seen the development of the big, bombarding forward line coming into the game on a scale formerly undreamed of.

"It will need courage by the legislators but the facts must be faced. Under present rules a team can hold the ball as long as it likes and the opposition has no chance of playing more than a negative part.

"It is bad for the game, the players and the crowds".

The second article by Tom was dated February 18, 1958, in which he said: "You just can't play before these big, enthusuastic crowds in England without being affected in one way or another.

"Since coming to St. Helens I have heard a lot about Alf Ellaby, who played for the club many years ago. Gee, that man must have been some player. If I am only hal fthe player he was then I'll be satisfied".

Tom paid a great tribute also to Jim Sullivan for the part he played in developing his game and helping him settle here and it seems sad his return should come so shortly after the death of the great Welshman.

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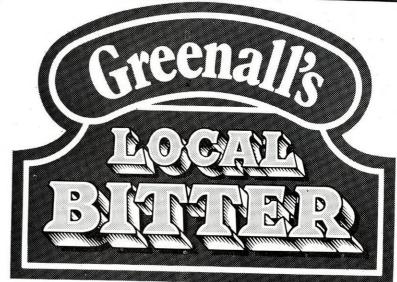
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RESULTS IN DETAIL

Friday 28 October	r 1977		First Division
SALFORD		ATTION TO AND	1—3—0—9
Team: Watkins (4g)	; Fielding, Butler, Heske	th, Richards (2t); G	ill (t), Nash; Sheffield,
Evans (t), Grice, K	nighton, Dixon, Prescot	t. Subs: Stead (d	id not play), Turnbull Wakefield).

FIRST TEAM RECORD

	P	Sub	T	G	D	Pts		P	Sub	T	G	D	Pts	
Butler	12	_	2	_	_	6		92	2	38	_	_	114	
Corcoran	1.	1	_	_	_	_		16	22	2		_	6	
Coulman	5	2	2		_	6	Ø	297	12	91	_	_	273	
Dixon	10	_	1	_	_	3		329	7	79	1	_	239	
Evans	12	_	1	_	_	3		19	_	1	_	_	3	
Fielding	11	_	9	_	_	27		162	2	140	111	_	642	
Gill	11	_	2		-	6		226	4	57	8	1	188	
Grice	12	_	x	_	_	_		163	44	2		_	6	
Hesketh	8	2	2	_	_	6		401	4	124	_	-	372	
Knighton	7	3	1	_	_	3		139	24	30	-	_	90	
Mayor	1	_	-			_		7	5	2	_	_	6	
Nash	12	_	4	_	_	12		91	_	15	4	4	57	
Prescott	12	_	5		rij e.	15		165	2	23	7	1	84	
Richards	11	_	9	11:	4101'	27		319	_	223	32		733	
Sheffield	8	3	_	_		_3		38	6	2	_	_	6	
Stead	4	3	1	_		3		29	8	5	120	-	15	
Turnbull	7	3	4			12		52	21	18	_	_	54	
Watkins	12	_	_	49	6	104		369	2	141	1134	12	2703	
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SALFORD v. OLDHAM — LAST K.O. GAME HERE

Sunday 9 November 1975	Players No. 6 Trophy, 2nd Rour	ıu
SALFORD10—8—0—46	OLDHAM 1-0-0-	-3
Salford: Watkins (8g); Fielding (3t), Butler Coulman (t), Grice, MacKay, Turnbull (2t), for Hesketh), Corcoran (for Prescott).	Knighton (t), Prescott. Subs: Graham	(t)
Oldham Dlair Flight Lordor Bottom (t)	O'Prione Tracques Potorgone Domoho	

Oldham: Blair; Elliott, Larder, Bottom (t), O'Brien; Treasure, Paterson; Ramshaw, Taylor, Welding, Hall, Kear, Brown. Subs: Wainwright (for Blair), Hicks (for Welding).

H.T. 18-0. Att. 6,483. Referee: W. H. Thompson (Huddersfield).

LEADERS BEING PUSHED

GREEN VIGO, Wigan's South African winger, and Leigh goal ace John Woods keep their places at the top of the scorer's charts after the weekend games.

For Vigo, though, it's a case of only just as Mal Branch touched down in his

eighth consecutive match.

And Welsh wizard David Watkins—with his club skipper Chris Hesketh starting a testimonial year today—clipped one off Woods' lead in the goals list.

York's Gary Hetherington refused a request from coach Mal Dixon to move back into the second row from the hooker's berth he prefers. So he was dropped for the game at Barrow and lost his record of having scored in every game this season.

He and injured Featherstone centre Steve Quinn make way for Sammy Lloyd and Neil Fox in the top half-dozen goal-scorers while Watkins, Fox and lain MacCorquodale—celebrating his first Lancashire Cup winners medal—moves up in the points table. Leading scorers:

Tries-

16—Vigo (Wigan)
15—Branch (Huddersfield)
14-D. Smith (Leeds)
13—Morgan (Keighley)
12—Hughes (Widnes)

10-McConnell (Barrow) Woods (Leigh)

Goals-

62—Woods (Leigh) 55—Watkins (Salford)

49—Pimblett (St. Helens)

MacCorquodale (Workington T.)

46—Lloyd (Castleford) Fox (Huddersfield)

Points-

154—Woods (Leigh) 116—Pimblett (St. Helens)

104—Watkins (Salford)

101—Fox (Huddersfield)
100—MacCorquodale (Workington T.)

99-Hetherington (York)

OLDHAM'S win against Whitehaven on Sunday extended their winning sequences to nine matches. Uri Stondin was the goal-kicker in all those matches and he has now notched 37 and scored three tries.

Lancashire Cup final gates, which dipped to 7,403 in 1974, have shown a steady increase since with 7,566 in 1975, 8,498 last season and 9,548 at Wilderspool on Saturday.

Both county cups get a new name on them this season for neither Workington nor Castleford had won their county trophies before.

Salford have signed utility man Don Preston from Huyton for a small fee. Preston, ex-Eccles RU and Folly Lane and Swinton League player, is a teacher at Buile Hill, Salford, and was on Huyton's books for nearly three years.

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Bradford N.	8	8	0	0	167	78	16
Widnes	9	7	1	1	197	100	15
Salford	8	7	0	1	149	107	14
Leeds	8	5	1	2	166	128	11
St. Helens	7	5	0	2	165	86	_ 10
Wigan	7	5	0	2	136	103	10
Hull K.R	9	4	1	4	150	133	9
Featherstone	7	4	0	3	122	90	8
Workington	7	2	2	3	123	132	6
New Hunslet	9	3	0	6	126	184	6
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'SALFORD CITY REPORTER'

GRAHAM FINDS 'LOST' RECORDS

WHEN Salford supporter Graham Morris was asked to look up some early records of the club, he little realised that he would be responsible for putting a new name into the Reds record books.

But that is exactly what happened, for Graham, of Sandringham Road, Boothstown, unearthed a Salford result which put even the generally accepted win of 74—3 in the shade.

Graham, a member of the Rugby League Record Keepers Club, was helping fellow club member Tom Webb to complete Tom's already extensive records when he discovered a match in which Salford beat Liverpool City by 78—0.

And not only was the score important, but the scorers, too, produced a surprise.

The legendary Gus Risman had long been thought to hold the record of

points in a match with 32 in the 74—3 home win against Bramley on April 5 1933, and the 65—15 victory at Broughton Rangers in a wartime Summer League game on May 18, 1940.

Now, thanks to Graham, we know that in the 78—0 trouncing of Liverpool City, centre Jimmy Lomas scored five tries and 12 goals for a total of 39 points, which included his 250th goal for the club. The Salford team in that match, played on a fine afternoon on Saturday, February 2, 1907, was: Cochrane (t); Garner (t), W. S. Thomas (t), Lomas (5t, 12g), Hampson (2t); Preston (2t), John (2t); Buckler (2t), Rees, Brown (t), Lewis, E. J. Thomas, Warwick (t). H.T. 44—0. Att. 3,000. Ref. E. Tonge (Swinton).

Three years after this game, Lomas became the first-ever Great Britain tour captain, and his successors have included Risman, in 1946, and present Salford skipper Chris Hesketh, in 1974.

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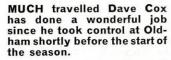
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Cox: quiet man with a clipboard message

By ROGER HALSTEAD

Oldham Evening Chronicle



Dave has never really hit the headlines in League, largely because he is a quiet man who believes that results on the field say much more than extravagant statements or promises from the mouth of a coach.

Only rarely does he afford himself the luxiry of basking in praise of his team and he would never, under any circumstances, publicly criticise his charges.

Praise or criticism is usually reserved for the dressing room on Tuesday evenings ... but even then his tell-tale clipboard does most of the talking for him.

Cox, his assistant Bob Welding, and backroom boy John Watkins, chart all aspects of every match on the infamous clipper board which is then casually left in the dressing room for the players to scan!

"It's amazing" chuckles Dave, "how much notice the players take of the findings we come up with. If a player has not been doing his tackling he soon finds that he doesn't need us to tell him: the other lads see to that!"

Cox is a shrewd man who, after 28 years in the game as player and coach, knows just about all there is to know about Rugby League and its players.

all about away from the fashionable clubs, having served Batley and Dewsbury, in two separate spells, Huyton and now Oldham.

A year or two ago he sampled life at the top with Castleford and Cas officials



DAVE COX

still speak highly of the man and his contribution to the club during a comparatively short stay.

Though not one of the better-known coaches so far as the spectators go, Dave

And he knows what life is MaCox has usually left his clubs with lasting impressions of hard work and devoted service.

It was that sort of reputation that earned him the coaching job of the Other Nationalities team a year or two ago.

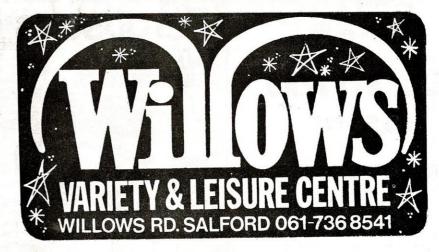
And so much did he impress League officials with the way he handled a team of "no hopers" and motivated his players that Cox was well in the running for the plum job of coaching Great Britain in last summer's world championships in Australia and New Zealand.

At Oldham he inherited a dispirited bunch of players, still suffering from the traumatic events of last season when there were upheavals both on the field and off it at Watersheddings.

But within weeks the Cox stamp was beginning to show through. Some players were transferred-David Hill to Barrow, David Treasure to Leeds, Glen Knight to Huddersfield-and in exchange Cox recruited forwards such as Peter Frodsham, Peter Jewitt and Alan Forster.

They are forming the basis of a hard-working and dour pack, behind which Cox's former ally from his Dewsbury days, scrum-half Alan Bates, is working intelligently

At the time of writing Oldham had gone eight games without defeat . . . and the clip board's message was growing sweeter by the match!



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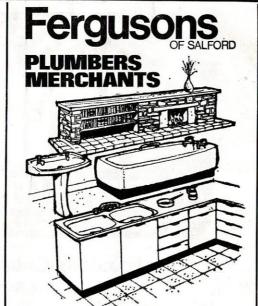
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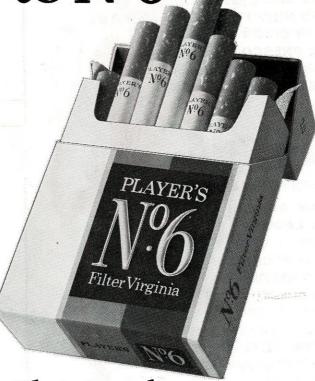
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