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President's Welcome

Well, what a busy week. The Past Players Day was a success with several old and not so old faces turning up. The great man Dallas Graetz was back for a few quite drinks, 'The Gun' Gary Harper came down for the first time in a while and it was also great to see one of the originals, Rod Williams there. All that came said they enjoyed the day and we'll certainly do it again sometime. Thanks to all who helped out at the home game; although the scores were not to our liking, the day went pretty smoothly and it was pleasing to see that numbers were up on previous games.

This week's game sees us play Uni in A grade – we're due for a big one, so if you can, get down to Rugby Park to support the boys. And finally a photo that makes it all worthwhile. It shows what's great about rugby and what's great about our club: the mateship and camaraderie of our Under 10's as they celebrate their win against Casuarina, singing the club song.

Ben Blyton

The mighty Under 10's



What's on this weekend...

FRIDAY

Under 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16 at Rugby Park
PRUC Stall at the Palmerston Markets

SATURDAY

A Grade and Under 18 at Rugby Park
B Grade has a bye
PRUC Stall at Palmerston Shops, opposite Coles



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NTRU LADDERS

A Grade

Team	P	W	D	L	Points
Casuarina	3	3	0	0	15
Souths	4	3	0	1	14
Dragons	3	2	0	1	9
Palmerston	3	0	0	3	2
University	3	0	0	3	0

B Grade

Team	P	W	D	L	Points
Casuarina	4	4	0	0	19
Palmerston	4	2	0	2	10
University	4	2	0	2	10
Swampdogs	3	2	0	1	8
Souths	3	1	0	2	5
Jabiru	3	0	1	2	2
Dragons	3	0	1	2	2

Under 18's

Team	P	W	D	L	Points
Swampdogs	4	3	0	1	16
University	3	2	0	1	10
Casuarina	3	2	0	1	10
Palmerston	3	1	0	2	5
Souths	0	0	0	0	0
Dragons	3	0	0	3	0



Under 18's

Around The Grounds



THE SENIORS

Update from acting coach Craig Leach

A Grade

Both A and B grades went down to a very strong Casuarina outfit last weekend. In A grade, set pieces were not too bad but we struggled to compete at the breakdown due to the oppositions speed and structure. Keeping the ball was the plan, but it can be difficult to keep it from the opposition for 80 minutes. Players never gave up regardless of the blow out score line and we will lick our wounds and come out strongly against Uni this weekend. Last years' captain Francis Hayes had his last game for Palmy and is heading back to Goondiwindi. We wish him well with the Emus and hope to keep the club ties alive. We will miss your one liners, "not ideal" and "good, yourself".

B Grade

B grade competed very well for 50 minutes only to let things slip away as Casuarina used their pace out wide to rack up a few quick late tries to pull away 38-7. New recruit from St George, Toby Wass, had a great debut for the crocs and was best on ground off the bench! Captain Keven Jones was solid in the midfield, and Roley had a big impact as blindside breakaway. Thanks to hooker Drew Weaver who comes in from Jabiru for a game every weekend. Beware the wounded croc!

Under 18's

Update from manager Lyn Cotton

This weekend had four of our Under 18 players away in Alice Springs with the Indigenous team. Thank you to all under 16 players who came out so that our under 18 player could have a game. Unfortunately Palmerston went down 60 -0.

Thank you also to the following for all their help they gave to run the under 18's: Jacob Blyton, Thomas Roe, Jack Akers, Ryan Cotton and Daniel Akers.

On a side note, thank you to the many volunteers we had this weekend for our BBQ and bar. The weekend went off well.

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BALL BOYS/GIRLS & WATER BOYS/GIRLS

Our next home is on Saturday 12th May. The club appreciates the support it gets from the Junior players during the home games.

If you would like to help out with our home games please see Robbie or Bec for details.



FRIDAY NIGHT ACTION

Under 10's - Brad scored his first try on his birthday



Under 12's



THE JUNIORS

Update from Junior Coordinator Robbie Taylor

Last Friday night saw some breakthroughs for the Juniors. The Under 10's defeated the Casuarina Cougars for the first time in 3 years and the Under 12's had their first win of the season.

Under 6's

Another great game by our enthusiastic Under 6's. Well done to all!

Under 8's - Palmerston 20 d Dragons 15

The Under 8's continued their winning ways. The work that Cody and Bruce McFarlane continue to put in to the kids, shows in the way they listen and learn every week. Well done to all involved. And a special mention to Jamie Akers (Daniel's Dad) for starting the warm up last Friday night.

Tries: Daniel Akers 2, Izaiah Waters 1 and Reilly Wells 1; **Special Mentions:** Tristan Humphries, Aaron McFarlane and Daniel Akers

Under 10's - Palmerston 29 d Casuarina 19

Finally, we have beaten the Cougars. In the words of Coach Wayne Smith, "Finally I can retire as a coach". Don't worry, we won't be letting him get away that easily. But back to the game, the boys played their skins off on Friday night and the entire team contributed to the win. Well done boys!

Try Scorers: Reilly Reid 2, Brad Svanfelds 1, Jacob Blyton 1 and Joshua McVee 1; **Conversions:** Reilly Reid 2; **Special Mentions:** Reilly Reid, Jacob Blyton and Zeb Hantelmann

Under 12's - Palmerston 19 d Casuarina 17

The first win of the season for the Under 12's. Well done guys, it's been building for a while and you showed great character to come back and win the game in the last few minutes. The whole team has lifted and it's great to see everyone playing for each other.

Try Scorers: Thomas Chmielewski 1, Cameron Croker 1 and Wayne Bilston 1; **Conversions:** Mitchell Theyers 1 and Jack Deane 1; **Special Mentions:** Macy Winston, Cameron Croker and Jack Deane

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Under 14's



Under 16's



Game photos supplied by
Fiona Austine

Under 14's – Casuarina 53 d Palmerston 17

Unfortunately the boys suffered their first loss of the season. It was nothing like what we have seen from the team so far this season. We just didn't seem to click. But not to worry, we know how to bounce back and I have no doubt we will be back to our best next week. Anthony Smith and Jai Wyles-Kelly have been amazing with their coaching techniques so far this season. Just to shed a little light on what the boys are building up, every second Sunday the Under 14's meet at the Palmerston swimming pool and run through a recovery / pool session.

Try Scorers: Isaako Teuati 1, McKenzie Lawrence 1 and Michael Norris 1; **Conversions:** McKenzie Lawrence 1; **Special Mentions:** Sean McFarlane, Kosta Kachionis and Matthew Ellis

Under 16's – Palmerston 52 d Casuarina 5

The Under 16's kept rolling on with season 2012. In what was another strong display with a lot of fresh faces having brilliant games. The boys stuck to their structure and the points came from there.

Try Scorers: Greg Svanfelds 2, Jordan Boyd 1, Xavier McKenzie 1, Felix Byrne 1, Darcy McBean 1, Phillip Ambrum 1 and Trent Keppel 1; **Conversions:** Phillip Ambrum 4, Scott Cotton 1 and Brice Herbert 1; **Special Mentions:** Benjamin Kaart, Phillip Ambrum and Ashley Theyers

Did you know...

Team draws, results, ladders and season player summaries can be found each week on the NTRU website: www.ntrugby.com.au. Click on 'Darwin Competition' on the left hand tab then scroll down to the menus shown below. Junior ladders are also published in the NT News each Wednesday in the 'NT Scoreboard' section.

Northern Territory Rugby Union

2012

DRAWs, RESULTS & LADDERS

Tooheys New First Grade	draws/results	ladder
Reserve Grade	draws/results	ladder
Womens	draws/results	
Under 18's	draws/results	ladder
Under 16's	draws/results	ladder
Under 14's	draws/results	ladder
Under 12's	draws/results	ladder
Under 10's	draws/results	ladder
Under 8's	draws/results	

Season Player Summaries

Top 20 Players by Tries
Top 20 Players by Conversions
Top 20 Players by Penalties
Top 20 Players by Field Goals
Top 20 Players by Total Points

* Top scorers in all of club

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OFF FIELD RECRUITMENT

If you can help out at our stall at the **Palmerston Markets** on Friday evening or at the **Palmerston Shops** on Saturday morning for ½ an hour or so, please feel free to drop by anytime.

35th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Our 35th Anniversary Dinner is just over two months away and we are looking for assistance in making the night a success. **If you would like to be a part of our organizing committee please let us know.**

SENIOR SUBS

Senior subs are now due. **\$190** includes playing kit and insurance. Balance paid in full by end of first round. Payment required so that your insurance is paid!



MONSTER RAFFLE

The Club is a running a **Monster Raffle**. The raffle will run throughout the year and prizes drawn at Presentation Night. See **Dennis Grant** for tickets.

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Other news...



SNOGGA AT TRAINING

Colin Snowden kindly shared some of his skills and expertise with players at training on Thursday night. Snogga is one of the few Level 3 coaches in the Territory. *(photo by F.Austine)*

PROMOTING PRUC

Despite a drenching late season storm, we had a worthwhile time at the Palmerston Markets last Friday, promoting the club to the Palmerston community and recruiting some new Junior players.

Off-the-field recruitment action continues this weekend, with another table at the markets this Friday between 4 and 7 pm and a table at the Palmerston Shops (opposite Coles) on Saturday between 9 am and noon.



OVER THE AIRWAVES

We also made it onto ABC local radio 105.7, as well as the ABC website. Thank you very much Paul Dale!



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'Chicken Wing'



At Presentation Night

In the Spotlight...

Name: Anthony Smith, aka 'Chicken Wing'
DOB: 19/02/1991.

How long have you been involved with the Palmerston Crocs?

I joined Palmerston Rugby Club 2003 in the Under 12's. I'm currently playing in the backs for A Grade.

Why did you join Palmerston?

My best mate Jacob Collins talked me into it.

The best thing about Palmerston?

The bloke next to you is always willing to put in and have a go.

Club heroes?

Snogga and Squirter

Other club involvement?

I've been helping coaches the Juniors for about 4 years now. I'm the current under 14 coach.

Representative honours?

I represented the NT in Under 14's and Under 16's and now I'm playing for the Mozzies.

Note from the President: Anthony's DAD and I played against each other at school. We also went away together on school boys rugby teams. How old do I feel?!?

The club is very proud of what Chicken Wing has achieved in his short senior career – from winning Best Back awards in A grade to representing the Mozzies. He also coaches our juniors – It was not so long ago that he was a Palmy junior himself.



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At the 25th Reunion with
Brahman and Brock



Toddy in a toga



Pirate cruise



Playing for the
Margaret River Gropers



Toddy the Polocrosse player

Where are they now?

Name: Todd 'T-Bear' Harrison

Born: Grafton NSW

I started playing rugby at twelve when we moved to Canberra, beginning my career on the wing!! I slowly started migrating toward the forwards, starting my seniors at flanker for "North's". Typically of a young bloke I found this a perfect way to socialise and to get into pubs so playing first grade seemed the only logical thing to do. When Mum and Dad relocated to Darwin I convinced a couple of mates to come with me, they drove and I flew!!

My first Palmy experience was turning up to Moulden on a Tuesday for training and thinking what the bloody hell is going on with this heat; middle of the build-up was a bloody big shock to the system! In my first game I got an education in Darwin rugby via the C graders, and if you don't know what I am talking about just think of a mob of Brees, Graetzy, Maxy "Smart" etc.

That year we seemed like a lucky charm and we won the second ever premiership for Palmy in first grade, at the tender age of seventeen packing in the scrums with Burly you could say I was under the wing!! I was lucky enough to be selected as captain for a year, although I have doubts as to whether I had to do much at all (past captains in the side included Squirter, Cube, Sully and Burls).

Nichole and I have moved down to the south west of Western Australia and are living on ten acres. I have taken up playing polocrosse (the Aussie version of polo), although I did have one season with Margaret River Gropers in the local comp. We managed to beat our arch rival Dunsborough Dung Beetles in the GF.

I thank my lucky stars that I was put on the right track in Canberra and told to come to Palmerston. I have mates there that I will have for my life time (testament to that is when you can pick a rugby side from your wedding guests!). I really miss the social aspect of the rugby club. So many great memories, from Palmy pirate cruises, to togas and end of season trips!!

Editor's Note: Amongst Toddy's many claims to fame is that he added the first line to the Palmerston Club song. He was also the inspiration behind Todd Lotto and a well known Elvis impersonator.

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Each week Croc Tales is running a **"PALMY TRIVIA"** competition.

Weekly winners will receive \$10 off their 35th Anniversary Dinner Tickets. You may enter more than once, so keep those entries coming!!

Remember, email your answers by 6pm Wednesday each week to: ben.blyton@bigpond.com or wleach@bigpond.com



This week's winner is Robbie Taylor who is part of our Junior Coordinating team along with fiancée Bec. Well done!



Previous winners are:

- # 1 - Steven Roberts
- # 2 – Garry Crone
- # 3 – Jaz Deo
- # 4 – Jeremy Bright
- # 5 – Garry Russell
- # 6 – Colin Snowden
- # 7 – Dave Ley
- # 8 – Rob Sloan
- # 9 – Craig Leach
- # 10 – Robbie Taylor

Palmy Trivia # 11

THE PALMY SONG



With everyone from the littlest Juniors through to A Grade singing the Palmy song, here's a quiz for young and old.

There are five words missing from the song sheet below. Do you know what they are?

I love the smell of Palmy in the morning,

It smells like 1. _____.

We're the team that's the best,

We're the team that beats the rest,

We're the boys from Palmerston.

In the 2. _____ outs we jump higher,

The back line is a flyer,

3. _____ the tropic sun, boom boom.

Rain or 4. _____ things are fine,

'cause we'll always cross the 5. _____

We're the boys from Palmerston.

Palmerston, Palmerston Yeah Yeah Yeah.



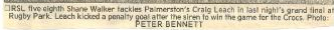
PAST PLAYERS DAY

Noel Bree, Gary Harper, John Herbert and Dallas Graetz enjoy catching up at the recent Past Players Day.

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seals victory



Palmerston rugby union club has finally thrown off its bridesmaid tag by winning the Fourx A grade premiership at Rugby Park last night.

In a game where neither team was able to gain the upper hand, the Crocodiles ran out

A penalty goal attempt after the full-time siren by Palmerston half-back Craig Leach sealed victory for his side.

Leach kicked two penalty goals from five attempts during the game and admitted afterwards he hadn't heard the referee signal full-time.

"I was elated when the kick went over but I was lucky I didn't hear the ref signal time," Jabiru said.

The game was a fine contest between two very even sides.

Both forward packs put in awesome performances and the result came down to the kicking duel between Leach and RSL's Maurice Walker.

Walker converted his first penalty goal after 20 minutes into the first half to give his side a 3-0 lead.

He couldn't find the uprights after that however, missing at his next four attempts.

Palmerston coach Wayne Greenhalgh said the game could have gone either way.

"There was nothing in the match but I think we deserved the win," he said.

"Last year we had three teams in the grand finals and lost them all. This year we coupled with the experience of Allan Rutahl and Merv Daniels, ISL, thoroughly deserved the

"We've lost the A grade final at our best attempt so I don't think anyone will be judging us the win."

Greenhalgh named
prop Dave Johnson,
captain Colin Sturgeson
and second-rower Steve

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Roberts as best players for his side.

For HSL, five-eighth Shane Walker had an excellent game. Forwards Paul King and Joe Murray also did a great job in a match where each side had plenty of top performers.

A second-half fightback by South Darwin gave the Rabbits a tight 7-4 win against Jabiru in the B grade grand final.

Jabiru had plenty of chances to win but couldn't convert its opportunities with three penalty attempts going

Jabiru led 4-0 at half-time but South Darwin fought back well to level the scores.

With five minutes to go, a penalty goal from Dave King broke the deadlock and secured victory for Souths.

Captain-coach Wayne Sadelife played well for Souths while half-back Ben McKenzie was outstanding for Jahru.

RSL gave the Dragons some early joy in the C grade decider with a 14-0 shut-out of Palmerston.

RSL had too much speed through youngsters like Bernard Niki and Robert Pabillo.

Coupled with the experience of Allan Ratahi and Mary Daniels, ISL thoroughly deserved the

Results — A grade: Palm-
ronn 3, Craig Leach 2 (no
one) 1 BSL 2 (M. Weather
on goal). B grade: 8th Dar-
in 7 (T. Long try, D. King-
on 6) 1 John 4 (P. Har-
7). C grade: BSL 14 (E.
P. 11, N. 1), T. Mitchell
1, R. Palma 1 (no) 1
substitution 1.

A PREMIERSHIP WIN

1991 was a very special year – our first ever A Grade Premiership. Here's how some people remember it.

Supporter Wendy Leach: *These are the NT News reports of the final. The picture was actually Cameron not Craig. What I can remember of the last minutes of the game was that it was a nail-biter – 3-all – and then we got the penalty. Could hardly look to see if the ball went through the posts, and then I remember Bernie Bree running onto the field with half the Palmy supporters following – all of them just jubilant at the Crocs' first grand final win. I also remember that Peter Gosbell (Gozzie) who played for Pirates but was a good friend of Craig's, scooped up the sand that Craig kicked the winning goal from, and gave it to him – it is now in the Club's cabinet. It's interesting to look at the team names (on the following page), and also the C Grade names – they played in the final as well, but lost that night.*

Player Sean Killiner: *I remember standing right behind Squirter as he took the shot for goal. When he struck the ball I knew it was heading straight through, but couldn't believe it. The ref (Tony Duffy) then blew his whistle for full time but due to the commotion of hitting the lead Squirter didn't hear the whistle. I jumped on him and said we have won. He yelled back at me "get the %€^ off me we have to get back for the kickoff". The rest as they say is history.*

Club President Garry Russell: *I was fortunate enough to be Club President at the time of our first A Grade Premiership. I remember Dennis Bree telling me about 12 months before that the only regret he had of stepping down as President at that time was that he wasn't going to be the President when we won our first A Grade Premiership, I would be. He was right. As you can imagine, it was a huge feeling and bought with it all those extra, wonderful activities that have to be organised and done like WINNING post Grand Final celebrations and trying to make sure the Premiership Shield stayed in one piece. As I recall I sent it home with Ratu for safe keeping working on the principle no one would dare mess with Ratu. I was right although he did send a scare through the camp when he arrived on Sunday without it and denied ever having had it. Even though it is a Premiership Shield the players still managed to have celebratory drinks from it.*

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(CROC) TALES FROM HISTORY

Rugby teams

A Grade: Palmerston — D Johnston, C Snowden, D Tucker, S Roberts, M Farr, B Murphy, J Tadeo, S Kilner, Cameron Leach, Craig Leach, P Sarrago, T Curren, T Browne, D Hazell, A Croydon, J Bracken, S Lamb, S Good, G Russell. **RSL —** C Thompson, J Murray, J Zimmermann, P Kingey, J Napatali, A Millner, R Flux, M Moke, S Walker, M Walker, D Toon, S Baldwin, W Maxwell, L Edmonds, G Harris, R Huirama, A Hooper, G Cohen, R Fabilla, B Mackie, R Maxwell. **B Grade:** South Darwin — B Robinson, R Hopkins, C Burrows, K Withnall, W Sutcliffe, P Kilgour, P Barnes, B Olm, I Ilett, D Bean, T Olm, C McDowell, R Shalders, T Fraser, S Johnson, R Robb, N Brooks, D King, Jabiru — M Allen, C Belling, A Bell, M Coleman, P Cook, S Davey, B Goldsbury, J Fleming, P Hartley, P Jones, B Lord, S Lord, B McKenzie, D Wilson, P Walsh, B O'Dea, T Robinson, J Ward. **C Grade:** RSL — M Daniels, T Gribben, A Steinhower, D Baird, B Stratton, C Dysaght, A Ratahi, D Tupe, B Niki, J Tom, S Rutene, N Niki, T Mitchell, R Fabilla, K Baird, G Hockey, E Wees, D McLeod. **Palmerston —** D Bruce, D Hanna, D Britton, S Payne, G Harper, R Crowe, J Andrews, S Harris, L Hewer, P Coleman, S Tom, G McPhee, S Lawrence, M Malone, M Kerr, B Johnson, G Noble, S Geddes, L Reif.

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A PREMIERSHIP WIN (continued...)

A Grade Captain Colin Snowden: *The premiership win in 1990/1991 meant a great deal to me. Palmy was my new club, and I knew we had something special in the group. I had come back to town after leaving the next morning after the 89/90 GF loss to Pirates...and with eight stitches in my eye from the opposition winger (shame job!) I was only gone for 4 months I was gonna get that winger!!! In my season up here that previous year I made some great friendships (lifelong friendships) and I just knew I had to come back to be part of the team and club to have another crack at winning the GF. I wanted to share the feeling of success as mates...and besides I had been in seven GF's for nil wins...I knew it was my best shot!*

Those years 89-91 were great years. Bracko, Timmy Curran, Sully and I all arrived within the one week of each other, and we played with very talented, and hard as players. The Crocs that we met were great mates...Squirter, Cringer, Spoon, Billy the Sherriff, Willie Oftengofishing, the doggies (red and blue), my own personal hero Tony Morris, Smokin' Joe, Ratu, Dougie, Boulder, Johnno, Macka, String, Braedon, Ben the exocet, Micky Farr, Dr. Dick, Garry Russel, Byrne, Patty A, Tucker and Mrs Potato head, Stewie Lamb, Bantam, Patty and Bernie and Dennis....It was just a fantastic group of people to be around (I apologise to those who I failed to mention, but if you were there you will agree that we all had something special in the club!!). Also I need to make a special mention of GreenCans (Wayne Greenhalgh) the clubs most successful A Grade coach!!! As I expressed above I was keen to get back with the mighty Crocs, but for me GreenCans was a revelation and I really enjoyed his coaching, I wanted to come back in his team. As a consequence I was honoured to be named captain by him, and I feel that we formed a very good partnership.

To be named Captain and to hold the inaugural A Grade trophy aloft was a very special moment for me, actually I held it up with Squirter and Cringer and that made it an even greater honour. I thank the Mighty Crocs of then and now and all those in between for the great memories and friendships. I also need to express all the support shown to myself and my beautiful wife Alison, the PRUC has always supported us and we feel obliged to do our best for the club!

The PRUC truly is one of the great clubs in Australia (which probably means the world). Alison and I are truly grateful to be associated.

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 Nick Woodroffe

THINKING OF COMING?

Email Wendy Leach and we'll add you to the list.

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A PREMIERSHIP WIN (continued...)

Player Stephen Roberts: *I think the thing that sticks in my mind is the final kick on the siren from Squirter and then turning to run back as Dragons were notorious for doing quick kick-offs and waiting for the kick of but it didn't happen as it was full-time. It was certainly a typical hard forward tussle and the Dragons were doing what they did best and rucked anyone on the ground. It was one of the greatest nights ever and the Presentation night was one of the best and we sang "Simply the Best" that night after the team was presented with their playing jumper.*

35th Anniversary Dinner

When: 30th June 2012 @ 7pm

Where: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Darwin

Tickets: \$150.00 per person*



**To purchase tickets, please contact Treasurer Percy Peel at percypeel@hotmail.com for payment details.*

PALMERSTON CROCS IN TOKYO

Dennis and Cecily Bree are currently on holidays in Japan. While in Tokyo, Dennis caught up with two past players from the 80's. In Dennis's words: "On the left is John Lillis (little John) half back from 80/81 and on the right is Peter Fogarty (Foges) from 83/84".



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