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## WELCOME TO THE MATCH

BARRY HUNTER - CLUB CHAIRMAN

Good afternoon everyone. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to the supporters, players, management and directors of Hemel Hempstead Football Club.

Well we have made it to the last game of the regular season, our first season in NLS, and to make the play offs is an unbelievable achievement.

I want to recognise and thank everybody at the club, on and off the pitch and on the terraces this season for making the transition up the pyramid to NLS a memorable one. It truly has been one big club effort.

This afternoon we still have even more to play for, either to cement a home fixture in the play off knockout or, should results go our way, to finish in a top 4 position. It's quite exceptional and something we can all be incredibly proud of.

An important mention for our Womens team who play in the league cup final tomorrow against Dartford at the VBS Community stadium, 12.00 noon KO. I'm sure the whole club are behind John, Kelly, their support team and their squad to bring a trophy home this season.



CHAIRMAN'S NOTES SPONSORED BY:



A few words to remember Mathew Major, who passed recently and for whom a minutes applause will be observed today. There is a tribute written by Paul Damper in todays Programme. Matt was one of our own having served as a club director and someone who helped evolve the club into the entity it is today. Matt, more recently, was a committed chairman of the Sussex FA and although we don't always publicise events that happen "behind the scenes", please be assured that Matt made sure he supported our football club, even when it wasn't always a popular decision.

Matt showed incredible enthusiasm and determination to work out the "art of the possible" in the face of a challenge and most recently was instrumental in our ability to secure a grant for the construction of our new 3G pitch. Matt was a friend of mine and a friend of our club and in his last months had shown incredible courage. I will miss Matt, he was a good person and someone I'm proud to have known, RIP Matt,



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A warm welcome to Brad, the staff, players and everyone associated with Hemel Hempstead FC for today's National South fixture here at the Crucial **Environmental Stadium.** 

As our first ever season at National League South comes to end we can honestly say it's been a real mixed bag of emotions throughout the season, lots of highs and lows I'm sure as a fan you would of experienced and to be heading into our last game still having something to play for is a massive achievement and full credit has to go to the players to put us in this postion aiming for a home play off tie.



The attitude in training and generally all the time is second to none and they continue to try to improve every game. A big thanks to all the staff that have helped me

throughout this season from Kello, Cam, Bards, Stu, Nath, Sam, Elise, Daisy and Georgia, you all have helped in so many ways and made my life so much easier.

To all the volunteers at the club that dedicate so much of there time here, a special thanks to Mick Martin for giving up countless hours to maintain the pitch for us, all the bar staff and girls and boys that work hard in the catering units on a match day and Gracie, and the fans a massive thank you to everyone that have give up there hard earned money to come and support us either home or away it's genuinely very greatly appreciated.

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22-23 SEASON PLAYING STATS			WFC C	AREER
PLAYER	A(S)	G(P)	A	G
Adam <b>Adam **</b>	1 (8)		9	
Ibrahim <b>Akanbi</b>	16 (14)	12	30	12
Marvin <b>Armstrong +</b>	3		90	8
Danny <b>Barker</b>	27 (7)	1	156	8
Nodirbek <b>Bobomurodov +</b>	5 (1)		6	
Dan <b>Bowry</b>	19 (4)	1	23	1
James Beresford	24 (2)	2	48	2
Darren <b>Budd</b>			150	7
Fin <b>Chadwick</b>	1 (3)		4	
Joshua <b>Chambers</b> +	27 (2)	3	29	3
Callum <b>Chessworth</b>	(1)		1	
Luca Cocoracchio \$	10		41	1
Joel <b>Colbran</b>	39 (1)	6	196	19
Mo <b>Dabre</b>	11 (7)	4	18	4
Conrad Honore ^	3 (4)		7	
Mo <b>Jammeh</b>	6 (2)	2	10	2
Callum <b>Kealy +</b>	22 (12)	14	130	44
Suk-Jae <b>Lee</b>	2 (6)		8	
Reuben <b>Livesey-Austin</b>	14 (2)		16	
Harrison <b>Male</b>	50		103	
Sammie McLeod ***	10 (10)	1	20	1
Reece Myles-Meekums	29 (11)	6	190	38

Kyle O'Brien *	3 (1)		11	
Alex Parsons	1 (1)		110	15
Jack <b>Paxman</b>	6		6	
Ollie <b>Pearce</b>	43 (6)	29	190	108
Aarran <b>Racine</b>	33		123	9
Luke Robinson \$			13	2
Jake <b>Robinson</b>	1	1	1	1
Davide <b>Rodari</b>	14 (6)	5	25	9
Joe <b>Rye</b>	34 (3)	1	39	1
Alieu <b>Secka *</b>	1		1	
Moe Shubbar +	6 (5)		11	
Owen Spicer *			3	
Javaun <b>Splatt +</b>	4 (9)	2	13	2
Jesse Starkey			158	13
Ollie Starkey *	(3)	1	10	1
Dan <b>Thompson</b>	(3)		3	
Lewis <b>Thorn</b>	1 (1)		2	
Cam <b>Tutt</b>	13 (2)		68	
Liam <b>Vincent</b>	11 (2)	2	13	2
Lewis White	26 (7)	6	33	6
Kane <b>Wills</b>	45	4	106	9

<sup>\*\*</sup> Dual reg with Merstham

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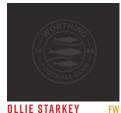
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## TODAY'S OPPOSITION

### WELCOME TO OUR OPPONENTS FROM HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN FC



#### **CLUB HISTORY**

The history of Hemel Hempstead Town FC is a complex past, with mergers between local clubs and numerous name changes before finally settling as the club as it is known today. Of the clubs that merged over the years to form the club as we know it today, the history of Apsley FC goes furthest back, Formed in 1885 as Apsley End FC, the club was based at Salmon Meadow and played in a claret and blue strip. The first record of competitive football was in 1889, when the club entered the Herts Senior Cup. Applev End were then one of the founding member clubs of the West Herts Football Association and entered their first league competition in 1891/92, before changing the name to just Apsley FC two years later. Apsley also competed in the Herts County League, entering as a founding member club in 1898/99. Apsley were one of the more successful local teams competing in the Herts County League either side of the first World War, winning three league championships along with many other high league finishes, In 1922, Apsley left the Herts County League to join the Spartan League.

Apsley competed in the Spartan League for 30 years, during this time the club moved home twice, first to Gee's Meadow in Bourne End for one season, before moving to the new Wood Lane Ground, more commonly known as Crabtree Lane where the club remained until 1972. Whilst in the Spartan League, Apsley claimed three runners up spots in the lower divisions, there was a Division One championship place in 1933/34. Apsley were one of 29 clubs who rejoined the Spartan League in the season immediately following the second World War. The clubs name changed to Hemel Hempstead Town, it had been some time now since the club had actually been based in Apsley, and following promotion to the Spartan Premier League for the 1951/52 season, the club left to join the Delphian League. The club subsequently played in the Athenian League, the Isthmian League and the Southern

2006/2007 saw Hemel achieve a play-off position which could have seen the club promoted to the Conference South. However, the play-off semi-final away to Team Bath resulted in defeat.

2013/14 was a fantastic season for Hemel. The Tudors got off to a flying start, despite losing the opening match Hemel went on to win ten consecutive games and went on to spend the majority of the season well clear at the top of the Southern League Premier Division league table. Hemel were also in the draw for the FA Cup First Round proper for the first time since 1938 after drawing 3-3 with Sutton United, but unfortunately lost the replay. With just the league to concentrate on, Hemel went on to break records with striker Ben Mackey scoring a club record 43 goals in all competitions and 'keeper Laurie Walker keeping the most clean sheets by a single goalie in Hemel's history. The Tudors had the Southern League's highest average attendances and Vauxhall Road entertained

nearly two thousand fans against both St Albans City and Chesham United. It was at home to Chesham on Easter Monday that Hemel lifted the Southern League Premier Division winners shield, having secured the championship away to Hungerford two days previously.

It was the start of a whole new era for Hemel Hempstead Town FC in August 2014, the clubs first season in the second tier of the English non-league game. The Tudors first ever game in the Conference South was an away win at Basingstoke Town, however stuttering form during the seasons early stages led to numerous changes of playing personnel, with some of the previous seasons championship winning side leaving Vauxhall Road to make way for some more experienced players and some young professionals loaned from some of the area's leading clubs. Hemel's form improved as the season developed and the club was still capable of reaching the play-off's within a few weeks of the season ending. A respectable 9th place finish was accompanied by club record runs achieved in the FA Cup (first round) and FA Trophy (third round). In 2015/16, inconsistent form and many injuries saw The Tudors exit all the cups early on and at one stage there was a threat of a relegation scrap - however fantastic late season form saw another record finish, sixth in the table, with defeat at home to Whitehawk on the final game of the season seeing our visitors secure the final play-off spot over us.

The 2016/17 season saw a slow in the momentum gained in recent seasons, with inconsistent form during the opening stages of the season making a push for promotion highly unlikely by the halfway stage. There were also quick exits from the major cup competitions. However, the recruitment of some key players via loan signings led Hemel on a mid-season charge up the table, at one stage being the division's form sides as the play-off's became an achievable target. The change in fortunes didn't last though, and as form dipped in the latter stages, The Tudors season resulted in a 12th place finish - lower than expected but not unreasonable for a club still establishing itself at this level of the game.

The Tudors bounced back in 2017/18, in a season which saw the National League South increase play-off positions to the second to seventh placed sides in the final league table. With the prospect of a play-off position much more achievable, a competitive season saw many clubs fancying their chances at promotion. Despite some inconsistent form, a more settled Hemel squad than previous seasons did well enough to spend much of the season in the play-off's and even in the latter stages of the campaign automatic promotion was still with sights. Eventually, a new club record finish of fifth place in the National League South secured a home play-off "elimination" tie (effectively a "quarter-final) against Braintree, who beat Hemel on penalties on their way to winning the play-offs.

The 2018/19 season proved to be by far the most disappointing during our time in the National League south. The season started well but my mid-September

the management team of Dean Brennan and Stuart Maynard had moved on to the Glen Tamplin revolution at Billericay Town, Hemel players Jordan Parkes and Darren Ward took the team temporarily whilst the club looked for a new permanent manager. At the beginning of November Joe Deeney was appointed to the position of manager. Joe was formerly assistant manager at NLS rivals Oxford City, Joe started very well with three League victories in November, winning away at Bath City, East Thurrock and at home to Gloucester City. There were very few memorable points during the remainder of the season as it petered out with the Tudors finishing a very disappointing 16th at the end of the season. This was the worst finishing position in the League since being promoted to National League South in 2014.

The summer of 2019 saw one of the biggest overhauls at Vauxhall Road for some time, with Concord Rovers manager Sammy Moore departing our NLS rivals to join us at Hemel. Moore set about rebuilding the squad, releasing almost all of the previous squad and assembling a group of experienced players in an attempt to turn around the club's dip in form. Hemel got off to a flying start and by October were placed second in the league and enjoying the type of form you'd expect from promotion candidates. However, lengthy spells without a win followed; The Tudors remained "thereabouts" in the league thanks to the good string of results earlier in the season but the club was often placed at the bottom end of the current

form table from November through to March, then the season was brought to a premature end by the global coronavirus pandemic. By this time, Hemel were placed 11th in the league table having played 34 games, six points below the play-off positions and nine points above relegation. One could only speculate how the season may have finished, but three wins and four clean sheets in the last five league games Hemel played had instilled some optimism at Vauxhall Road. However, during the summer of 2020, Tudors Chairman Dave Boggins made the decision not to renew Moore's contract.

The management team of Lee Bircham and Steve Bateman, a partnership that impressed at neighbours Berkhamsted, were appointed at Vauxhall Road for the 2020/21 season; the summer of 2020 saw the introduction of artificial grass to Vauxhall Road, with FIFA-Pro standard all weather playing surface adding to the continually improving on and off field facilities at Vauxhall Road, Bircham and Bateman and remained in charge for the duration of another season affected by the Covid pandemic and abandoned, but lasted just a few games in to 2021/22; a poor run of form saw another change, with former Barnet Academy Manager Mark Jones taking the reins at Hemel. Jones set about strengthening the squad and as the season progressed there was a stage where The Tudors were knocking on the doors of the play-off's, albeit the season culminated in a 15th place finish.

#### **KEY PLAYER PROFILES**

#### GOALKEEPER

CRAIG KING: Craig joined the club on loan from Dartford in October 2021. The England C International joined the Darts in the summer of 2020 from Oxford City. He started his career at Luton Town, having early loan spells at Bromley and Met Police while still in the Luton Town academy. In 2015, King broke through into the first team, playing a handful of games for the current Championship side. He then had loan spells at Bishop's Stortford & Southport before joining Oxford City in 2018.

#### **DEFENDERS**

KYLE O'CONNOR-AJAYI: The 21 vear old joined The Tudors from AFC Dunstable where he was held in high esteem. Kyle made his debut for AFC Dunstable when he was just 17 and has shown a level of consistency that has seen him get him move to the National League South. In total, Kyle has made over 70 annearances for the club and was wanted by other NLS clubs at the start of last season. Kyle benefits that despite being very young he can play in a multitude of positions. In January 2022 Kyle has been loaned out to Southern Premier Division side Kings Langley to gat game time after returning from injury.

KORY ROBERTS: Experienced defender Kory Roberts signed from National Division side Bromley. Kory joined the Walsall Academy at the age of 16 going on to play for the 1st team

28 times in League 1, 2 and EFL Trophy. Kory joined Bromley for the 20/21 season playing 26 times for them in the National Division and FA Trophy. During 21/22 season Kory was loaned out to AFC Telford in National League North playing 5 times, Rushall Olympic playing 10 times and to Dartford for the second half of the season playing 22 times.

JACK WESTBROOK: Jack joined the club in October 21 from Southern League Premier Central side Banbury United for whom he played over 200 times. Jack is equally at home in central defence or as a defensive midfielder. Jack's previous clubs include Redditch United and AFC Rushden & Diamonds.

#### MIDFIELDERS

BAYLEY BROWN: The 6'5" central midfielder joined the Tudors in July 2022. Bayley joins from local rivals St Albans City where he spent the 2021/22 season. Bayley's previous clubs include Chesham United, Hendon and Maidenhead United.

JOSH CASTIGLLIONE: Josh arrived at Vauxhall Road during the summer of 2021 from Royston Town for whom he played over 200 times. Josh is a pacey winger who can play centrally.

DARA DADA: The skilful midfielder joins the Tudors from National League South rivals Chelmsford City, Dara was previously with local rivals St Albans City for the 2020/21 season. Previous clubs include Berkhamsted, Hertford Town, Staines Town and Chalfont St Peter. Dara, has now been loaned to

National League North side Gloucester City until the end of the 23/24 season.

DOMINIC MORGAN-GRIFFITHS: Joined the Tudors from Hartley Wintney in the summer of 2021. Dominic is an athletic box to box midfielder with energy to burn.

GODFREY POKU: Godfrey is a vastly experienced central midfielder who joins the club after seeing last season cut short through injury whilst at Havant & Waterlooville. Godfrey has over 300 career appearances which include playing in the old Football Conference for Luton Town, Southport, Alfreton Town, AFC Telford and Woking. Godfrey spent two seasons with Oxford City and one season with Wealdstone in the National League South.

#### **FORWARDS**

LUKE HOLNESS: Luke is a 24 year old striker who joins from NLS side Tonbridge Angels. Prior to this Luke spent the 2022/23 season playing for Braintree Town and when playing against the Tudors last season scored a hat-trick.

CHARLEE HUGHES: Charlee is a 25 year old striker who joined from Maldon & Tiptree in December 2021. He scored 29 goals during the 2019/20 season earning a move to Wealdstone. He played 17 times in the National League for Wealdstone during the 2020/21 season. The target man then rejoined Maldon & Tiptree for the 2020/21 season. Charlee started his football journey in the Academy at Leyton Orient.

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	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	PTS
С	Ebbsfleet United	45	31	7	7	105	47	+58	100
2	Dartford	45	25	7	13	82	50	+32	82
3	Oxford City	45	21	15	9	82	54	+28	78
4	Chelmsford City	45	23	9	13	66	47	+19	78
5	Worthing	45	21	12	12	89	<b>7</b> 1	+18	<b>75</b>
6	Braintree Town	45	20	13	12	65	54	+11	73
7	St Albans City	45	21	9	15	70	51	+19	72
8	Eastbourne Borough	45	21	5	19	72	65	+7	68
9	Tonbridge Angels	45	19	10	16	67	69	-2	67
10	Havant & Waterlooville	44	18	12	14	76	64	+12	66
11	Farnborough	45	19	9	17	59	50	+9	66
12	Bath City	45	18	10	17	62	56	+6	64
13	Hemel Hempstead Tn	45	15	15	15	48	54	-6	60
14	Chippenham Town	45	14	17	14	56	66	-10	59
15	Taunton Town	45	16	10	19	48	54	-6	58
16	Welling United (-1)	45	14	14	17	54	63	-9	55
17	Hampton & Richmond	45	15	8	22	59	71	-12	53
18	Slough Town	45	13	11	21	57	77	-20	50
19	Dover Athletic	45	12	12	21	42	66	-24	48
20	Dulwich Hamlet	45	13	9	23	61	88	-27	48_
21	Weymouth	45	13	6	26	57	78	-21	45
22	Concord Rangers	44	12	8	24	41	79	-38	44
R	Cheshunt	45	11	10	24	48	73	-25	43
R	Hungerford Town	45	10	10	25	48	67	-19	40

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH FIXTURES

#### Saturday 29th April 2023

Bath City v Oxford City Chelmsford City v Taunton Town Dover Athletic v Weymouth Dulwich Hamlet v Chippenham Town Eastbourne Borough v Concord Rangers Ebbsfleet United v Hungerford Town

Hampton & Richmond Borough v Dartford Havant & Waterlooville v Welling United Slough Town v Braintree Town St Albans City v Farnborough Tonbridge Angels v Cheshunt

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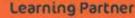




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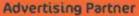




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## PLAY-OFFS CONFIRMED! MATCH REPORT

WORTHING 2

REPORT BY JACK WILLIAMS

Goals from Liam Vincent and Mo Dabre helped Worthing secure their place in the National League South Play-Offs with a comfortable 2-0 win at Cheshunt.

Worthing made their third of four away trips in eight days after losing 3-2 at Taunton Town on the weekend but came into tonight's clash needing just a point from their remaining two matches to secure a place in the play-offs.

Their hosts Cheshunt beat Bath City 2-1 last time out but knew that defeat against the Rebels would mean relegation for the Ambers.

Adam Hinshelwood was forced to dron Ollie Pearce to the bench after the forward sustained an injury in Somerset on Saturday. He was replaced by Dabre in the starting eleven, while Danny Barker returned in place of Joe Rye.

The first chance came to the Rebels some five minutes when Vincent whipped in a dangerous free-kick which fell to the feet of Joel Colbran inside the six-vard box, but he was denied by Adam Desbois who made himself big to make the stop. The Rebels had the better of the opening 15 minutes and should have been 1-0 up

when Reece Meekums squared to Davide Rodari. In acres of space in the box, the forward took a touch to compose himself but fired wide of the target.

On 26 minutes, the Reds were forced into making their first change after Barker pulled up, holding his hamstring - evidence of the Rebels' heavy workload taking its toll. He was swapped with Dan Bowrv.

Worthing got a deserved opener on the half-hour mark. Rodari's dummy saw Vincent pick up the ball in plenty of room on the left side of the box. Without hesitation, the full-back fired in low across goal and all the way into the back of the net.

One became two just ten minutes later.



Meekums capitalised on Raul Da Silva Fernandes's slip at the back for the hosts and drove towards goal before laying Dabre on a plate to double the advantage - an advantage which the Reds took into the break.

Worthing's dominance continued into the second half. The opening 15 minutes of which saw half chances for Colbran. Dabre and Jack Paxman, but all three were wide of the target.

On 66 minutes, Hinshelwood opted for the fresh legs of Suk-Jae Lee in place of Ibby Akanbi.

With relegation looming over the hosts, they looked like getting a goal back on 72 minutes but for a vital clearance from Dabre to deny Zech Obiero a chance at an empty net.

After that, the Rebels were largely untroubled and coasted home to secure their place in the play-offs and relegate their hosts in the process.

# **DEFEAT AFTER LONG TRIP MATCH REPORT**

TAUNTON TOWN 3 WORTHING 2

REPORT BY JACK WILLIAMS

#### Taunton Town came from behind to defeat **Worthing at The Cygnet Health Care** Stadium.

The Rebels made the trip to the West Country with the chance to cement their place in the playoffs following their four consecutive victories.

Their hosts, Taunton most recently lost 3-0 in midweek to relegation-threatened Hungerford Town. The Peacocks were sat 15th before today, clear themselves of any relegation concerns.

Adam Hinshelwood's XI was boosted with the returns of two key players in Joel Colbran and Kane Wills. Colbran replaced Danny Barker in the back four, with Joe Rye moving to his more natural centre-back position. While Wills replaced Josh Chambers, who was recalled from his loan by his parent club Gillingham in midweek.

It was a quiet first ten minutes before Ibby Akanbi fed through Ollie Pearce in a central area of the box. The frontman took the ball past Lloyd Irish, but the keeper brought down the striker and the referee pointed straight to the spot.

Pearce stepped up and slotted his penalty into the back of the net, sending Irish the wrong way.

Reece Meekums almost doubled the Rebels' lead on 17 minutes but Irish denied him with a strong, diving save. The rebound fell to Davide Rodari but his effort was deflected wide by Cameron Evans.

Less than 20 minutes in, the goal scorer Pearce was forced off with an injury that he sustained in the penalty incident. He was replaced by Suk-Jae Lee.

In the 43rd minute, the Rebels doubled their lead after Akanbi cut inside onto his right foot from the left before curling past Irish into the back of the net.

The Peacocks responded instantly after Harrison Male brought down Ross Stearn in the area. The forward stepped up himself and got a goal back for the hosts.

Stearn nearly had his second after getting on the end of a ball over the top just before half time, he cut inside but fired over.

Into the second half, Worthing had another appeal for a penalty against Irish but this time it was waved away. Lee took the ball



past the keeper this time and went down under the challenge, but the referee awarded a free kick to the hosts and booked the voungster for simulation.

Up the other end, the Peacocks were awarded a second penalty themselves. Colbran was adjudged to have handled the ball after a deep cross and received a booking for his troubles.

Stearn stepped up once more and fired the hosts level.

On the hour mark, Male was called into action again. This time, denying Jake Wannell's volley from close range.

On 74 minutes, Danny Barker came on to replace Rodari.

There were chances for both sides late on. When Akanbi squared it to Colbran in the 89th minute, it looked like the Rebels had found a way through, but the ball across was iust behind the advancing fullback and the Peacocks cleared.

Up the other end, the Peacocks made their chance pay when Stearn was sent in behind once more. He made no mistake as he finished past Male to complete his hattrick and the hosts' comeback win.

Mo Dabre replaced Lee late on as Hinshelwood tried to find the equaliser in added time, but it was not to be, and the Rebels fell to their first defeat in five.

## TODAY'S MATCH INFORMATION

WORTHING VS HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN
VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH



Harrison MALE Alieu SECKA ... Cameron **TUTT** Joel COLBRAN James BERESFORD Alex PARSONS Kvle O'BRIEN Reuben LIVESEY-AUSTIN Aarran RACINE Joe **RYE** Dan **BOWRY** Darren **BUDD** Danny BARKER Kane WILLS Lewis THORN Mo **DABRE** Jack **PAXMAN** Liam VINCENT Suk-Jae LEE Ollie STARKEY Jesse STARKEY Reece MYLES-MEEKUMS Ollie **PEARCE** Mo **JAMMEH** Finlay CHADWICK Lewis WHITE

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Cameron MORRISON
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