Clowns Whip All-Stars 50 to 44

PELICAN BILL

By Bill Cummings

LEAGUE IS OUTLET FOR SO-SO HOOPERS

Very little is heard around the city about the Klamath Falls church basketball league—one of the newest activities connected with the city recreation department — but this program furnishes competitive basketball for the largest number of players of any independent league in the basin.

A total of 12 teams, divided into two leagues—the American and the National—take part in nightly competition. The games are played at the Fairview gym, rental for which is paid by the city recreation committee under the direction of Spec Murray.

Three games are played every night, and not infrequently do the contests result in pitched competition, often going into overtime periods. The K. club, holding the league lead with four wins and no defeats, kept its record clean Tuesday night with a 31-27 victory over the Midland quintet .It was an overtime contest in which Slaymaker, K. club guard, picked up eight points for the scoring lead.

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The idea of the league is to give "intermediate" basketball players of the city a chance for regular competition. Many of the players are those not good enough to make the high school teams or the Klamath Basin league.

The league functions under its own power and elects officers from the members of the teams. Bud Smith of Latter Day Saints is president and Art Brooks of the Christians is secretary-treasurer.

This is the team roster: Latter Day Saints, Christians, Baptists, Squires, K. club, Junior Pelicans, Ball and Chain, Midland, Algoma, Fairhaven, Lutherans and DeMolays.

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The K. club quintet is at the top of the standings, and Fairhaven is at the bottom.

Frank Nihil, Snowy Gustafson's assistant coach, is headman of the K. club team, and the Junior Pelicans is coached by Forrest Kirby, coach of the high school frosh football eleven. Both these teams are composed largely of high school athletes, such as Anacker, Heitman, Slaymaker and Christianson on the K. club quintet, and Barnett and Schortgen on the Junior Pelicans.

On the Ball and Chain roster are married men only.

WILD FINISH GIVES NEGRO QUINT EDGE OVER LOCALS

In a wild finish that saw players of both clubs fouling freely, the barnstorming Broadway Clowns of Harlem, New York, pulled a basketball contest out of the fire in the final five minutes last night at the high school and added another win to their fine record in defeating the Klamath Basin All-Stars, 50-44.

The game was practically devoid of the usual "clowning" that the touring quintet has displayed in former appearances in Klamath Falls. No doubt the fact that the invaders trailed during the greater part of the fracas had a lot to do with the scarcity of fun. Throughout the second half, at one time in which the Clowns were behind by nine points, it was evident that "Runt" Pullins and his hoopsters were really putting on the pressure to conquer a formidable foe.

Midway in the third period the All-Stars, sparked by Cliff McLean and Howard Scroggin, gained a 31-22 lead by a nice exhibition of basket shooting while their opponents were unable to locate the hoop with any consistency. Score at the end of the third period looked a little better for the visitors as they trimmed the Klamath advantage to 36-32.

Captain Pullins began cutting capers in the last few minutes of the battle to the consternation of the All-Stars who had not been bothered by his uncanny shooting eye until the final quarter. The diminutive negro forward tallied six of the last ten points posted by his team. His total for the game was 15 points, 11 of which came in the last half.

Not a small factor in the Clowns' success was the superb backboard play and scoring of "Primo" Bryant, giant 220-pound pivot man, who time after time in the second half came through with much needed points. He tied Pullins for high honors during the fray with 15 markers and 11 of these came in the final stanza.

The locals kept within striking distance during the entire first half, at least maintaining an even rating in the first 10 minutes, and then pulled away to a 24-20 lead at the intermission. Ted Schopf, Lou Aiello, Emil Strotheide and Earl Brooks each contributed four points to the All-Stars' first half advantage.

"Pedro" Boyd, dusky little forward of the Clowns, was the shining light for the barnstormers in the opening session as he shook loose for several set shots and dropped five through the hemp with unerring accuracy. His marksmanship failed in the second half as he manufactured only one point, a converted free throw attempt.

Klamath Basin league officials announced following the game last night that the Clowns will return to Klamath Wednesday, January 31, to meet a House of David five. The Davids may play here next week.

In a preliminary to the Broadway Clown-Klamath tilt last night Keno high school downed a fighting Bonanza high contingent after a close first half battle in which neither of the contestants could gain much of an advantage.

Summary:

Clowns (50)	Pos.	(44) All-Stars
Pullins 15	F	2 Marshall
Brime 5	F	8 Schopf
Bryant 15	C	6 Aiello
Boyd 11	G	5 McLean
Mathews 4	G	5 Scroggin
		6 Brooks
		4 Vivette
		8 Strotheide

Referee: Ernie Bishop. Umpire: Jerry Thomas.

Mates Nettled By Forecast of Cardinal Club

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 18 (AP)—Managers of three National league clubs—two of them pre-season pennant contenders — reluctantly forecast today clear weather ahead for the 1940 edition of the St. Louis Cardinals.

"I was hoping somebody would trade 'em out of some of their players," sighed William (Memphis Bill) Terry, field boss of the New York Giants. "They look too tough right now."

"The Cardinals," avowed Terry's fellow Memphian, Manager James (Doc) Prothro of the Philadelphia Phillies, "should win by 10 games. They've got a ball club that will give the Yankees all they want."

The St. Louis bandwagon picked up a burst of speed yesterday when Gabby Hartnett, Chicago Cub pilot, named the Cards as his choice for the National league flag.

"But," Gabby warned, "we're going to be up there, too." The veteran catcher-manager is in Hot Springs, Ark., working off surplus poundage.

Terry admitted his Giants were definitely interested in the future of infielder Benny McCoy, cut loose from the Detroit Tigers by edict of baseball's Commissioner K. M. Landis. He added, however, his club had made McCoy no offer.

"But we could use him . . . Not as a second baseman but as a third baseman or perhaps somewhere else. He's a left-handed hitter and they say he can really hit."

Motschman Eyes Directorship of Portland Boxing

Fred Motschman, manager of the Chiloquin Athletic club, left for Portland this week to be interviewed regarding a job as boxing supervisor for all Portland high schools. He had been contacted about the job by Eldon I. Jenne, director for the city's high school athletic program.

Motschman announced that he may sponsor a CCC tournament for the state of Oregon this spring at Chiloquin or Klamath Falls. He has secured permission from the war department to put on such a tourney, which would include 50 or 60 fighters, boxing on two successive nights.

Executors Ask To Sell White Sox Ball Club

CHICAGO, Jan. 18 (AP) — The Tribune said today the First National bank of Chicago, executor of the estate of J. Louis Comiskey, will ask court approval of a proposal to sell the Chicago White Sox Baseball club.

Comiskey, who died July 18, 1939, named the bank as trustee of his estate, left in trust for Mrs. Comiskey and their three children.

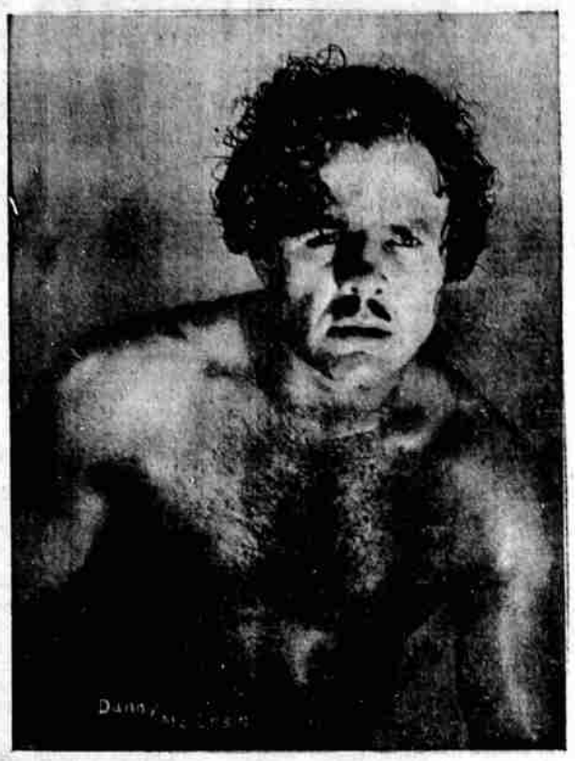
According to the Tribune, a petition to be filed before Probate Judge F. O'Connell by the bank will set forth the sale of the club would be in the best interests of the estate.

The court will be asked to order sale of the stock in one block. Of the 7500 shares of stock, Harry Grabiner, club secretary, owns 50 and the estate the balance.

Thomas J. Sheehan, attorney for Mrs. Comiskey, said the proposed sale would be contested.

"We are prepared to fight this move to the utmost," he said. "The Comiskey family wants to retain possession of the White Sox."

Dangerous Dan Headed Here



Dangerous Danny McShain, world's light-heavyweight wrestling champ, is billed for a berth in the top bout of next Tuesday night's wrestling program at the armory, against either King Kong Clayton or Prince Nihalakis.

Amateur Net Game Slipping, Says Star

BY LARRY ROBLINS

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 18 (AP)—"Amateur tennis," said Don Budge, "is slipping."

Coming from anyone else who earns his daily bread playing the game for money, that might be considered propaganda. It sounded sincere, however, from the carrot-topped young giant who once ruled the world's amateurs and is now generally considered tops among the professionals—that is, by all except Ellsworth Vines' followers.

"What tennis needs," added Don, "is an open tournament, as in golf. Whether the amateur tennis fathers realize it or not, that's going to be the final solution.

"The best tennis players in the world today are professionals. You can't get away from it, and the public is beginning to realize it. Our three-day professional tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris last year, for instance, outgrossed the French amateur championships, which lasted for ten days.

Budge said the case was much deeper than lagging spectator interest.

"It's a matter of incentive," he declared. "With the growth of professional tennis, the amateur standards have become lower. When Bill Tilden was champion, he was the best in the world, amateur or professional. Anyone entering a tournament might have a chance to play against him and everyone was trying to lift his game to match Tilden's.

"Such a thing is no longer possible. The best tennis is played by the professionals, whom the youngsters can't play. A kid sets his sights on the top amateur who, just now, is Bobby Riggs. Now Bobby is a fine player, but there are a half-dozen professionals, perhaps more, who could handle him easily."

Oregon Sports Notes

By FRED HAMPSON
Associated Press Writer

The University of Oregon basketball team, dizzy from two shakeups—one by Oregon State and the other by Coach Howard Hobson — will have its back against the wall Friday and Saturday against Washington at Seattle.

If they don't lick the Huskies, their chances of retaining the championship will be microscopic. True, it's too early to read any team except Idaho out of the pennant but if Oregon lets the Huskies take a game the Ducks will probably sink to third place and that place at this time of year is an awkward and precarious position from which to defend a title.

The loss to the Beavers last week may not have damaged the Webfoot morale greatly, but it certainly thinned the hopes of their partisans. Oregon's first team wallowed into a scoring slump and the reserves were no help. This on the Eugene court. The Webfoot adherents don't take much solace in the memory that the team lost an early game last year at Eugene to Washington State and still went on to win the title. The observers with lemon-yellow leanings just don't think the 1940 model has the same kind of staying power and replacements that enabled its predecessor to spot the field an early defeat.

They figure Oregon is going to sweat for every victory this year and that an early home-floor loss is almost a cinch to be more expensive this season than last.

Hobson took the team apart after the defeat and was still putting it back together today. He reassembled it experimentally Tuesday and among the parts left over were Ted Sarpola, Matt Pavalunas and McNeely, all first stringers heretofore. Whether the changes, if they last, prove beneficial is conjectural, but if the team can be strengthened by a revamping Hobson will find it out. Nobody questions the man's ability to get the most out of the personnel at hand. But a few of the more dubious onlookers are beginning to suspect the horsepower simply isn't there this year.

John Dick and Vic Townsend, center and guard, were the only two players who hung onto their positions. Ted Sarpola, the team's ace scorer on the eastern voyage, is in a slump. If he can work his way out of it he'll be in there against the Huskies. If he can't, Hobby may gamble on Anderson or Sandness in his place. McNeely and Pavalunas were benched while the coach experimented with Paul Jackson, George Andrews and Hank Anderson.

These alterations may be the solution and the Webfoots may come flying back. We'll know more about that Saturday night.

Fight Results

BOXING
By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Artie Dorrell, 143½, Dallas, Tex., outpointed Ziggi Lander, 147, Palestine, (6).

OAKLAND, Calif.—Sonny Boy Walker, 201, Phoenix, Ariz., stopped Harold Blackshear, 188, Monterey, Calif., (9).

SAN FRANCISCO—Dale Sparr, 161, Olathe, Colo., outpointed Lloyd Delucchi, 166, San Francisco, (10).

NEW YORK—Tommy Tucker, 183, New York, stopped Tony Morelli, 176¾, Arlington, N. Y., (2).

WRESTLING

BOSTON — Bobby Managoff, 250, Chicago, defeated Franz Hefner, 228, Texas, two falls out of three.

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Rene La Belle, 193, Boston, and Karol Krauser, 205, Poland, drew, 42 minutes. Curfew law stopped bout.

CHICAGO — Bronko Nagurski, International Falls, Minn., and Everett Marshall, 228, La Junta, Colo., drew, 60 minutes.

Finn Runner to Appear in U. S.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18 (U.P.) — A tentative schedule of ten appearances in this country for Taisto Maki, Finnish distance running star, was announced by Joe Williams, New York sports columnist who heads the sports division of Herbert Hoover's Finnish relief campaign.

Maki, along with Paavo Nurmi, will arrive here some time next month and will leave immediately for Los Angeles to begin training there. Maki's first appearance will be in Los Angeles and then he will work his way east, appearing in San Francisco, Denver, Kansas City, St. Louis, Cleveland, Chicago, Detroit, Boston and New York, according to the tentative schedule.

DAN M'SHAIN WILL APPEAR IN HEADLINE TUSSLE HERE

Dangerous Danny McShain, king of bluff and king of light-heavyweights, will bring his world famous brand of braggadocio to Klamath Falls next Tuesday night for a main event fracas on the armory's weekly wrestling program.

The world light-heavy champion, who shields his title belt with an offense which is half wrestling and half sham, will tackle either King Kong Clayton, dusky - skinned southerner, or Prince Nihalakis, Arabian matman.

Danny, who has wrestled here before and has a large contingent of followers among local fans, is disliked so ardently by the members of the wrestling fraternity that he never fails to draw a packed house.

Promoter Mack Lillard announced that McShain demands King Kong reduce his weight to 190 pounds or under for the main event tussle, and the negro agreed to those terms. There is some doubt, however, that the negro will be able to cut his bulk down to that level, without reducing his strength in proportion.

If the negro fails to make the weight specified, the champ will battle Prince Nihalakis. The prince would take the ring almost on equal weight terms, and is generally considered to be an ideal opponent for the strutting titleholder.

Dangerous Danny's belt was awarded by the National Wrestling association, which controls 36 states.

He is a rough, villainous wrestler who shows no mercy when he has an opponent on the defensive, but his creed is that if he can outbluff an opponent, why go to all the trouble of getting down to real wrestling.

His favorite maneuver is the pile driver, one of the most effective holds any grappler employs.

Malin to See Casaba Meet

MALIN—Basketball fans are in for a full evening of thrills January 19, when four visiting squads will arrive to test out the hoop mettle of as many Malin squads. All tilts will be played on the high school court, beginning at 7 o'clock with the preliminary game to be called between the Tulelake junior high school "A" squad and the Malin junior high "A's."

Next on the program is a tilt between the B lineups of both schools followed by the quintet from the Sacred Heart academy, Klamath Falls, who will meet the Malin high school B squad.

Last but not least, so the coach says, will be the main bout of the program when the stormy Tulelake town team sizes up the ability of the agile Malin Aggies.

BASKETBALL

LA GRANDE, Jan. 18 (AP)—Eastern Oregon College of Education basketball team won an easy 67 to 47 victory over Whitman college here last night.

Frank Smith and Ernie Rostock, with 20 points each, sparked the educators' offense. Summerville and Frear scored 10 points each for Whitman.

MONMOUTH, Jan. 18 (AP)—Skillful maneuvering and accuracy under the basket brought Albany college of Portland an easy 50 to 30 basketball victory over Oregon College of Education last night.

The Portland combination pulled away quickly in the second half. Koch of Albany was high scorer with 21 points.

SALEM, Jan. 18 (AP) — The Willamette university Bearcats defeated the traveling negro Ghost basketball team last night, 41 to 35.

DALLAS, Jan. 18 (AP)—The tall University of Oregon freshman basketball team had to extend itself last night to down the Dallas Dragons, 32 to 28. Oliver of the freshmen topped the individual scores with 11 points.

Albany college 50, Oregon College of Education 30
Pitt 73, Carnegie Tech 42
North Texas Teachers 42, Texas Christian 36
Wash. State 31, Oregon State 33
Fordham 23, St. John's 22
Long Island U. 39, Blue Ridge (Maryland) 31

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Leavitt States Finances Hamper Ski Development

E. P. Leavitt, superintendent of Crater Lake National park, was the principal speaker at a meeting of the Chiloquin chapter of the Crater Lake ski club held in Chiloquin Wednesday night.

Leavitt talked at length on the difficulties surrounding the promoting of winter sports in the park.

He cited lack of finances as the outstanding obstacle to improvement of the park as a snow playground. The present financial setup, according to Leavitt, calls for an appropriation for running the area on a four months' basis through the summer only.

In the winter months, he said, the park service is hampered by a lack of snow removal equipment and a shortage of full-time rangers to handle the parking problems and take care of the large turnout of ski enthusiasts.

Approximately 60 people were present at the meeting, held in conjunction with a pow-wow of the central council of the affiliated chapters of the ski club.

The council announced that plans are being made for a joint organization of ski fans from the Merrill, Malin, and Tulelake districts to become a chapter of the Crater Lake club next year. At present individuals from that sector have joined the Klamath branch independently.

President Embert Fossum announced that a meeting of the Klamath Falls chapter of the ski club will be held next Wednesday night, January 24. E. P. Leavitt, superintendent of Crater Lake National park, will speak. Location of the meeting will be announced later.

Bowling

At Klamath Recreation
CLASSIC LEAGUE

Watter's Insurance				
Victory	137	143	149	429
Sheets	191	171	211	573
McMillan	150	162	188	500
Watters	214	183	157	554
Strong	192	157	157	506
Handicap	72	72	72	216
	956	888	934	2778
T-Bone Cafe				
Welch	163	134	192	489
Booth	176	163	152	491
Potter	200	103	180	483
Bray	140	230	212	582
Haley	182	223	169	574
Handicap	49	49	49	147
	910	902	954	2766
Eagle Card Room				
Mike Lavenik	221	202	183	606
Martin Lave'k	192	166	191	549
Gardner	162	195	152	509
Bold	153	172	207	532
Reister	170	211	175	562
Handicap	67	67	67	201
	971	1013	975	2959
Klamath Billiards				
Martin	158	212	180	550
Cheyne	171	199	211	581
Peterson	179	211	214	604
Sweasy	187	203	181	571
Hyde	187	161	188	536
Handicap	25	25	25	75
	907	1011	999	2917
Southwell Accountants				
Owens	197	213	202	612
Kienas	139	160	191	490
Woolington	205	194	214	613
Southwell	252	154	155	561
Hess	199	189	182	570
Handicap	31	31	31	93
	1023	941	975	2939
Dick Reeder's				
Bayless	179	148	183	510
Cottingham	158	143	134	435
Webb	127	166	192	485
Backes	204	241	178	623
Edson	170	196	151	517
Handicap	55	55	55	165
	893	949	893	2735
Matt Finnigan's				
Heeter	193	151	204	548
Britt	123	177	157	457
Groat	170	178	172	520
Miller	179	180	173	532
Lau	189	156	203	548
Handicap	45	45	45	135
	899	887	954	2740
Palace Market				
Wilson	204	183	168	555
Ross	193	168	210	571
Geiger	225	203	179	607
Driscoll	213	194	148	555
Leftwich	147	213	223	583
Handicap	23	23	23	69
	1005	984	951	2940

Northern Hockey Race Pitched to Cat-Dog Struggle

By The Associated Press

The Seattle Seahawks defeated the Vancouver Lions 2-1 in Seattle Wednesday night and turned the Pacific Coast Hockey league race into a cat-and-dog fight.

A week ago the teams were fairly well separated. Today as the result of the Hawks' second victory over the Lions within three days Portland's Buckaroos are one point ahead of the Hawks and Lions, tied for second.

Close to 4500 fans, the largest throng this season, saw the tight defensive game in which all scores were registered in less than five minutes of the second period.

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TONY-BAER FIGHT MAY BE STAGED

By JACK CUDDY
United Press Correspondent

NEW YORK, Jan 18 (U.P.) — After a day of great hurly-burly, it seemed virtually certain last night Promoter Mike Jacobs will stage a big fight at Miami, this winter, probably matching Tony Galento and Maxie Baer.

Promoter Jacobs announced tonight, "I'll have something definite on this by 6 p. m. tomorrow."

Uncle Mike made this announcement after emerging from a lengthy conference with Galento's manager, Joe Jacobs. Before the conference he had telephoned to "certain parties" in Miami and also spent $35 talking to Baer's manager, Ancil Hoffman, in Sacramento, Calif.

These discussions came shortly after another weekly performance of the fistic follies at the New York boxing commission, where Chairman John J. Phelan informed an expectant press action was deferred indefinitely on the fate of Galento's pilot, Joe Jacobs.

This postponement of action virtually kicked the Galento-Baer fight out of New York. Mike Jacobs had scheduled the brawl tentatively for March 4 at Madison Square Garden for the Finnish relief fund. Last week the commission approved this garden bout, but refused to renew Pilot Joe Jacobs' license as manager or second. And irate Joe said, "I'll get my licenses or Galento won't fight in New York state."

The commission said today it would defer re-consideration of Manager Joe's application until the district attorney's office came to some conclusion in its investigation of the Harry Thomas confession which allegedly stated he (Thomas) had once engaged in a fixed fight with Max Schmeling in New York. Joe was Schmeling's manager at the time.

The Finns named Russia for the Swedes. A small colony was founded on the Dnieper by Swedish tribesmen and the Finns called the colonists "Rhuotsi." Later this became "Ros," and then "Rus," which meant rowers or seafarers.

BEAVERS EDGE OUT WSC FIVE TO MOVE BACK TO LOOP LEAD

PULLMAN, Wash., Jan. 18 (UP) — Oregon State college moved back into first place in the northern division Pacific Coast conference Wednesday night, defeating the Washington State college quintet, 33 to 31.

The win ended a "jinx" of three years' standing for Oregon State college, it being the visitors' first victory in 14 meetings.

Nearly 6000 spectators were on hand to see Oregon State come from behind a 17 to 12 halftime score to hold the Cougars without a field goal for 17 minutes.

With 13 minutes left to play, Mulder put the Beavers ahead 22 to 21. A Cougar free throw tied the game at 23 to 23, but Hunter dropped two push shots before he was taken from the game on fouls to again give Oregon the lead.

In contrast to last night's wild game when Washington State defeated Oregon to tie for northern division leadership, only three men—Olson, Hunter and Mulder—went out on fouls last night.

In This Corner

BY JACK GUENTHER
United Press Racing Editor

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 18 (UP) In just six years, or barely as long as it takes one of Bing Crosby's horses to run a mile, the pari-mutuel window has replaced the Cornucopia as the native symbol of wealth in California.

The brief, actually momentary, history of the turf in California is a truly incredible tale. And unlike the sagas of racing in many states of the east, it has been written by the middle classes. In the Golden State the horse is king to the kings, it is true, but he is king to the commoner, too.

The natives of Los Angeles, for instance, no longer welcome you with open arms. Instead they pass along a tip in the sixth. Sunshine, oranges and even Hedy LaMarr are definitely second rate stuff today. The real characters are Specify and Kayak II and Whichee and Sun Lover. There is one movement afoot to deify the city's favorite animal by erecting a statue to Seabiscuit in the center of Pershing Square and another to stamp the figure of the horse on the state flag in place of the bear.

Shores to Hurl For Padre Nine

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Jan. 18 (AP) Big Bill Shores, veteran right-handed pitcher who was made a free agent by the San Francisco Seals a couple of weeks ago, will be on the San Diego Padres' mound staff next season.

The Padres signed Shores yesterday, and gave the 34-year-old twirler a sizeable bonus.

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