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**SATURDAY, 30th AUGUST, 1958**

## **A BREEZY START**

**G**OOD AFTERNOON—And glad we are to see you all again. If the next few months don't bring you plenty of excitement and good football, it won't be for lack of effort on the part of Birmingham City. It is very unwise to make a lot of fancy promises at the start of a new season, or at any time for that matter, but this we can say : Team spirit and the will to fight to the last second is as strong as it has ever been at St. Andrew's. Given a fair run of the ball Blues will give value for money every time, and will maintain the sound reputation we have established these post-war years.

Already we have had our moments. It isn't often that we open our programme with two successive away trips to neighbouring grounds, and the visits to Villa Park and West Bromwich were natural appetizers for a new season. We might very easily have come away from Aston with both points after Peter Murphy's header had left the Villa defence wide open in the 14th minute. But it was not to be. Nobody was more disappointed than Bunny Larkin when he handled the Myerscough cross which meant a penalty and a goal for Stan Lynn in the 52nd minute.

Now we welcome Luton Town who opened their programme with a 1-1 draw against West Bromwich Albion last Saturday. Luton were more than a match for the Throstles, and led by a Gordon Turner penalty goal until the game was 71 minutes old. Then Derek Kevan beat Ron Baynham in the 71st minute.

# TALKING

by the Editor

WERE you among the 55,000 at Villa Park last Saturday? I thought Blues were going to romp away with the points on their early showing, and when Peter Murphy nodded in a fine goal within a quarter of an hour, I was convinced that the points were in the bag.

It took Villa a long time to find their feet, but when they sharpened up, there were enough slick moves to keep Blues' defenders busy for more than odd occasions in the second half.

Stan Lynn resumed where he left off last season as the goal scoring full back when he drove the spot kick past Gil Merrick after Bunny Larkin had handled a cross from Bill Myerscough.

This was a tragedy for Larkin—and a disappointing “double” for he conceded a penalty against Villa in the corresponding game last season.

Our reserve team got off on the wrong foot against Cardiff City in the Division I Football Combination game, being beaten by two first half goals at St. Andrews.

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# POINTS

Blues “A” team started their Birmingham League programme in style, first half goals by Oscar Allen and Stubbs being enough to dispose of Lye Town.

Incidentally today's visit of Luton will remind Bryan Orritt of his first League goal. It was against the Hatters two seasons ago when Birmingham won 3-0. Eddie Brown scored twice in that game.

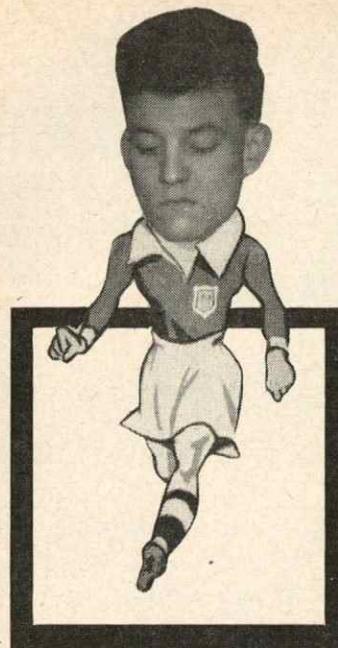
Two goals were shared when Luton were here last March after our 3-0 away defeat at Luton.

Gordon Turner, with 33 goals was Luton's chief marksman last season. He was followed by Allan Brown (12).

Next Wednesday evening West Bromwich Albion will be our guests—kick-off 7.15 p.m. Don't be late.

## BIG MATCH DIARY

1958	
Sept. 13	England v. Iceland (Amateur).
" 24	England v. Poland (Under-23).
" 27	England v. Ireland (Amateur).
Oct. 4	IRELAND v. ENGLAND.
" 8	F.A. XI v. R.A.F.
" 8	Spain v. England (Youth).
" 11	England v. Finland (Amateur).
" 15	England v. Czechoslovakia (Under-23)
" 18	WALES v. SCOTLAND
" 22	ENGLAND v. RUSSIA
" 25	England v. South Africa (Amateur).
" 29	F.A. XI v. Army.
Nov. 5	SCOTLAND v. IRELAND.
" 8	England v. Wales (Amateur).
" 13	F.A. XI v. Cambridge University at Cambridge.
" 19	F.A. XI v. Oxford University at Oxford.
" 26	ENGLAND v. WALES (at Villa Park)
Dec. 10	F.A. Amateur XI v. Royal Navy.
1959	
Jan. 3	Youth Trial.
" 17	Wales v. Ireland (Amateur).
" 21	Scotland v. England (Under-23)
" 28	F.A. Amateur XI v. Amateur F.A. XI.
Feb. 7	Ireland v. Scotland (Youth).
" 11	F.A. Amateur XI v. Army F.A. Amateur XI.
" 14	Wales v. England (Youth).
" 21	Ireland v. Scotland (Amateur).
" 28	Scotland v. England (Youth).
Mar. 4	F.A. Amateur XI v. U.A.U.
" 7	Wales v. Scotland (Amateur).
" 11	F.A. Amateur XI v. London University.
" 14	Wales v. Ireland (Youth).
" 14	Scotland v. England (Amateur). Provisional.
" 18	France v. England (Under-23).
April 11	ENGLAND v. SCOTLAND.
" 18	Scotland v. Wales (Youth).
" 22	IRELAND v. WALES.
May 6	ENGLAND v. ITALY.
" 9	England v. Ireland (Youth).



TREVOR SMITH

Took over the captaincy last season and quickly showed that the responsibility was not too big for him. An England Under 23 regular, Trevor became a professional in 1953, making his League debut the same year.



JOHNNY WATTS

BIRMINGHAM born, came to St. Andrew's on leaving the Army in the 1951 close season, and made his League debut in 1952. A dependable half back who made 23 senior team appearances last season. Appointed second team captain with the knowledge that he is always ready for a First team place.

## LAST WEEK'S LINE-UP

ASTON VILLA 1, BIRMINGHAM CITY 1.  
Aston Villa: Sims; Lynn, Aldis; Birch, Dugdale, Seward; Southren, Hitchens, Dixon Myerscough, McParland.  
Birmingham City: Merrick; Hall, Green; Larkin, Smith, Neal; Hooper, Orritt, Brown, Murphy, Taylor.  
Referee: A. Bond (Leicester).  
Scorers: Murphy for Birmingham, and Lynn (penalty) for Aston Villa.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION  
BIRMINGHAM CITY RESERVES 0, CARDIFF CITY RESERVES 2  
Birmingham City Reserves: Schofield; Farmer, Mullett; Abbott, Sissons, Watts; Astall, Harper, Jackson, Jones, McLaughlin.  
Cardiff City Reserves: Vearncombe; Owen (T.), Gray; Scott, Menzies, McCuckin; McMillan, Moore, Reynolds, Nugent, Jenkins.  
Scorers: Nugent and Moore for Cardiff.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT LEAGUE, DIVISION II.  
BIRMINGHAM CITY "A" 2, LYE TOWN 0  
Birmingham City "A": Withers; Kennea, Campbell (P.); Dunn, Pritchard, Penzer; Hellawell, Hinton, Stubbs, Hume, Allen (H.).  
Scorers: Allen and Stubbs for Birmingham.  
WARWICKSHIRE COMBINATION:  
CUBBINGTON ALBION 4, BIRMINGHAM CITY "B" 6  
Birmingham City "B": Baker; Shufflebottom, Devine; Small, O'Toole, Jones (A.); Weston, Pickard, Thomas, Wood, Lee.  
Scorers: Pickard 3, Thomas 2, Lee 1 for Birmingham.

## LAST SEASON'S MARKSMEN AND APPEARANCES

	Appearances		Goals			Appearances		Goals	
	Lge.	Cup	Lge.	Cup		Lge.	Cup	Lge.	Cup
Allen (G.) ..	4	0	0	0	Larkin ..	22	0	0	0
Astall ..	37	1	5	0	Merrick ..	28	1	0	0
Brown ..	37	1	15	0	Mullett ..	3	0	0	0
Farmer ..	13	1	0	0	Murphy ..	36	1	20	0
Govan ..	20	0	2	0	Neal ..	39	1	4	0
Green ..	31	0	1	0	Neale ..	4	0	1	0
Hall ..	37	1	0	0	Newman ..	6	0	0	0
Hellawell ..	1	0	1	0	Orritt ..	25	0	11	0
Hooper ..	22	1	10	0	Schofield ..	14	0	0	0
Houghton ..	2	0	0	0	Sissons ..	2	0	0	0
Jones ..	5	0	0	0	Smith ..	37	1	0	0
Kinsey ..	15	1	5	0	Watts ..	22	1	1	0

### SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES

The Executive Committee and its members of the Supporter's Club send their best wishes for 1958-59 season to all the staff at St. Andrew's and assure them of their loyal support.

Of interest to Residents of Lea Hall. A new branch of The Supporter's Club is now open at the British Legion Club, Lea Hall. Meeting every Monday.

All enquiries for Membership to:  
Miss I. FRASER,  
104 Dymoke Street, Birmingham  
or to Club Office, Coventry Road Entrance, any Saturday.

The New Supporter's Club Year Book, 1958-59, will soon be out—watch this space. Bigger, Brighter Features.

### SUPPORTER'S CLUB DANCE

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5

Dick NEAL

6

Harry HOOPER

7

Eddy BROWN

9

Brian TAYLOR

11

Brian HOUGHTON

8

Bryan ORRITT

10

Referee:  
Mr. J. JEPSON  
(Mansfield)



Linesmen:  
Mr. E. G. DODGE (Red Flag).  
Mr. D. F. GREEN (Yellow Flag)

John GROVES

10

Gordon TURNER

8

Jimmy ADAM

11

Allan BROWN

9

Billy BINGHAM

7

David PAGEY

6

Syd OWEN

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# Who's Who at Luton

**R**ON BAYNHAM (goalkeeper), joined the Bedford club from Southern League club, Worcester City seven seasons ago. He cost Luton only £1,000, and in view of the fine service he has given them he can be termed a bargain. Capped in 1955-56 against Ireland, Spain and Denmark.

**SEAMUS DUNNE** (right-back), Mr. Regular to the Luton Town fans because he rarely misses a game. Last term he was absent on only one occasion. An Eire international, he hails from Limerick, and Luton secured his transfer from Shelbourne in 1950.

**KEN HAWKES** (left-back), came into the Luton side mid-way through last season when he displaced Bud Aherne, the Eire international who joined the club from the now defunct Belfast Celtic. Hawkes is a compact player who was signed from the Durham junior side Shotton C. W. three seasons ago.

**BOB MORTON** (right-half), is a player who enjoys his football in whatever position he plays. For a long time he played centre-forward for the club, who he has been with all his football career. An England "B" international, he is unlucky not to have gained full honours. An attacking wing half who likes to have a crack at goal.

**SID OWEN** (centre-half), joined Luton from Birmingham for only £2,000 and he has turned out their best-ever buy. An England international, he has gained five caps. He has also toured the West Indies with the F.A. party. He is captain of Luton.

**DAVID PACEY** (left-half), gained his place in the Luton side after Reg Pearce was transferred to Sunderland for a large fee. A quick tackling player, he is

tireless in his work. He joined Luton from the amateur side Hitchin Town.

**BILLY BINGHAM** (outside-right), is Luton's new signing from Sunderland. An Irish international, he has gained over thirty caps. A very fast and tricky winger, he is going to be a menace to First Division defences again this season. Sunderland signed him from Glentoran.

**GORDON TURNER** (inside-right), the main goalscorer in the Luton side. Again last season he led the way with 33 goals followed by Allan Brown with 13. The son of a former Hull City and Doncaster Rovers outside-left, he was signed as a right-half while still in the Navy.

**ALLAN BROWN** (centre forward), is a big money signing. He arrived at Kenilworth Road nearly three seasons ago from Blackpool. He was the unfortunate player who has missed two Cup Finals through injuries. A Scottish international, he has undoubtedly added the extra class to the Luton front line since his inclusion.

**JOHN GROVES** (inside-left), played several games at wing-half last season after being converted from an inside-forward. He has now reverted back to his old position and at present is keeping George Cummins, the Eire international in the reserves. The son of a former Derby County player, he seems to have a bright future.

**JIMMY ADAM** (outside-left), moved over to the left wing birth following the signing of Billy Bingham and thus reverted, like his pal John Groves, to his former position. A fast raiding winger he shows up well with Turner and Brown. He joined the Bedfordshire club in 1953 from Spennymore United for a nominal fee.

## LAST SEASON'S FINAL TABLES

DIVISION I							DIVISION II										
	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals	P.	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals	P.	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals
Wolves	42	28	6	8	103	47	64	West Ham U.	42	23	8	11	101	54	57		
Preston N.E.	42	26	9	7	100	51	59	Blackburn R.	42	22	8	12	93	57	56		
Tottenham H.	42	21	12	9	93	77	51	Charlton A.	42	24	11	7	107	69	55		
W.B. Albion	42	18	10	14	92	70	50	Liverpool	42	22	10	10	79	54	54		
Manchester C.	42	22	15	5	114	100	49	Fulham	42	20	10	12	97	59	52		
Burnley	42	21	16	5	80	74	47	Sheff U.	42	21	11	10	75	50	52		
Blackpool	42	19	17	6	80	67	44	Middlesbrough	42	19	16	7	83	74	45		
Luton Town	42	19	17	6	69	63	44	Ipswich Town	42	16	14	12	68	69	44		
Manchester U.	42	16	15	11	85	75	43	Huddersfield T.	42	14	12	16	63	66	44		
Nottingham F.	42	16	16	10	69	63	42	Bristol Rovers	42	17	17	8	85	80	42		
Chelsea	42	15	15	12	83	79	42	Stoke City	42	18	18	6	75	73	42		
Arsenal	42	16	19	7	73	85	39	Leyton Orient	42	18	19	5	77	79	41		
Birmingham City	42	14	17	11	76	89	39	Grimsby Town	42	17	19	6	86	83	40		
Aston Villa	42	16	19	7	73	86	39	Barnsley	42	14	16	12	70	74	40		
Bolton W.	42	14	18	10	65	87	38	Cardiff City	42	14	19	9	63	77	37		
Everton	42	13	18	11	65	75	37	Derby County	42	14	20	8	60	81	36		
Leeds United	42	14	19	9	51	63	37	Bristol City	42	13	20	9	65	101	33		
Leicester City	42	14	23	5	91	112	33	Rotherham U.	42	14	23	5	72	99	31		
Newcastle U.	42	12	22	8	73	81	32	Swansea Town	42	11	22	9	55	82	31		
Portsmouth	42	12	22	8	73	88	32	Lincoln City	42	11	22	9	55	82	31		
Sunderland	42	10	20	12	54	97	32	Notts County	42	12	24	6	44	80	30		
Sheffield W.	42	12	23	7	69	92	31	Doncaster R.	42	8	23	11	56	88	27		

## OUR PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Name	Position	Height	Weight	Born
Abbott, Brian	H.B.	5' 9"	10st. 12	Birmingham
Allen, George	L.B.	5' 9 1/2"	11st. 12	Birmingham
Allen, Horace George	O.L.	5' 6 1/2"	10st. 0	Birmingham
Astall Gordon	O.R.	5' 9"	12st. 1	Horwich
Brown, Edwin	C.F.	5' 9"	11st. 12	Preston
Devine, Lawrence Alfred	F.B.	5' 10"	11st. 3	Manchester
Farmer, Frederick Brian Webb	F.B.	5' 9"	12st. 0	Wordesley, Stourbridge
*Dunn, Alan	R.H.	5' 9"	11st. 0	Cradley, Staffs.
Green, Kenneth	L.B.	5' 10 1/2"	11st. 8	West Ham
Hall, Jeffrey James	R.B.	5' 7 1/2"	11st. 13	Scunthorpe, Lincs.
Harper, Dennis	I.R.	5' 9 1/2"	10st. 9	Wednesbury, Staffs.
Hellawell, Michael Stephen	O.R.	6' 0"	11st. 3	Yorkshire.
Hinton, Frank	I.L.	5' 10"	11st. 0	Birmingham
Hooper, Harry	O.R.	5' 8 1/2"	10st. 7	Durham
Houghton, Harry Brian	I.F.	6' 0"	13st.	Madras, India
Hume, William	I.F.	5' 9 1/2"	12st. 12	Armadale, Scotland
*Jackson, Alexander James	C.F.	5' 10"	11st. 12	Glasgow
Jones, David Wilmot Llewelyn	I.F.	5' 10"	11st. 3	Kingsley, Cheshire
Kennea, William Arthur	R.B.	5' 9 1/2"	11st. 9	Birmingham
Larkin, Bernard Patrick	R.H.	5' 9"	11st. 2	Birmingham
*McLaughlin, James Christopher	O.L.	5' 8 1/2"	9st. 12	Londonderry
Merrick, Gilbert Harold	G.K.	6' 1"	13st. 12	Birmingham
Mullet, Joseph	H.B.	5' 9 1/2"	10st. 8	Blackheath, Staffs.
Murphy, Peter	I.F.	5' 10"	11st. 7	West Hartlepool
Neal, Richard Marshall	H.B.	6' 1"	12st. 4	Sheffield
Orritt, Bryan	I.R.	5' 10 1/2"	10st. 10	Caernarvon
Partridge, Maurice Edward	L.H.	5' 9 1/2"	10st. 6	Birmingham
Penzer, Edward Henry	R.H.	5' 10"	10st. 12	Birmingham
Pritchard, John Stanley	C.H.	5' 10"	10st. 6	Birmingham
Schofield, John Reginald	G.K.	6' 1 1/2"	13st. 4	Atherstone, Warwicks.
Sissons, John Graham	H.B.	5' 10"	12st. 2	Chester Le Street
Smith, Trevor	C.H.	6' 1"	13st. 7	Brierley Hill, Staffs.
*Stubbs, Robin Gregory	C.F.	5' 11"	11st. 12	Birmingham
*Taylor, Brian	O.L.	5' 7"	9st. 11	Walsall
Watts, John William	H.B.	5' 9"	10st. 13	Birmingham
Withers, Colin Charles	G.K.	6' 0"	13st. 0	Birmingham

\*Denotes new player.

### BAND PROGRAMME

- PASO DOBLE, "Amparito Roco" Y. Texidor
  - SERENADE—"Hear My Song Violetta" arr. R. Barsotti
  - SELECTION—"Souvenirs of Songs," arr. E. Siebert
  - VALE—"Throw Open Wide Your Window" H. Hay
  - SELECTION—"Dancing Time" arr. C. Field
- INTERVAL  
 "Liberty Bell"  
 "The Middy"  
 CONCLUSION  
 "Fraternity"  
 "Warrior's Return"

### Football at St. Andrew's

WEDNESDAY, 3rd SEPTEMBER, 1958

FOOTBALL LEAGUE, DIVISION I

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## FIXTURE LIST, 1958-59

FIRST DIVISION				FOOTBALL COMBINATION			
Date	Name of Club	Gr.	F.A.	Date	Name of Club	Gr.	F. A.
1958				1958			
Aug. 23	Aston Villa .. .. .	A	1-1	Aug. 23	Cardiff City .. .. .	H	0-2
27	West Bromwich Albion .. .. .	A		30	Luton Town .. .. .	A	
30	Luton Town .. .. .	H		Sept. 6	Leyton Orient .. .. .	H	
Sept. 3	West Bromwich Albion .. .. .	H		13	Leicester City .. .. .	A	
6	Bolton Wanderers .. .. .	A		20	Fulham .. .. .	H	
10	Leeds United .. .. .	A		27	Arsenal .. .. .	A	
13	Burnley .. .. .	H		Oct. 4	Ipswich Town .. .. .	H	
17	Leeds United .. .. .	H		11	Portsmouth .. .. .	H	
20	Preston North End .. .. .	A		18	Bristol City .. .. .	A	
27	Leicester City .. .. .	H		25	Charlton Athletic .. .. .	H	
Oct. 4	Everton .. .. .	A		Nov. 1	Tottenham Hotspur .. .. .	A	
11	West Ham United .. .. .	A		8	Brighton & Hove A. .. .. .	H	
18	Nottingham Forest .. .. .	H		15	Chelsea .. .. .	A	
25	Wolverhampton W. .. .. .	A		22	Nottingham Forest .. .. .	H	
Nov. 1	Portsmouth .. .. .	H		29	West Ham United .. .. .	A	
8	Blackburn Rovers .. .. .	A		Dec. 6	Bristol City .. .. .	H	
15	Newcastle United (1) .. .. .	H		13	Portsmouth .. .. .	A	
22	Tottenham Hotspur .. .. .	A		20	Cardiff City .. .. .	A	
29	Manchester United .. .. .	H		27	Swansea Town .. .. .	H	
Dec. 6	Chelsea .. .. .	(2)		1959			
13	Blackpool .. .. .	H		Jan. 3	Luton Town .. .. .	H	
20	Aston Villa .. .. .	H		10	Swansea Town .. .. .	A	
26	Manchester City .. .. .	H		17	Leyton Orient .. .. .	A	
27	Manchester City .. .. .	A		24	Ipswich Town .. .. .	A	
1959				31	Leicester City .. .. .	H	
Jan. 3	Luton Town .. .. .	A		Feb. 7	Fulham .. .. .	A	
10	.. .. .	(3)		14	Arsenal .. .. .	H	
17	Bolton Wanderers .. .. .	H		21	.. .. .		
24	.. .. .	(4)		28	Charlton Athletic .. .. .	A	
31	Burnley .. .. .	A		Mar. 7	Tottenham Hotspur .. .. .	H	
Feb. 7	Preston North End .. .. .	H		14	Brighton & Hove A. .. .. .	A	
14	Leicester City .. .. .	(5)		21	Chelsea .. .. .	H	
21	Everton .. .. .	H		28	Nottingham Forest .. .. .	A	
28	West Ham United .. .. .	(6)		Mon.30	Bristol Rovers .. .. .	H	
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31	Arsenal .. .. .	H					
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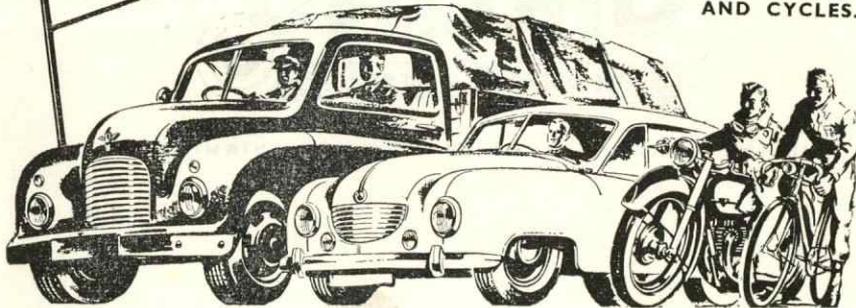
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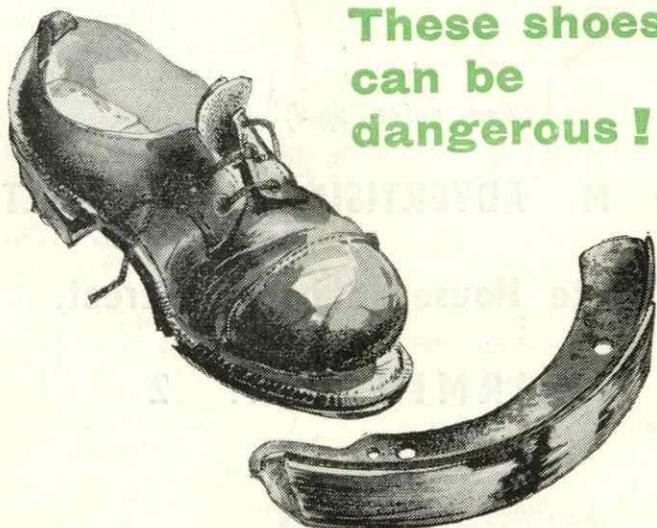
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