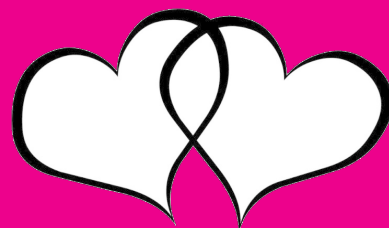


# MONTHLY MIXED TEAMS



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## Zoom in on the Final

Going into the last round yesterday no less than 8 teams were fighting for the spots 2-4 (Alpert leading by a full match). Because our TD Denis Dobrin is a genius, he of course predicted this ranking and made the schedule accordingly. To put it in Thomas Bessis' words:

"What happened in that last match was so crazy... with 2 playing 4, 3 vs 5 and 7 vs 8, we managed to qualify despite losing our match. What are the odds?"

Marlenka and France Sud both secured solid victories, France Sud sending SWUSA home in the process. Sushi and Apricots both lost by 1 IMP to Parker and Tulips++ - for Sushi it was a costly 1 IMP with Apricots finishing in 4th with 115.91 and Sushi 115.16.

Zoom will be mandatory for all in today's final. Read more on the next page.

1	ALPERT	139.18
2	FRANCE SUD	118.59
3	MARLENKA	112.08
4	SWUSA	109.52
5	MAUBERQUEZ	108.12
6	APRICOTS	106.24
7	SUSHI	105.49
8	PARKER	104.71
9	AUSTERLITZ	104.50

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### Today's Schedule

Friday March 12



**10:00 EST / 16:00 CET – Semifinal Segment 2**



**12:30 EST / 18:30 CET – Final Segment 1 -  
After 10 minutes break: Segment 2**

**All segments in the KOs consist of 16 boards**

## Knock-Outs

### SEMIFINAL

team	c/o	Seg1	Sum1	Seg2	Total
 <a href="#">ALPERT</a>	10.1	<a href="#">41</a>	51.1		51.1
 <a href="#">MARLENKA</a>		<a href="#">20</a>	20		20

team	c/o	Seg1	Sum1	Seg2	Total
 <a href="#">FRANCE SUD</a>	6.1	<a href="#">34</a>	40.1		40.1
 <a href="#">APRICOTS</a>		<a href="#">9</a>	9		9

## Zoom in the Final













For the first time the organizers have decided to make the use of Zoom mandatory in today's final. We believe that this is both a social and fair way to conduct a final of a high level event. At the start of each segment, North will send a zoom link to East, and West will send a zoom link to South. If a player is unfamiliar with Zoom, let the player with experience send the link. Both players are equally responsible to use Zoom. Email addresses aren't needed - you can just send a private message to your screen-mate with a link. Call the TD if you need help.

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## Final Ranking Round Robin

rk	team	VPs
1	 <b>ALPERT</b> Claire Alpert, Giorgia Botta, Leonardo Fruscoloni, Zachary Grossack, Alfredo Versace	150.46
2	 <b>FRANCE SUD</b> Bernard Cabanes, Eric Gautret, Catherine Mus, Marc Mus, Jean Jacques Palau, Nadia Payan, Phillippe Poizat, Rokia Poizat, Helene Zuccarelli	133.44
3	 <b>MARLENKA</b> Catherine Draper, David Gold, Susanna Gross, Catherine Seale, Peter Taylor, Andrew Woodcock	130.49
4	 <b>APRICOTS</b> Thomas Bessis, Veronique Bessis, Pierre Franceschetti, Hilda Setton	115.91
5	 <b>SUSHI</b> Paul Barden, India Leeming, Shahzaad Natt, Claire Robinson, Nick Sandqvist, Nathalie Shashou	115.16
6	 <b>PARKER</b> Irene Baroni, Giovanni Donati, Adam Grossack, Chris Parker, Stew Rubenstein, Anam Tebha	115.04
7	 <b>SWUSA</b> Per-Ola Cullin, Gary Donner, Kevin Dwyer, Marion Michielsen, Cecilia Rimstedt, Sandra Rimstedt	114.67
8	 <b>AUSTERLITZ</b> Brigitte Aubonnet, Patrick Bogacki, Christophe Carde, Blandine Delestre, Daniel Delestre, Georges Romanowski, Martine Rossard, Valerie Sauvage	113.22
9	 <b>MAUBERQUEZ</b> Daniele Avon, Edouard Beauvillain, David Harari, Donatella Halfon, Babeth Hugon, Erick Mauberquez, Dominique Maurin, Emmanuelle Monod, Michele Vitetta, Jean-Michel Voldoire	109.71
10	 <b>TULIPS ++</b> Peter Both, Aida Jansma, Jan Jansma, Betty Levin, Mark Thiele, Renee Verdegaaal	93.48
11	 <b>KICK COVID</b> Peter Boyd-Bowman, Anne Brenner, Debbie Benner, Dave Caprera, Chris Compton, Ish Del'Monte, Linda Elmore, Alix Taylor	64.26
12	 <b>ALL MIXED UP</b> Hester Gast, David Gurvich, Christian Lahrmann, Christina Lund Madsen, Rachael Moller, Bas van Roosmalen, Riva Salhon, Gerald Sokol, Katherine Todd, Cenk Tuncok	64.16

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# Where the Action is



By Mark Horton

There was an exciting finish to the Round Robin, with six teams in contention for the final spot in the semifinals. This was a pivotal deal:

## Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

<p>♠ K 10 8 6 4 ♥ A K 7 6 2 ♦ 2 ♣ 10 3</p>			
♠ A Q 5 3 2	♠ —	♠ J 9 7	♠ —
♥ 8	♥ Q 10 5 4 3	♥ J 9	♥ —
♦ K Q J 9 7 4	♦ A 10	♦ 8 6 5 3	♦ —
♣ J	♣ Q 9 7 6 4 2	♣ A K 8 5	♣ —

Is the North hand worth an opening bid?

True, you have both majors and all your high cards are in the two suits, but it looks a bit thin to me. Why not pass and hope to get a chance to come in later?

However, the hand rates 14.35 on the Kaplan-Rubens Evaluator and in the modern game I would bet that most people would open 1♠.

You can imagine that East might overcall 2♠, after which who knows what might happen, especially where teams were pushing for points.

## All Mixed Up v Kick Covid

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Benner	L. Madsen	Del'Monte	Tunçok
—	1♠	2♠*	3♠
Dble	All Pass		

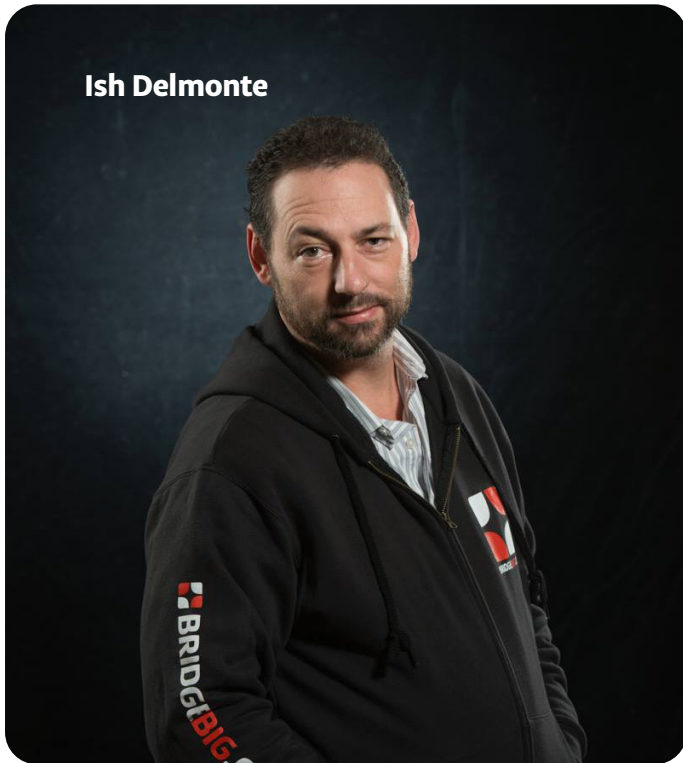
East led the ♣7 and declarer won with dummy's king, played a heart to the ace followed by the ♥2. After some pause East took that with the queen and continued with the ♣Q, covered an ruff by West who returned the ♦K, East overtaking and playing back the ten. Declarer ruffed and ruffed a heart with the ♠9. When West discarded a diamond declarer continued with a club and when West ruffed declarer overruffed and ruffed a heart with the ♠J. West overruffed and exited with a diamond, but declarer ruffed and ruffed the ♥K with dummy's ♠7, claiming eight tricks.

When declarer comes off dummy with a club West can discard a diamond. Then she overruffs dummy on the next trick, cashes the ♠A and exits with a diamond, securing another trump trick for -500.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Todd	Boyd-Bowman	Lahrman	Taylor
—	1♠	2♠*	3♠
Dble	Pass	4♣	Dble
5♦	Dble	All Pass	

2♠ Hearts and one minor

Ish Delmonte



North led the ♥K and switched to the ♠K, declarer winning with the ace and cross-ruffing her way to ten tricks, -200 and a 9 IMP loss.

If North finds a trump lead (often a good idea when you have the balance of power) declarer will struggle to avoid -800.

### France Sud v SWUSA

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Rimstedt	Zuccarelli	Dwyer	Palau
—	1♠	2♠*	3♠
All Pass			

'No double, no trouble' as someone once said. East led the ♣7 and the defenders had no trouble restricting declarer to seven tricks.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
M Mus	Cullin	Mus	Michielsen
—	1♠	Pass	2♠
3♦	3♠	All Pass	

East started with two rounds of diamonds and declarer ruffed and with little help from the bidding, tried to cash two hearts. West ruffed and switched to the ♠2 and when declarer went up with the king the contract was three down.

### Tulips v Apricots

#### Open Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Setton	Both	Franceschetti	A Jansma
—	1♠	2♠*	3♠
All Pass			

#### 2♠ Hearts and Clubs

The club lead saw declarer emerge with the regulation seven tricks.

#### Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Jansma	T Bessis	Levin	Bessis
—	1♠	Pass	2♠
3♦	3♥*	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

#### 3♥ 'Not necessarily natural'

Here two rounds of diamonds saw declarer ruff and try to cash the ♥AK. He finished three down, a loss of 5 IMPs that might be important.



**Susanna Gross**  
Photo: Peter Hasenson



East led a club and declarer won in dummy and played the ♠7, West taking the ace and playing two rounds of diamonds. Declarer ruffed, cashed the ♥A and played a club to the king, West ruffing and continuing diamonds. Declarer ruffed and played the ♥K (a low heart is best) and West ruffed and exited with the ♦9. When declarer discarded West exited with the ♠5 which meant three down and a flat board.

### Alpert v Austerlitz

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Aubonnet	Z Grossack	Carde	Botta
—	1♠	Pass	2♠
3♦	3♠	Dble*	All Pass

East started with two rounds of diamonds and declarer ruffed, cashed the ♥A and played a club to the ace followed by the ♥J. West ruffed and continued diamonds and declarer ruffed with the ♠8 and ruffed a heart with the ♠9. East overruffed and cashed the ♠A. Another spade saw declarer win with the king and cash the ten, which saw East, down to ♥Q10 ♣Q9, squeezed for +730.

Having cashed the ♠A West needed to play a diamond, ensuring one more trick for the defence.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Alpert	Bogacki	Fruscoloni	Sauvage
—	1♠	2♠*	3♠
All Pass			

2♠ Spades and a minor

### Marlenka v Mauberquez

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Monod	Gross	Mauberquez	Taylor
—	1♠	2♠*	3♠*
All Pass			

2♠ Hearts and Clubs  
3♠ Could make stronger raises

East led the ♣7 and declarer won with dummy's ace and ran the ♠7, East pitching the ♣2. West took the next spade with the ace and switched to the ♦K followed by the four. Declarer pitched a heart and East won and returned the ♣Q, covered and ruffed by West who continued diamonds ensuring three down, -300.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Woodcock	Voltaire	Draper	Avon
—	1♠	2♠*	3♠
All Pass			

2♠ Hearts and a minor



**Irene Baroni and  
Giovanni Donati**

East led the ♣4 and after an exciting exchange declarer recorded eight tricks, a 13 IMP swing that put Austerlitz out of the running.

### Parker v Sushi

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Barden	A Grossack	Robinson	Parker
—	1♠	2♠*	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

### 2♠ Hearts and a minor

East led the ♥4 and declarer put up dummy's jack and played the ♠J, West taking the ace and playing two rounds of diamonds. Declarer ruffed, played a club to the ace and the ♥9, East ruffing and exiting with the ♦9. Declarer ruffed and played the ♥A, West ruffing and exiting with a spade, but declarer could play two rounds of the suit, catching East in the squeeze I have already mentioned. That was -200, but if West had discarded on the second round of hearts declarer should not take more than eight tricks and -500 would have been significant.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Baroni	Sandqvist	Donati	Shashou
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♦	2♦*	2♠*	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

2♦ Majors

2♠ Invitational with ♣

North led the ♥6 and when declarer played dummy's three South won with the nine and switched to the ♠J. Declarer took the ace and cashed her diamonds, the defenders taking the rest for -200.

That gave Sushi 9 IMPs, but they finished on 115.16, just short of Apricots 115.91. That extra doubled undertrick would have come in handy!



**Nathalie Shashou (Sushi) missed the  
top 4 by a trick**

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# What's my Line?

By Mark Horton



I am old enough to remember this panel game that appeared at intervals on various television channels for almost forty years. The contestants would 'sign in' and do a short mime related to what they did for a living, the four panelists then having ten questions to determine what that was. I don't recall any bridge players taking part, but one can speculate about the type of mime they would have performed.

In the semifinals this deal saw declarer attempting to find a winning line in a slam:

## Board 14. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ 9	
	♥ K Q J 10 7 6 5	
	♦ Q 10	
	♣ 9 7 4	
♠ A J 10 7 6		♠ K Q 5 4 2
♥ A 8 4		♥ —
♦ 9 8 6		♦ A 5 4 2
♣ A 10		♣ K 8 6 5
	♠ 8 3	
	♥ 9 3 2	
	♦ K J 7 3	
	♣ Q J 3 2	

## France Sud v Apricots

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Setton	R Poizat	Franceschetti	Poizat
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♣	3♥	4♣	Pass
4♥*	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

South led the ♥2 and declarer ruffed, played a spade to the ten followed by a diamond for the ten and ace. He drew the outstanding trump and then proceeded to eliminate clubs and hearts.

In the three-card ending he exited with a diamond, hoping to see North follow with the king, as the enforced heart return would offer up a ruff and discard.

However, North's diamond was the queen and South overtook it and cashed the jack for one down.

## Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Payan	T Bessis	Cabanes	Bessis
—	—	1♠	Pass
2NT*	4♥	Pass	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♥	Pass
5♠	All Pass		

## 2NT '13+'

Declarer adopted a similar line, but North (who is featured on the front cover of the latest issue of BeBRIDGE) played the ♦Q on the first round of the suit (and I have no doubt that he would have played the king if he had held it) so declarer was held to 11 tricks, which were worth 11 IMPs.



**Versace explaining his line of play**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Alpert	Taylor	Versace	Gross
—	—	1♠	Pass
2NT*	3♥	4♥*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥*	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

After the exchange of cue bids South led the ♥2 and declarer, armed with some information from the auction, ruffed, crossed to dummy with the ♠10, ruffed a heart high, and cashed three more spades to reach this position:

### Alpert v Marlenka

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Seale	Z Grossack	Gold	Botta
—	—	1♠	Pass
2NT*	Pass	4♥*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
5♥*	Pass	6♠	All Pass

2NT Jacoby

4♥ Void

5♣♦♥ Cuebid

South led the ♠3 and declarer drew trumps ending in hand and played a club, putting in dummy's ten when South followed with the two. When that held declarer cashed the ♣A and claimed.

If the ten had lost, declarer would have had to hope that the remaining honour and the nine fell on the next two rounds of the suit.

♠ —	♠ —
♥ K 5	♥ —
♦ Q 10	♦ A 5 4
♣ 9 7 4	♣ K 8 6 5
♠ 6	♠ —
♥ A	♥ —
♦ 9 8 6	♦ K J 7
♣ A 10	♣ Q J 3 2

He cashed the ♥A pitching a diamond and South became the victim of a trump squeeze. When she discarded the ♣3 declarer played three rounds of the suit, ruffing and claimed.

This line would fail if North's shape was 1-6-3-2 as long as South holds on to four clubs. David Gold's line would work against that distribution - as long as South has both club honours and North the doubleton nine - and he had no bidding to work with.

# A tale of two Squeezes

By Toine van Hoof



An interesting 3NT contract came up in Round 5:

**Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.**

♠ A 8 7 2	
♥ A 6	
♦ A 10	
♣ A K J 8 6	
♠ J 10 6 4	♠ K 3
♥ Q 10 7 3	♥ 9 5 2
♦ Q 9	♦ K J 8 6
♣ Q 3 2	♣ 10 9 7 4
♠ Q 9 5	
♥ K J 8 4	
♦ 7 5 4 3 2	
♣ 5	

At three tables South became declarer. West led a spade to the king. A spade came back to the queen. Declarer finessed in clubs, gave up a club and made the contract in comfort. Babeth Hugon (team Mauberquez) even managed an overtrick by endplaying West in spades to lead up into the heart tenace.

At the other eight tables (one NS pair ended up in 5♠, down two) North was at the wheel. Three times a club was led and all declarers made their contract, be it not always with flawless play. The most challenging lead, a diamond, was found at five tables. Declarer now cannot afford to give up a spade and a club as East will have three diamonds to cash. There were other ways as Thomas Bessis (Apricots) and David Gold (Marlenka) demonstrated.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Moller	T Bessis	Gurvich	V Bessis
—	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3♦ 4th suit

David Gurvich led the ♦6 to the 7 (☺), the queen and the ace. Bessis shot back the ♦T. East won with the jack, cashed the ♦K (both West and North discarding a club) and exited with the ♥9 to the jack, the queen and the ace. Now Bessis played a small spade and when East rose with the king unblocked ♠9 in dummy. Another heart came back, which declarer correctly ducked to the ♥7. Rachael Moller could not afford to play a spade or a heart so she got off with the ♣Q. Bessis won with the ace and cashed the ♣K to reach this ending:



Thomas & Veronique Bessis



Catherine & Marc Mus

Again declarer won the diamond lead with the ace and played the ♦10 to the jack.

East, Marc Mus, shifted to the ♥9, covered with the jack, the queen and the ace. Gold played a spade, won with the king by East, who now cashed the ♦8 before leading another heart through. Gold inserted the ♥8 and Catherine Mus won with the 10.

As declarer had pitched a spade on the ♦8 she could safely exit with the ♠J, which she did (a club would have left declarer helpless). Gold took the ace, crossed to the ♠Q and cashed the ♥K in this position:

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      ♠ A 8 7
      ♥ —
      ♦ —
      ♣ J 8

♠ J 10 6      ♠ 3
♥ 10 3        ♥ 2
♦ —           ♦ 8
♣ —           ♣ 10 9

      ♠ Q 5
      ♥ K 8
      ♦ 5
      ♣ —
  
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      ♠ —
      ♥ —
      ♦ —
      ♣ A K J 8 6

♠ 10          ♠ —
♥ 7 3         ♥ —
♦ —           ♦ K
♣ Q 3         ♣ 10 9 7 4

      ♠ —
      ♥ K 4
      ♦ 7 5
      ♣ 5
  
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On the ♣J he threw the ♦5 from dummy and West was squeezed in the majors. She tossed a heart so the ♥8 became declarer's ninth trick.

East was squeezed in the minors. When he discarded the ♦K declarer took two unexpected diamond tricks and the ace and king of clubs to fulfill his contract.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
C Mus	Gold	M Mus	Seale
—	2NT*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3♠*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

2NT 20-22  
 3♣ 5 crd Stayman  
 3♦ 4♥ and/or 4♠  
 3♠ 4♥



David Gold  
Photo: Peter Hasenson



# Victim of the Day

## Leonardo Fruscolini

by Christina Lund Madsen



*Where do you live, how old are you, what do you do for a living and do you prefer men, women or you don't really care?*

- I'm 34, I stay in Rome and I play bridge for living. If you are talking about my sexual preference I will say women, for the other things I have no preferences even if my lawyer is a woman and my bussiness consultant is a woman too.

*What is your background in terms of education, jobs?*

- I took classical studies and I'm graduated in law.

*What is the strangest job you ever had?*

- Once a friend of mine paid me to go to dinner with him, a girl who he likes and her girlfriend, i dont know if it counts as a job.

*How has life been for you in Italy during corona?*

- I m lucky because i can work online, i spent time with friends and my family, i just missed a lot going out for dinner.

*How did you begin to play bridge?*

- I started in the high school, the teacher said to us "Come to the bridge course and I will give you credits even if you come just for the first lesson." Obviusly I continued and how we are here.



Leonardo Fruscolini

*You also spent some time in New York at some point. Tell us about that adventure.*

- I spent a lot of time in NY between 2015 and 2016. It was a great experience even if I still find New York too chaotic and too crowded. I lived for 3 months in an apartment on 25th floor on Riverside, an amazing view and incredible life. Now I go often to NY, about 6 times per year, and I have my friend Giorgia Botta hosting me.

*Do you have any hobbies besides being Alfredo's paparazzi?*

- I am a basketball referee, I like to cook and I like to play roulette in the casino. I love rafting but I don't do it so often.



**Team Alpert (without Giorgia Botta and Zach Grossack) going for another victory (dinner).**

*How would Alfredo describe you in three (English) words?*

- I asked him and he said a “funny smart selfish” person.

*How do you feel about the way corona affected the bridge world?*

- I think that after corona people would love to join again big tournaments and all the fun around these live bridge events.

*Who would you like to partner, kiss, kill between Thomas Bessis, David Gold and Cecilia Rimstedt?*

- I will kill David Gold because he called the director against me recently ☺, I will kiss Cecilia because she is cute and I will play with Thomas because Irene will kill

him slowly in the next years, so I don't need to do it.

If instead you give me the choice I will kill Giorgia because she involved me in this interview, I'll partner Joe Grue because he is a very talented and sweet guy and I will kiss Katarzyna Dufrat because I'm in love with her. ☺

*Who do you think should be a future victim in the bulletin? Tell us something you would like to know about this person.*

Marie Eggeling, who became president of the German Bridge Federation. I would like to know about her.

*(Leonardo is not the only one, so Marie has already been a victim. Leonardo and you can read about her in [Bulletin 3 from the January MMT/CLM](#))*





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