

Pakistan draw first blood

 Cricket

AGENCIES, Chennai

Pakistan beat India by 6 wickets in the first one-day international in Chennai on Sunday.

Pakistan opener Nasir

SCOREBOARD					
INDIA	R	B	4s	6s	
Gambhir b Irfan	8	17	1	0	
Sehwag b Junaid	4	11	1	0	
Kohli b Junaid	0	5	0	0	
Yuvraj b Junaid	2	3	0	0	
Rohit c Hafeez b Junaid	4	14	0	0	
Raina b Hafeez	43	88	2	0	
Dhoni not out	113	125	7	3	
Ashwin not out	31	39	2	0	
Extras: (lb-11, w-9, nb-2) 22					
Total: (For 6 wks in 50 overs) 227					
Did not bat: Kumar, Ishant, Dinda					
Fall of wickets 1-17, 2-17, 3-19, 4-20, 5-29, 6-102					
Bowler	O	M	R	W	
Irfan	9	2	58	1	
Junaid	9	1	43	4	
Gul	8	0	38	0	
Ajmal	10	1	42	0	
Hafeez	10	2	26	1	
Malik	4	0	9	0	
PAKISTAN	R	B	4s	6s	
Hafeez b Kumar	0	1	0	0	
Jamshed not out	101	132	5	1	
Azhar c Rohit b Kumar	9	38	0	0	
Younis c Ashwin b Dinda	58	60	3	1	
Misbah b Ishant	16	24	1	0	
Malik not out	34	35	3	0	
Extras: (lb-6, w-3, nb-1) 10					
Total: (For 4 wks in 48.1 overs) 228					
Did not bat: K Akmal, Junaid, Gul, Ajmal, Irfan					
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-21, 3-133, 4-172					
Bowler	O	M	R	W	
Kumar	9	3	27	2	
Ishant	10	0	39	1	
Dinda	9	0	45	1	
Ashwin	10	0	34	0	
Yuvraj	5	0	33	0	
Raina	2.1	0	23	0	
Kohli	2.5	0	21	0	



Pakistan opener Nasir Jamshed plays a pull shot during the first one-day international against India in Chennai yesterday.

PHOTO: INTERNET

Jamshed scored his second ODI hundred, remained not out at 101, and Shoaib Malik made 34.

Earlier, India skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni single-handedly resurrected India's innings with a defiant unbeaten century as the hosts recovered from a top-order collapse to post a fighting 227 for 6.

Pacer Junaid Khan justified his captain Misbahul Haq's decision to bowl first in damp conditions with a four-

wicket haul, which cleaned up the Indian top-order, before Dhoni (113 off 125 balls) got going and brought the home team back into the match.

The under-fire skipper, who also completed 7,000 ODI runs during the course of his innings, rescued the hosts with some fine support from Suresh Raina (43) and Ravichandran Ashwin (31 not out) down the order.

Dhoni and Ashwin shared the best-ever seventh-wicket

partnership for India, adding 125 runs.

But to start with, it seemed like a nightmare unfolding for India with struggling opener Virender Sehwag becoming Junaid's first victim.

The Delhi batsman, considered a game-changer for his ability to take the attack to the opposition, swung it Pakistan's way after slogging for 11 balls to get four runs.

The right-hander, already under fire for failing repeatedly in the lost Test series against England, did his reputation no good by failing to pick a Junaid inswinger, which crashed into his middle and off stumps.

What followed was a procession of sorts as the top-half of the Indian line-up made quick return to the dressingroom.

Big guns such as Gautam Gambhir (8), Virat Kohli (0) and Yuvraj Singh (2) made blink-and-miss appearances as Junaid worked his magic, getting ample support from Mohammad Irfan and pace spearhead Umar Gul.

The big four of the Indian batting order were all bowled, three of them by Junaid, who seemed unplayable in the damp conditions due to overnight rain.

Lampard propels Chelsea

AFP, Liverpool

 Frank Lampard scored twice as Chelsea came from behind to secure a 2-1 victory at Everton on Sunday in Blues interim coach Rafael Benitez's first game on Merseyside since leaving Liverpool.

South African Steven Pienaar gave Everton the lead in the second minute as the hosts made a flying start.

But Lampard pulled one back with a header just before half-time and in the 72nd minute he added a second from close range to earn a battling victory for Benitez's side.

Lampard, 34, is facing an uncertain future, with his contract set to expire at the end of the season after 12 years at Chelsea.

But he now has six goals this season, with his first effort at Goodison Park meaning he has scored five league goals or more in 16 consecutive seasons.

Chelsea's fourth successive Premier League win takes them up to third in the table, four points behind second-placed Manchester City with a game in hand.

periods and hit the woodwork three times, only to slip to just a third league defeat of the season.

Everton's bench showed just how stretched their squad was by the fresh absences of Phil Neville and Darron Gibson.

But the hosts could not have wished for a better start, which saw David Moyes' men take the lead with just over a minute gone.

Phil Jagielka was playing out of position at right-back but he charged forward onto a Pienaar pass and his cross was headed against the post by Victor Anichebe.

Nikica Jelavic moved out of the way of the rebound to leave Pienaar the space to thump a shot into the bottom-left corner.

Croatian striker Jelavic saw a free-kick bounce away off the post as Chelsea struggled to cope with the hosts' intensity.

The visitors were grateful to Cech for keeping them in the match when another Jagielka

cross was pushed to the edge of the area by Ashley Cole and the Chelsea goalkeeper turned a shot around the post from Leon Osman.

Chelsea finally threatened when Ramires

RESULTS	
Everton 1 (Pienaar 2)	Chelsea 2 (Lampard 42, 72)
Saturday	
Arsenal 7 (Walcott 20, 73, 90, Oxlade-Chamberlain 50, Podolski 64, Giroud 84, 87) Newcastle 3 (Ba 43, 69, Marveaux 59)	Aston Villa 0 Wigan 3 (Ramis 3, Boyce 52, Kone 56)
Fullham 1 (Ruiz 56) Swansea 2 (Graham 19, De Guzman 52)	Man Utd 2 (McAuley 9-og, Van Persie 90) West Brom 0
Norwich 3 (Pilkington 15, Martin 63, 75) Man City 4 (Dzeko 2, 4, Aguero 50, Bunn 67-og)	Reading 1 (Pogrebnyak 5) West Ham 0
Stoke 3 (Jones 16, Upson 67, Jerome 90) Southampton 3 (Lambert 10, Rodriguez 24, Wilkinson 36-og)	Sunderland 1 (O'Shea 40) Tottenham

was allowed to burst through midfield and after his shot was blocked by John Heitinga, Juan Mata's follow-up was saved by goalkeeper Tim Howard.

They went even closer when Cesar Azpilicueta's cross ran across the

Everton goal-line with just too much force for Cole to tap in at the far post.

Then, after a quick break, Pienaar picked out Jelavic and the striker's low effort was pushed wide by Cech at full stretch.

But three minutes before the interval, Chelsea hit back when Lampard was left unmarked and guided in a header from a Ramires cross.

Chelsea suffered a blow at the break when Cech had to be replaced by Ross Turnbull.

But they did not seem disrupted and after a neat move, Azpilicueta passed inside for David Luiz to drive a shot high and wide of goal from just outside the area.

Fernando Torres also had his first effort on goal midway through the second period, hitting a powerful drive from just outside the area that was turned away by Howard.

Just as it looked like Everton were tiring, Osman burst onto a return pass from Anichebe and was denied by a fine low save from Turnbull.

Controversially 2012

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Football in 2012 was rife with allegations of match-fixing. There were two separate incidents, one of which got clean chit -- the Bangladesh Premier League match between Brothers Union and Rahmatganj in April -- following an investigation, and the other -- Brothers Union v Sheikh Jamal DC in June -- has seemingly been swept under the carpet as the investigation has been carried over into a new season. There was a third allegation made by Brothers Union manager Amer Khan on Ekattor TV that his side had deliberately lost a match against Abahani on May 26. The next day he denied making the comments, and was subsequently suspended for a month for his trouble.

LITTLE LESS ADMINISTRATION

As far as administration goes, the Bangladesh Cricket Board outdid itself in the controversy stakes. First there was the confusion over the BPL semifinalists with the governing council subjecting Barisal Burners and Chittagong Kings to an embarrassing game of musical chairs.

More embarrassing was the non-payment of the BPL players, both international and local, and the matter came to a head when the Federation of International Cricketers' Association threatened legal action against the BPL in May. Last but not least was head coach Richard Pybus's appointment and subsequent departure -- the initially reticent Englishman was brought into the job with the promise of vacations between tours, and eventually left after five months because in his words the contract, which he did not sign, did not reflect that agreement.

HONOURABLE MENTION

Controversy is not the sole preserve of Bangladesh's two big sports. In the National Athletics Championships in February, runner Amir Ali celebrated a win in the 5,000-metre race but was told that he had not won as he had run a lap less. Overcoming the emotional turmoil, he ran the 10,000 metres the next day to prove a point and won the gold by a distance. It was later revealed that the ruling was wrong and Amir was given his rightful reward.

'Should be fit for BPL'

SPORTS REPORTER

Ace Bangladesh all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan has said that he expects to be fit in time for the Bangladesh Premier League (BPL) T20, which begins on January 18. Shakib was earlier diagnosed with a shin injury after Bangladesh's second Test match against the West Indies in November and had been advised to 'stay away from sporting activities' for six weeks.

Speaking to reporters in Mirpur, he said, "I should be fit in time for the BPL. I haven't begun running as yet, but I might do so in a week's time. Despite missing out on the Tigers' win against the West Indies, Shakib had an eventful year on the field. From guiding the Tigers to the finals of the Asia Cup and winning the Indian Premier League as part of the Kolkata Knight Riders to becoming the quickest Bangladeshi to pick up 100 wickets in Test cricket, Shakib was on the dot throughout the year.

The series of achievements however did not seem to have sated his appetite for success. "I don't think I have done anything great this year. I did reach the 100 wicket mark... but I only played two Tests," said Shakib.

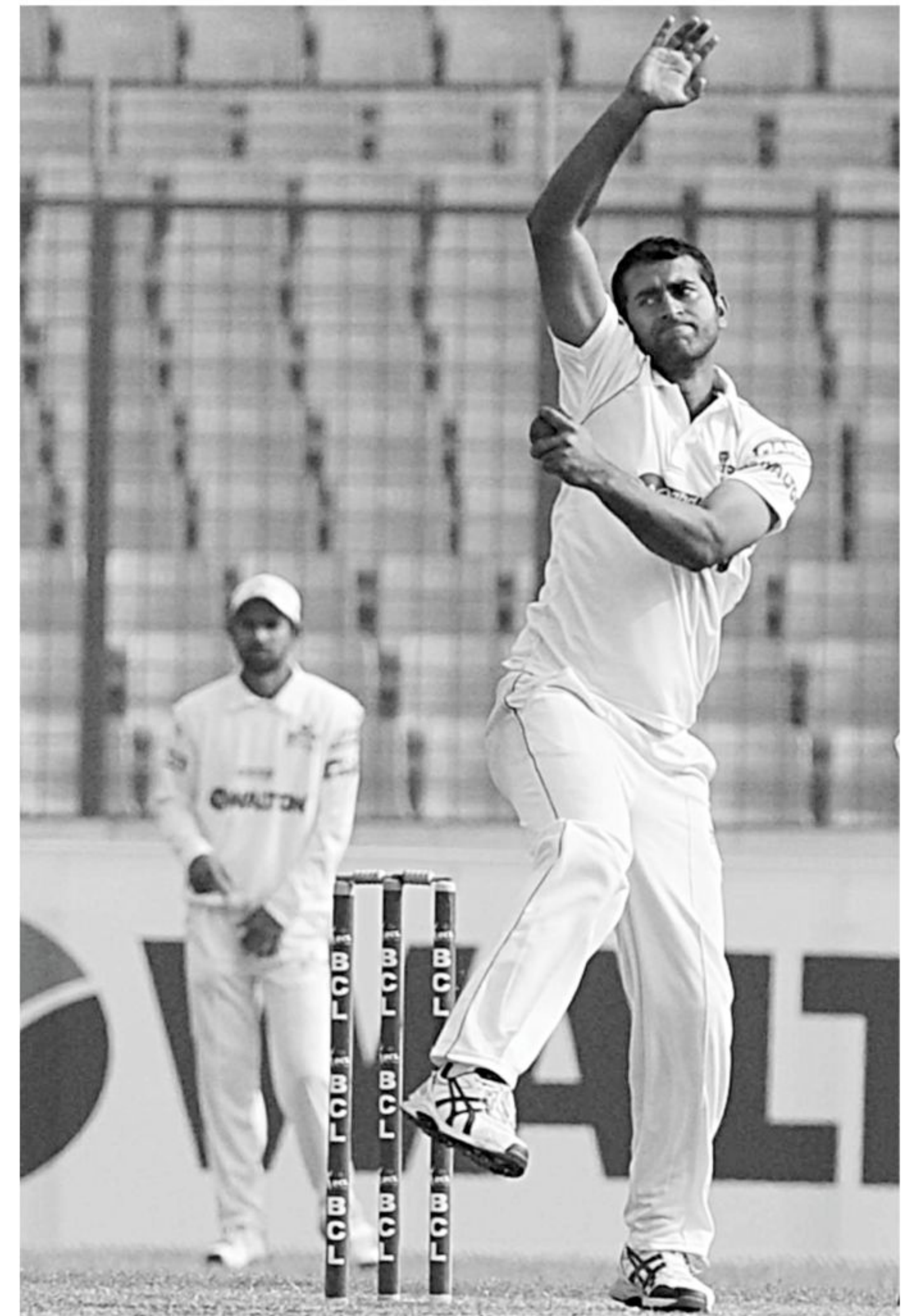
When asked about how his married life was panning out, Shakib said, "There isn't much of a difference really. I still like coming to the field. Things are how it used to be."

BHF Eleven win V-Day tourney

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Hockey Federation Eleven emerged champions in the Southeast Bank Victory Day Hockey Tournament with a 4-1 win over BKSP in the final at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday.

The BHF Eleven led the first half with a treble from Krishna Kumar who scored in the 23rd, 24th and 27th minutes while Rasel Mahmud Jimmy struck the fourth goal in the 44th minute. BKSP got a consolation goal, courtesy of an own-goal from BHF Eleven in the 54th minute.



Walton Central Zone's Mosharraf Hossain bowls against Prime Bank South Zone on the fourth day of their Bangladesh Cricket League match at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Robiul lights up day of draws

 Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

The first-round match of the Bangladesh Cricket League (BCL) between Walton Central Zone and Prime Bank South Zone at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium eventually turned out to be a draw at the end of the fourth day yesterday. However, for a moment it seemed as though Robiul Islam's terrific opening spell, which included four wickets in the very first over of the fourth innings, would produce a win for South Zone.

South Zone, after beginning the day on 31 for 1, were bundled out for 216. Central Zone required 127 runs to win their first game of the BCL. It seemed as though it was going to be just a walk in the park for the Centrals, but Robiul took the new ball and removed Asif Ahmed, Mohammad Ashraful, Marshal Ayub and Mehrab Hossain Jr in the span of six balls. He later picked the wicket of Shamsur Rahman and reduced Central Zone to 18 for 5.

It took a patient 50 off 83 balls from Mahmudullah Riyad to save Central's blushes. They ended the day on 93 for 6. Earlier, Mosharraf Hossain ran through South Zone's batting order as he claimed four wickets. Shahadat Hossain and Elias

Sunny chipped in with three and two wickets respectively.

There were no surprises in the day's other match though. The contest between Islami Bank East Zone and BCB North Zone, at the Shaheed Chandu Stadium in Bogra expectedly finished in a stalemate. East Zone rode on an unbeaten century from Dhiman Ghosh and some hard hitting from Faisal Hossain down the order to cross the 400 mark. They finished the day on 419 for 8. Spinners Saqlain Sajib and Suhrawardi Shuvo took two wickets each for the North Zone.

SCORES IN BRIEF

PRIME BANK SOUTH ZONE: First innings 343 all out in 73 overs and second innings 216 all out in 66.4 overs (Tushar 65, Rubel 44; Mosharraf 4-68, Shahadat 3-72).

WALTON CENTRAL ZONE: First innings 433 for 9 dec in 115.4 overs and second innings 93 for 6 in 29 overs (Riyad 50 not out; Robiul 5-17)

Result: Draw

Player of the match: Mosharraf Hossain

BCB NORTH ZONE: First innings 499 for 6 in 131 overs.

ISLAMI BANK EAST ZONE: First innings 419 for 8 in 114 overs (Dhiman 107 not out, Faisal 91; Shuvo 2-61, Saqlain 2-64).

Result: Draw

Player of the match: Dhiman Ghosh.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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