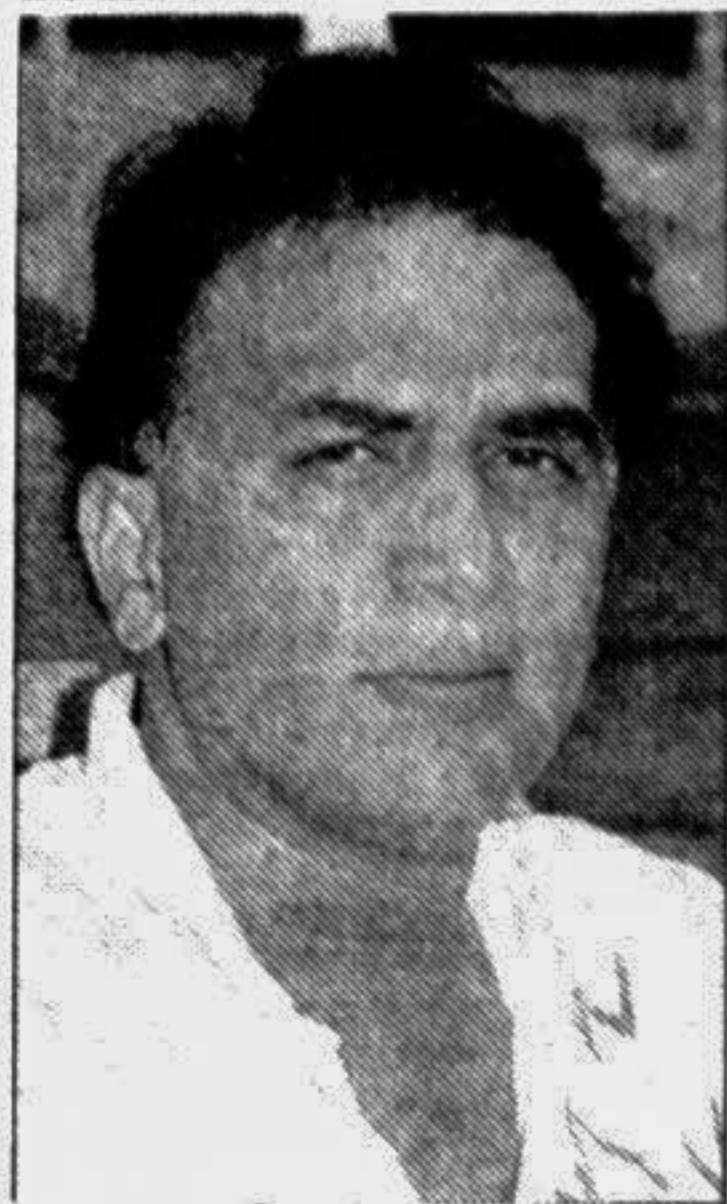


Column One SPORTS TALK



Sunil Gavaskar
(India's cricketing great)
There have been quite a few disappointments. Not being able to save the Test matches at Lahore and Karachi in 1978. Not being able to win at The Oval in 1979. Not being able to win at Adelaide in 1978.

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- 5. Who lifted the Pioneer Division soccer league title?

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Juventus lift Super Cup

TURIN, Aug 24: Off-season signing Filippo Inzaghi's two goals within seven minutes Saturday helped Juventus defeat visiting Vicenza 3-0 for the Italian Super Cup, the first trophy of the new season, reports AP.

Inzaghi, whose 24 goals for Atlanta led the Italian First Division last season, knocked in a loose ball from close range to give Juventus a 1-0 lead in the 49th minute. The 23-year-old then slotted home a second assist from midfielder Antonio Conte in the 56th.

Conte, a veteran sidelined most of last year with a knee injury, sealed the victory on a 20-metre blast with 10 minutes left.

Juventus collected their second Super Cup in three years, a span that has also seen Fiat auto tycoon Gianni Agnelli's club collect two league titles, a European Champions Cup, Intercontinental Cup, European Super Cup and Italian Cup.

Vicenza, a provincial club, won the first trophy in its 95-year-history with last season's Italian Cup.

Juventus open the defence of their Serie A title Aug. 31, when league kicks off with a full slate of nine matches.

The Super Cup is awarded each summer to the winner of a match between the previous season's league and Italian Cup titlists.

Sporting held

LISBON, Aug 24: Sporting's pre-season spending spree, which brought nine new players onto the team, failed to pay off on Saturday when the Lisbon side managed only a goalless away draw against Farense in the first fixture of Portugal's First Division championship, reports Reuter.

The draw was all the more galling for Sporting, who have spent 18 dollars million on players for this season, since Farense played the final 20 minutes with just 10 players after Moroccan striker Hassan Nader was sent off for a second bookable offence.

Sporting, who have been chasing the league title unsuccessfully for the past 15 years, missed their best chance in the 42nd minute when Bulgarian striker Ivaylo Iordanov hit the bar.

Indians 'lionwashed'

COLOMBO, Aug 24: India's cricketers bowed out of their tour of Sri Lanka losing the 're-play' third and final one-day international to their hosts by nine runs at the Singalese Sports Club ground in Colombo on Sunday, reports AP.

Needing 265 for victory in 50 overs, India were restricted to 255 for 8. The defeat is India's sixth in a row in one-day internationals, against Sri Lanka, which includes the Asia Cup tournament that the home side won.

India got off to another hopeful start, picking 89 runs in the first 15 overs for the loss of two wickets. But with the dismissal of Robin Singh (28) and Rahul Dravid (42) the tourists showed signs of caving in.

Only Mohammad Azharuddin with a top score of 65 in 60 balls put up some resistance. But after he was run-out in a mix-up with Nayan Mongia in the 45th over with the total at 227, the Indians lost all hopes of winning as Sri Lanka closed in.

Sachin Tendulkar failed to make any significant impact for India although he struck two sixes and three fours in a score of 39.

He was out to an uncultured shot where he slashed at a ball from paceman Sanjeeva de Silva outside the off-stump only to edge the delivery into the gloves of wicket-keeper Lanka de Silva.

Co-opener Saurav Ganguly made 17 and was out to a return catch taken by Sanjeeva de Silva after he shared in a 50-run first wicket stand with Tendulkar in just eight overs.

Sri Lanka, but to bat by India, was all-out for 264 in 49.4 overs. Aravinda de Silva made his ninth one-day century, a score of 104 in 117 balls with seven fours.

Aravinda took the crease at a crucial stage with Sri Lanka on 22 for 2 in six overs. He then lifted the side with an 83-run stand for the third wicket with Roshan Mahanama who made 50 in 61 balls.

Aravinda was out in the 45th over with the total at 254 caught by Mohammed Azharuddin at extra-cover off left-arm spinner Nilesh Kulkarni who finished taking three wickets.

Kulkarni also claimed the wicket of Mahanama, bowled after missing a sweep, and Arjuna Ranatunga who was beaten and bowled for 3 after playing forward.

But paceman Abey Kuruvilla was the pick of the Indian bowlers, accounting for four wickets. Among his scalps were Sanath Jayasuriya (3), Marvan Atapattu (3) and wicket-keeper batsman Lanka de Silva, who hit his maiden half-century.

Jayasuriya was caught on the long-leg fence by Ajay Jadeja after which Atapattu edged a delivery from Kuruvilla into Azharuddin's safe hands at first slip.

Aravinda was adjudged man-of-the-match while Sanath Jayasuriya was named as player-of-the-series which Sri Lanka won 3-0.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the third and final one-day international between India and Sri Lanka on Sunday:

SRI LANKA
Jayasuriya c Jadeja b Kuruvilla 3
Atapattu c Azharuddin b

Kuruvilla	8.4	1	43	4
Mahanama b Kulkarni	50	10	0	73
Dr Silva c Azharuddin b Kulkarni	104	7	0	43
Ranatunga b Kulkarni	3	5	0	32
Ganguly	3	0	19	0

INDIA
Tendulkar c Lanka b Sanjeeva 39
Ganguly c and b Sanjeeva 17
Singh c sub (Kalpage) b Jayasuriya 28
David c Chandana b Jayasuriya 42
Azharuddin run out 65
Jadeja run out 22
Mongia not out 14
Chandana c Liyanage 4
b Kuruvilla 7
Kulkarni not out 3
Extras: (b-9, lb-1, w-2, nb-2) 14
Total: (for 8 wks in 50 overs) 255
Fall of wickets: 1-50; 2-78; 3-107; 4-165; 5-221; 6-227; 7-235; 8-245.
Did not bat: Prasad.

Bowling	O	M	R	W
S de Silva	8	0	48	2
Liyanage	5	1	36	0

JAYASURIYA ... man-of-series
Lanka c Tendulkar b Kuruvilla 50
Chandana b Chauhan 16



Sri Lanka's master batsman Aravinda de Silva drives the ball on his way to a match-winning 104, his ninth one-day ton, against India in their third and final international at the Singalese Sports Club ground in Colombo yesterday.



— AFP/UNB photo

Liyanage c Jadeja b Tendulkar 20
Dharmasena run out 1
Muralitharan c Tendulkar 7
b Kuruvilla 10
Sanjeeva not out 0
Extras: (lb-1, w-1, nb-5) 7
Total: (all out in 49.4 overs) 264
Fall of wickets: 1-3; 2-22; 3-105; 4-113; 5-195; 6-226; 7-254; 8-256; 9-264; 10-264
Bowling O M R W
Prasad 6 0 31 0

Result: Sri Lanka won by nine runs.
Sri Lanka take the series 3-0.
Man-of-the-match: Aravinda de Silva.
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Abahani take on Benedictines today

Sports Reporter
Abahani Krishna Chakra will take on the visiting Old Benedictines Club of Sri Lanka in their return-leg match of the eighth Asian Cup Winners' Cup at the Mirpur Stadium today.

The popular Dhanmondi outfit, who won their first-leg encounter 5-0 at the same venue on Saturday, will be looking forward to a smooth passage into the next round when the match kicks off at 6 pm.

On the other hand, the Sri Lankan outfit, who offered a pathetic display in their first head-on clash with the sky blues, will be up against a near impossible proposition of winning by a margin of six goals to upset the Abahani epicure.

But given the strength of the Sri Lankan Federation Cup champions, a victory for the star-studded Abahani, who are likely to field the same eleven, is always on the card against a lowly-rated visitors. And if everything goes by the script, Abahani will meet the winners of Beijing Guang of China and Radiant Club of Maldives in the second round of the championship.

East End lodge protest

Sports Reporter
East End Club have protested the punitive measures taken against their president as well as three players, terming the action by the Dhaka Mohanagari Football Association (DMFA) a planned move to tarnish the image of the once renowned old-town outfit.

"It is a planned move by a section of identified officials in the DMFA to destroy our image," said a press release issued by the club yesterday.

"We believe the action is too harsh and it hardly justified what had happened on the field," the press release added.

Lakot Ali, the president of East End Club, was declared persona non grata along with team manager Liton for instigating their players to snoop on referee Golam Mostafa in their Mahanagari Cup group league opener against Farashganj on Tuesday.

Besides, the disciplinary committee had also suspended three players on different terms including East End captain Ratan for manhandling the man in uniform.

Madrid maul Barca

MADRID, Aug 24: Two goals by Raul Gonzalez and one each by Pedrag Mijatovic and Clarence Seedorf gave Real Madrid a 4-1 victory over arch-rivals FC Barcelona and the first honours of the domestic season Saturday, the Spanish Cup, reports AP.

The result more than made up for Barcelona's 2-1 home leg victory on Wednesday and gave Madrid, the title on aggregate 5-3.

The title matches Barcelona's record of five Super Cups since the trophy was first played in 1983. It was fourth time Madrid have won the competition by beating their traditional rivals.

Before about 35,000 in a half-filled Santiago Bernabeu Stadium, both sides appeared nervous in the first half with neither able to get any clear chances at goal.

But 20-year-old Raul broke the stalemate two minutes before half-time when he received a long lobbing pass from midfield by newly acquired defender Aitor Karanka, and rolled it past Barcelona's Dutch keeper Ruud Hesp from 10 meters.

Ten minutes into the second half Raul stunned Barcelona when in a similar move he took a pass into the area from Brazilian midfielder Ze Roberto, and again knocked it past a helpless Hesp to make it 2-0.

The goal decimated Barcelona in shreds, leaving them unable to regain any composure. Madrid, meanwhile, increasingly dominated and proceeded to outclass their opponents with ease.

Yugoslav striker Mijatovic put Madrid well in control with the third goal in the 60th minute.

Barcelona nearly stemmed the tide a minute later when Brazilian forward Giovanni shot just wide from 6 meters.

Dutch midfielder Seedorf sealed the victory in the 66th minute.

Barcelona, in shambles, managed consolation goal by Giovanni in the 73rd, but never mounted a serious challenge.

The match between the Spanish Cup and league champions marks the start of the Spanish season, which kicks off Aug. 30.

MLS result

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Aug 24: Ansil Elcock scored in the 87th minute as the Columbus Crew defeated the New England Revolution 2-1 Saturday night in a battle for third place in Major League Soccer's Eastern Conference, reports AP.

The victory gave Columbus (11-14) 29 points in the conference standings — good enough for third place ahead of New England (12-13), with 28 points.

The Revolution have lost six straight games and have scored only three goals during that span. New England outshot Columbus 12-8, but the Crew had five shots on goal to the Revolution's three.

Tourists taken aback

LONDON, Aug 24: England evoked memories of one of their greatest Ashes triumphs as Andy Caddick and Phil Tufnell inspired a dramatic 19-run win over Australia in the sixth and final Test at The Oval on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Paceman Caddick captured five for 42 and left-arm spinner Tufnell took four for 27 to complete his best Test haul of 11 for 93 as Australia were shot out for 104 in a gripping climax to the third day.

In scenes reminiscent of Headingley in 1981 when England beat Australia by 18 runs after following on, spectators surged joyously onto the field to acclaim the home team when Graham Thorpe caught last man Glen McGrath off Tufnell to seal victory in the evening sunshine.

England had confounded all expectations after being demolished for 163 in their second innings earlier in the day, with paceman Mike Kasprovic taking his Test career-best of seven for 36.

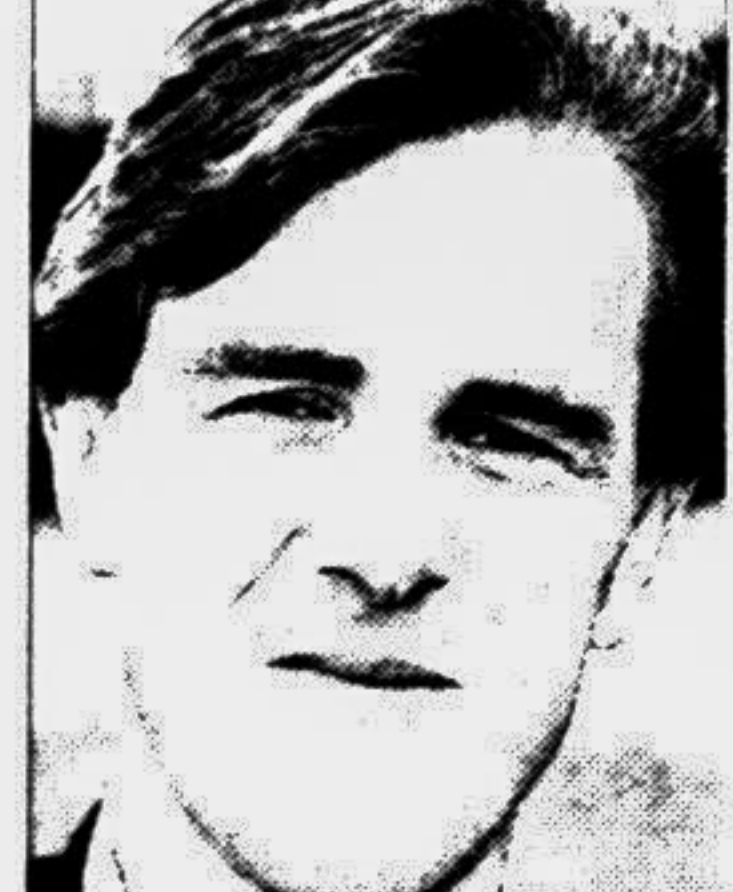
England's success salvaged a measure of pride but Australia had already retained the Ashes and took the rubber 3-2 — their fifth consecutive series triumph over England.

Tufnell was named man-of-the-match after turning the Test into a personal triumph. Named in each squad for the previous five games but omitted from the final XI, he seized his chance here on an unusually slow pitch on which the ball turned from the opening day.

England captain Michael Atherton acknowledged the slow bowler's role when he said: "Tufnell's was the key performance in the first innings with seven for 66. Then Caddick picked up vital wickets, including that of Steve Waugh, in the second innings."

Atherton, who came into the Test with his future as captain

in the balance, said, "This is a nice way to end the series but I will now take time out to think things over. I have a lot to think about."



TUFNELL ... man-of-match

His opposite number Mark Taylor said, "I would have liked to have won here but I am not overly disappointed. We tried to blast our way out here but it just didn't come off. However, we dominated four Tests and I think it was 50-50 here."

Australia's pursuit of a seemingly modest total began quite comfortably as they reached 36 for one, but the alarm bells started ringing for the touring team as four wickets tumbled for 18, with Caddick producing a burst of three for 12 in his first five overs.

Ricky Ponting (20) and Ian Healy (14) checked the slide by adding 34 for the sixth wicket, then Tufnell and Caddick irresistibly broke through and the last five wickets crashed for 16.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at the end of the sixth Test between England and Australia at The Oval on Saturday:

ENGLAND: First innings 180
AUSTRALIA: First innings 220
ENGLAND: Second innings

BATTING & BOWLING AVGS

LONDON, Aug 24 (AP): Averages for Australia and England at the end of the six-match Ashes Test series:

AUSTRALIA

Batting: (Matches, innings, not outs, runs, highest score, average, hundreds, fifties):
Paul Reiffel 4 6 3 179 54* 59.66 2 1
Matthew Elliott 6 10 0 556 199 55.60 2 2
Ricky Ponting 3 5 0 241 127 48.20 1 1
Steve Waugh 6 10 0 390 116 39.00 2 1
Greg Blewett 6 10 0 381 125 38.10 1 2
Mark Taylor 6 10 0 317 129 31.70 1 1
Ian Healy 6 10 0 225 68 25.00 0 1
Mark Waugh 6 10 0 209 68 20.90 0 1
Shane Warne 6 10 0 188 53 18.80 0 1
Glenn McGrath 6 8 6 25 20* 12.50 0 0
Jason Gillespie 4 7 2 57 28* 11.40 0 0
Michael Bevan 3 5 0 43 24 8.60 0 0
Mike Kasprovic 3 4 0 21 17 5.25 0 0
Shaun Young 1 2 1 4 4* 4.00 0 0

ENGLAND

Batting:
Graham Thorpe 6 11 2 453 138 50.33 1 1
Nasser Hussain 6 11 0 431 207 39.18 2 0
Mark Elham 4 6 3 105 53* 35.00 0 1
John Crawley 5 9 1 243 83 30.37 0 2
Mark Ramprakash 5 10 0 52 48 26.00 0 0
Mark Butcher 5 10 0 254 87 25.40 0 2
Alec Stewart 6 12 1 268 87 24.36 0 1
Michael Atherton 6 12 1 257 77 23.36 0 2
Ben Hollis 1 2 0 30 28 15.00 0 0
Adam Holoake 2 4 0 51 45 12.75 0 0
Peter Martin 1 2 0 23 20 11.50 0 0
Andrew Caddick 5 8 0 89 28* 9.83 0 0
Dean Headley 3 6 2 38 22 9.75 0 0
Robert Croft 5 8 0 75 24 9.37 0 0
Mike Smith 1 2 1 4 4 4.00 0 0
Devon Malcolm 4 5 1 12 12 3.00 0 0
Darren Gough 4 6 0 17 10 2.83 0 0
Phil Tufnell 1 2 0 1 1 0.50 0 0

Bowling:

Phil Tufnell 286 93 11 8.45 7/66 1 1
Mark Elham 352 191 8 23.87 3/60 2 0
Andrew Caddick 1079 634 24 26.41 5/42 2 0
Adam Holoake 114 55 2 27.50 2/31 0 0
Dean Headley 788 444 16 27.75 4/72 0 0
Darren Gough 852 511 16 31.93 5/149 1 0
Ben Hollis 90 83 2 41.50 1/26 0 0
Devon Malcolm 558 307 6 51.16 3/100 0 0
Robert Croft 971 439 8 54.87 3/125 0 0

Also bowled:

Adam Holoake 114 55 2 27.50 2/31 0 0
Ben Hollis 90 83 2 41.50 1/26 0 0
Mark Butcher 12 14 0 0 0 0 0
Peter Martin 114 51 0 0 0 0 0
Mike Smith 138 89 0 0 0 0 0

* denotes not out

(overnight 52 for three)
Butcher lbw b M Waugh 13
Atherton c S Waugh b Kasprovic 8
Stewart lbw b Kasprovic 3
Hussain c Elliott b Warne 2
Thorpe c Taylor b Kasprovic 62
Ramprakash st Healy b Warne 48
A Holoake lbw b Kasprovic 4
Caddick not out 0
Martin c and b Kasprovic 3
Tufnell c Healy b Kasprovic 0
Malcolm b Kasprovic 0
Extras (b-6, lb-10, nb-4) 20
Total: (all out in 66.5 overs) 163
Falls of wickets: 1-20; 2-24; 3-26; 4-52; 5-131; 6-138; 7-160; 8-163; 9-163

AUSTRALIA: Second innings

Taylor lbw b Caddick 18
Elliott lbw b Malcolm 4
Blewett c Stewart b Caddick 19
M Waugh c Hussain b Tufnell 1
S Waugh c Thorpe b Caddick 6
Ponting lbw b Tufnell 20
Healy c and b Caddick 14
Young not out 3
Warne c Martin b Tufnell 4
Kasprovic c Holoake b Caddick 4
McGrath c Thorpe b Tufnell 1
Extras: (b-3, lb-4, w-1, nb-2) 10
Total: (all out in 32.1 overs) 104
Falls of wickets: 1-5; 2-36; 3-42; 4-49; 5-54; 6-88; 7-92; 8-95; 9-99

Bowling

O M R W
Malcolm 3 0 15 1
Martin 4 0 13 0
Tufnell 13.1 6 27 4
Caddick 12 2 42 5
Result: England won by 19 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Phil Tufnell.

Australia won series 3-2.

Sampras set for his fifth

NEW YORK, Aug 24: Defending champion Pete Sampras will be aiming to win the US Open for the fifth time when the last Grand Slam tournament of the year begins on Monday at Flushing Meadow, reports AP.

Although he has only just celebrated his 26th birthday, Sampras was champion in 1990, 1993, 1995 and 1996 and will be looking for his third straight Open.

Top-seeded Sampras, a dominant figure in the sport this year, is gunning for his 11th Grand Slam title, which would place him just one behind the record of 12 held by Australian Roy Emerson. He opens against a qualifier.

The American is also aiming to win three Grand Slams in a calendar year for the first time, having already won the Australian Open and Wimbledon.

Brazilian Gustavo Kuerten is the only other player apart from Sampras to have won a Grand Slam this year, scoring a memorable triumph in the French Open.

Sampras is seeded to meet fellow American Michael Chang in the final, but Chang has a less-than-impressive record in recent major tournaments.

Croatian Goran Ivanisevic, who could meet Sampras in the semis, is likely to prove a bigger stumbling block if he advances that far, but the big-serving Croatian's temperament can be suspect on the big stage and he has never won a Grand Slam singles title.

Two unseeded Americans, Andre Agassi and Jim Courier, loom as dangerous floaters in the draw.

Both are former World number ones and Agassi won the title as recently as 1994.

The moody Agassi, coming back into form after a dismal start to the year, will play compatriot Steve Campbell in his opener and could meet No. 3 seed Yevgeny Kafelnikov of Russia in a third-round match-up of mouth-watering potential.

Agassi has missed the opening three Slams of the year, while Courier, an equally unpredictable character, has seen his world ranking slip of 26 but remains capable of beating anyone ranked in the top 10.

Britain's hopes of success have been boosted by recent triumphs by both Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski, while Australia, has high hopes of its rising stars Mark Philippoussis and Patrick Rafter.

Canadian-born Rusedski faces American David Wheaton in the opening round, while Henman has a potentially disastrous first round meeting with fifth-seeded Thomas Muster of Austria.

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