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Homecoming Heartbreak Vikings Fall to Churchill

By Dana Dawson
Staff Writer

Bethesda, MD - You could feel the excitement in the air, as the Varsity Vikings ran onto the field in front of a crowded stadium, packed with alumni, family and fans! All eyes on the Vikes as they prepared to take on the Churchill Bulldogs for the 2008 Homecoming game.

The young Vikings struggled throughout the game, both offensively and defensively. The Bulldogs took advantage of it, running and throwing their way to a nearly shut out game.

With just seconds to go in the 4th quarter and Churchill up 18-0, Sophomore quarterback, Henry Kuhn threw a perfect pass from Churchill's 20 up the middle to the waiting arms of Senior wide receiver, Anthony Young-Wiseman. . It was a footrace from the 50, but there was no competition, as Young-Wiseman raced 50-yards to the end zone for the Vikings only score. Final: Whitman 6 Churchill 18.

SENIOR ISSUE!



Vikings Defense Stops Springbrook!

By Kevin Paxton
Staff Writer

Silver Spring, MD - Calm, clear skies set the scene as the Fighting Vikings traveled to Springbrook to face the 5-3 Blue Devils on Halloween night. In the end, the Vikings provided enough tricks and treats to lift the team to victory! "It was a great win for the boys and I'm very proud of them." Head Coach, Jim Kuhn, said the team kept its focus. "They believed in what we are preaching as coaches and executed our game plan to perfection."

The game began with junior, Larry Kline returning the initial kick off to the Whitman 30. Determined to establish

the ground game, the Vikes were unable to convert for the first down and were forced to punt. Whitman's defense made it clear early, that they had no plans of giving up any ground. Springbrook began their drive on their own 20 and the first rushing play resulted in a 5 yard loss. A short pass got the Blue Devils back to the original line of scrimmage. 3 plays and a punt... returned the ball to the Vikings with good field position on their own 44 yard line.

A penalty and an incomplete pass resulted in another unsuccessful series for the Vikes. Senior, Anthony Young-Wiseman's punt pushed the Devils back to their 12 yard line.

Springbrook began its drive, but Senior, Will Greszes intercepted a pass on the Whitman sideline, igniting the sparks for the first Whitman scoring drive.

Junior, Kevin Cecala ran wide, and drove up the middle with great determination. Sophomore QB, Henry Kuhn connected with Young-Wiseman to reach the Spring Brook 17 yard line. Cecala then carried the ball, fighting to the two. Kuhn followed up by dropping a perfect pass in to the hands of Young-Wiseman for the score. The kick was good. Vikings up 7-0.

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To the Fighting Vikings Class of '09

*It began 4-years ago with your first set of two-a-days
Each year we watched you grow... from JV to Varsity
From the victories to the heartbreaking losses...
From your smelly practice gear to your aches and pains...
We've been here with you through it all...
And we wouldn't have had it any other way!
That's why it's so hard to say goodbye...
To watching you play under the Friday night lights!
Thank you for the memories. Thank you for Friday nights!
Go Vikes, Go Vikes, Go Vikes!*

"Anthony, it has been pure joy to watch you play with the heart and prowess of a lion each time you step on the field. I am so proud of the wonderful young man you've become! I love you Supastar!"
- Shawn Wiseman – Anthony "AY" # 3

"Anthony, I have enjoyed watching you play football since you were 8-yrs old! The game I will remember most is your junior year against Wootton when you were switched to QB. You threw several INT's, but you gained a tremendous amount of character and maturity as an athlete. I look forward to watching you grow in football and in all that life has to offer you. Love Dad"
- Marcus Wiseman – Anthony "AY" # 3

"Way to go Lattimer. You are the BEST! Love always, Dad"
- Buddy Briggs – Roy # 55

"Playing for Whitman is a family tradition. We are extremely proud of how you have represented yourself and our school. Love Mom"
- Barbie Briggs – Roy # 55

"Fulton, we are forever proud. Mom & Dad"
- Sandy and Gloria Gordon – Fulton # 78

"J.D., although you've only been here a short time, you've made a huge impact. It was always a thrill to watch you crush the other team's quarter-back!
- Shawn and Marcus Wiseman - J.D. # 76

"Broken bones heal but a positive attitude is for life. Louis, you are a true team player and we are proud of you!". Your Mom and Dad.
- Remy and Christel Hennet – Louis # 4

We will remember ... "Trying to remove the acrid pungency of practice gear; making "gameday" breakfast sandwiches, lining the field on Thursdays, and the Floyds were all an important part of football for us."
- Barbie & Buddy Briggs – Roy #55

"Adam, it has been wonderful watching you play on the team for the past four years. We are so proud of you. Love, Mom and Dad"
- Paul and Caroline Janov - Adam # 5

"Dear Brian, We are very proud of you and we wish you the happiest memories during your senior year. Love, Mom, Dad and Stephen."
- Bruce and Margie Rodan – Brian # 77

"Anthony, it's been awesome to watch you play football the past four years. You proved that you can do anything if you put your mind to it. We are so proud of you!
- Eric, Sonya and Julya Vekstein – Anthony #68

"We'll always remember Kevin's very precise set-up for each extra point attempt (three steps back, one step to the left) and our relief as the refs held their arms up to signal success."
- Laurie and Steve Horvitz - Kevin # 82

"As a member of the chain gang for the last 3 years, I have been fortunate to experience Will's teammates and coaches from a unique perspective during home games. I feel fortunate to have been a part of the camaraderie, respect, passion, support, and flat out fun that defines the Fighting Vikings Football Family, and I will miss it! Thanks to all of you."
- Mario Greszes – Will # 2

"Every time I attend a game, I am struck with how fortunate Will is to be playing on this team. This experience, which has so enhanced his high school years, will stay with him for a lifetime and I am truly grateful for that."
- Lucy Grantham – Will # 2

"My son, Andrew Tuchman makes me proud because he is the model team player. He may not be the best player on the team but he is second to no one in what it means to be involved and supportive of the team."
- Kathy Tuchman – Andrew # 69

Congratulations on a job well done. You're a special group to me because many of you played for me for 4 years on both JV and Varsity. I appreciate all of your hard work and dedication to this program and wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors."
- Head Coach Jim Kuhn



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Springbrook

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Springbrook returned the kick to their 38 and had a first play run to the 50. Later, a pass over the middle advanced the Devils to the Vikes 34. Junior, Danny Lee changed the pace of the game, sacking the Devil's QB forcing them to punt, giving the Vikings the ball on their own 26. The Vikings' linemen held their blocks and the "Cecala Machine" went back to work, driving to the Springbrook 47. The momentum shifted briefly, after an interception resuscitated the ailing Devils. The ensuing drive put the home team on the scoreboard. But they were unable to tie game... thanks to Young-Wiseman leaping into action and blocking the point after kick.

The Vikings followed up by returning the ensuing kick off. Young-Wiseman ran 90 yards for another Whitman touchdown. The point after kick was good and Whitman maintained the lead 14-6 with the half coming to a close. Springbrook, now more determined, drove the ball inside the Whitman 10 yard line. But THE VIKINGS DEFENSE held and didn't allow the Blue Devils to score. The Vikes entered half time up. 14-6 Whitman.

In the 3rd quarter Springbrook refused to accept defeat. The Devils drove down the field and scored a touch

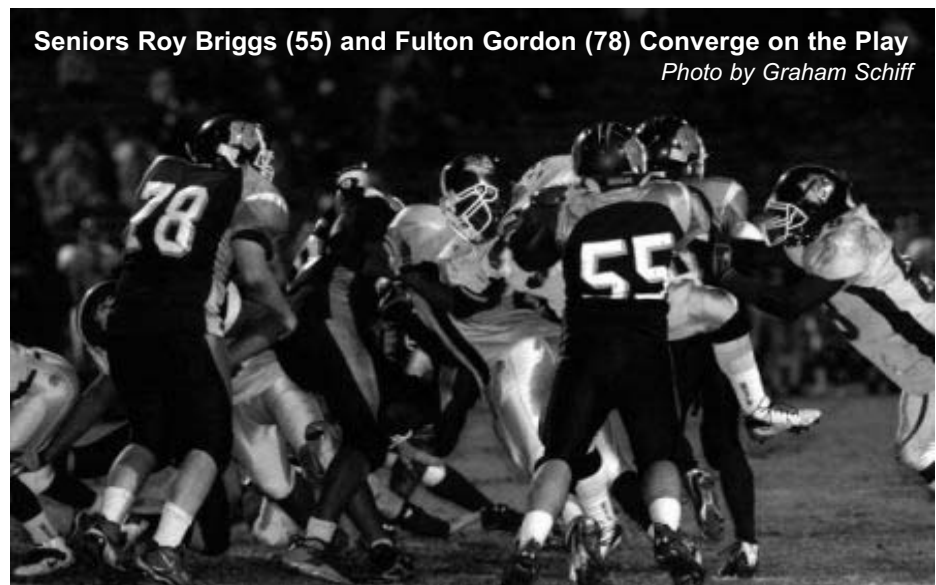
down, but could not earn the 2 point conversion.

The Vikings wore down the Blue Devils with their relentless ground game and ran out the clock. A long drive by Cecala and the O-Line, resulted in TD pass from Kuhn to Kline; followed by another successful PAT. Vikings up 21-12.

The home team remained tenacious as they scored to start off the 4th. With just minutes to go in the game, the Devils were deep in Whitman territory. They threatened by ground and air, but just like at the end of the 2nd quarter, THE VIKINGS DEFENSE Held!

With the score 21-19, the Blue Devils field goal team took the field hoping to edge out the Vikings with a 3 point score. But, the poorly kicked ball was deflected off the hands of Young-Wiseman and into the hands of Senior, Anthony Vekstein who advanced to the Springbrook 37 yard line. A final Cecala run and an off sides penalty, provided a first down for the Vikings. All that remained was for QB Kuhn to take a knee and allow the final few seconds to run off the clock.

An Amazing and well deserved victory for the team. Even though the Vikes went in as underdogs, Coach Kuhn was optimistic. "There were countless big plays in the game, but I think the two that stick out in my mind were Will's interception which we cashed in for our first TD; and Anthony's kickoff



Seniors Roy Briggs (55) and Fulton Gordon (78) Converge on the Play
Photo by Graham Schiff

return for a TD, answering Springbrook's score. I've told the boys each week that we need to get points off turnovers and score on special

teams or defense – we did both on Friday which played a huge role in the win."
GO VIKES!



Coach Kuhn Addresses the Players Following the Game
Photo by Graham Schiff



Senior Anthony Young-Wiseman (3) Returns a Kickoff for a Touchdown
Photo by Graham Schiff



Senior Anthony Vekstein (68) Drags Down the Springbrook Ball Carrier
Photo by Graham Schiff



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Senior Memories - Team Captains

Andrew Tuchman #69 (captain)

What's the most memorable experience of your Whitman football career?

Making the playoffs

Who's had the most impact in your football career?

Swink

What or who will you miss most about Whitman football?

The team, I'm gonna miss this!

What was your toughest game/opponent?

Q.O.

Roy Briggs # 55 (captain)

What's the most memorable experience of your Whitman football career?

Coach Swink's "advice" to Seabass at Salisbury sophomore year

Who's had the most impact in your football career?

Former Viking, Brian Gobish; He's had my back since day one of freshman year.

What or who will you miss most about Whitman football?

Anthony Young-Wiseman. He's quite entertaining during practice.

Final thoughts?

Try to rise up above, keep an eye out for Jake Shorty Wop, One Love

Anthony Young-Wiseman #3 (captain)

What's the most memorable experience of your Whitman football career?

Sophomore year, beating Churchill in overtime!

Who's had the most impact in your football career?

My father's had the most impact on my football career. He inspired me to play football and taught me the love of the game.

What or who will you miss most about Whitman football?

I will miss the good times, my teammates, the coaches and playing on Friday nights. Thanks for all 4-years. Wish I could do it over again!

What was your toughest game/opponent?

Q.O. all 4-years!

Anthony Vekstein #68 (captain)

What's the most memorable experience of your Whitman football career?

The victory over Northwest. I broke my wrist blocking the first punt, and it was my first varsity game. When time ran out, we drenched Coach Kuhn with water.

Who's had the most impact in your football career?

Both Brian Gobish and Johannes Anthony pushed me my Jr. year to work as hard as I could and play to the best of my ability. Every practice if I took a play off; they'd make me pay for it...

What or who will you miss most about Whitman football?

I'm simply going to miss playing football, the friends I made, and the people that helped me get better.

Final thoughts?

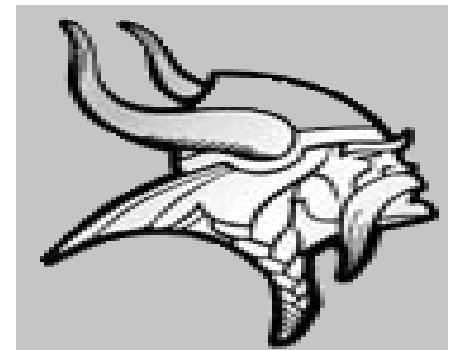
Don't take for granted what's given, because it can be changed at any instant.



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Name	#	Year	Position		Hgt	Wgt
			Off	Def		
Nejad, Sassan	1	11	RB	LB	5'10	198
Greszes, Will	2	12	WR	DB	5'10"	150
Young - Wiseman, Anthony*	3	12	QB	DB	6'1"	190
Hennet, Louis	4	12	WR	DB	5'10"	173
Janov, Adam	5	12	WR	DB	5'8"	150
Kline, Larry	6	11	WR	DB	5'9"	157
Netcliff, Jerail	7	11	WR	DB	6'0"	151
Hyatt, Sean	8	11	RB	LB	5'11"	173
Breves, Jack	9	11	WR	DB	6'1"	138
Parris, Danny	10	10	WR	DB	5'8"	157
Atkinson, Tony	11	10	RB	LB	5'9"	168
Shannahan, Danny	13	11	OL	DL	6'0"	190
Lewis, Justin	15	11	WR	DB	5'10"	160
Kuhn, Henry	17	10	QB	DB	5'11"	156
Kaler, Chris	20	11	WR	DB	6'1"	170
Fraser, Craig	21	11	WR	DB	5'9"	145
Mitri, Jonathan	22	11	WR	DB	5'6"	146
Carson, Jason	23	11	RB	DB	6'0"	155
Cecala, Kevin	24	11	RB	LB	5'11"	188
Davis, Myles	28	10	RB	DB	5'6"	150
Knight, Owen	30	11	WR	DB	5'9"	142
Lee, Danny	31	11	TE	LB	5'11"	223
Price, Dimitry	40	11	RB	LB	5'7"	165
Gruen, Jeff	42	10	TE	LB	6'1"	200
Walker, Christian	44	11	RB	LB	5'9"	205
Soltani, Cameron	45	11	RB	DB	5'9"	165
Mitov, Lubo	53	12	OL	DL	5'10"	220
Nsouli, Ameer	54	11	OL	DL	6'1"	200
Briggs, Roy*	55	12	OL	DL	6"	220
Stevens, Mike	56	10	OL	DL	5'10"	195
Gordon, Connor	58	10	OL	DL	6'2"	191
Hejaziniak, SD	61	11	OL	DL	6'3"	260
Akyuz, Yit	66	11	OL	DL	6'	195
Vekstein, Anthony*	68	12	OL	DL	6'	182
Tuchman, Andrew*	69	12	OL	DL	6'4"	295
Hobby, Alex	71	10	OL	DL	5'11"	196
Schaeffer, Jeff	72	9	OL	DL	6'2"	270
Daryoush, Ned	75	10	OL	DL	6'2"	191
Hamilton, JD	76	12	OL	DL	6'3"	250
Rodan, Brian	77	12	OL	DL	6'0"	250
Gordon, Fulton	78	12	OL	DL	6'0"	280
Nsouli, Samir	79	11	OL	DL	6'1"	210
Mc Curdy, Matt	80	11	WR	DB	5'10"	160
Horvitz, Kevin	82	12	WR	DB	5'10"	160
Dobbs, Jojo	85	11	TE	LB	6'2"	185
Mehta, Amol	89	11	WR	DB	5'8"	151
Hysong, Alex	95	10	RB	LB	5'7"	145

Varsity Head Coach Jim Kuhn

Assistant Coaches John Floyd
Andy Lee
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			Off	Def		
Hendrigsman, Cole	1	10	WR	DB	5'10"	145
Werner, Stephen	2		WR	DB	5' 9"	155
Riz, Peter	4	9	WR	DB	5'6"	124
Fomum Mugri, George	5	10	RB	DB	5'5"	120
Marca, Andy	6	9	WR	DL	5'7"	125
Kuhn, Henry	7	10	QB	DB	5'11"	156
Oshinsky, Sam	8	10	WR	DB	5'7"	140
D'Elia, Ben	9	10	WR	DB	5'2"	111
Nejad, Arsalan	10	9	WR	DB	5'7"	137
Biel, Josh	11	9	WR	DB	5'7"	120
Bissell, Connor	13	9	WR	DB	5'3"	125
Cinkala, Justin	15	10	WR	DB	5'6"	115
Tolbert, Sean	16	10	WR	DB	5'9"	132
Parris, Danny	20	10	WR	DB	5'8"	157
Slayen, Ryan	21	10	WR	RB	5'9"	125
Hyatt, Connor	23	9	RB	LB	5'6"	159
Doran, Leo	24	10	RB	LB	5'11"	160
Djidotor, Rico	25	9	RB	LB	5'5"	134
Golightly, Nathan	29	9	WR	DB	6'0"	145
Fonseca, Victor	30		RB	LB		
Gruen, Jeff	32	10	TE	LB	6'1"	200
Orr, Andy	33	9	WR	DB	5'6"	123
Davis, Myles	34	10	RB	DB	5'6"	150
Peterson, Alex	36	9	RB	LB	5'8"	152
Atkinson, Tony	37	10	RB	LB	5'9"	168
Gordon, Connor	43	9	RB	LB	6'	150
Scholl, Tommy	44	9	TE	DL	6'1"	154
Roberson, Darrian	45	10	RB	LB	5'10"	200
Taginya, Yasha	51	9	OL	DL	5'8"	181
Craft, Max	56	10	OL	DL	6'	230
Stevens, Mike	58	10	OL	DL	5'10"	195
Dunn, Michael	59	9	OL	DL	5'8"	160
Collado, Elvin	61	9	OL	DL	5'1"	150
Daryoush, Ned	62	9	OL	DL	6'2"	191
Mino-Olivares, Andrei	63	9	OL	DL	5'5"	134
Mundy, Connor	64	9	OL	DL	5'7"	155
Bloom, Nathaniel	65	9	OL	DL	5'8"	155
Weiss, Ben	66	10	OL	DL	5'4"	142
Kreutzberg, Brent	67	9	OL	DL	5'5"	155
Einwaechter, Kyle	69	9	OL	DL	5'9"	220
Hanessian, Weston	71	9	OL	DL	5'9"	174
Schaeffer, Jeff	72	9	OL	DL	6'2"	270
Graves, Luke	73	9	OL	DL	5'10"	175
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Cohen, Adam	97	10	RB	DB	5'8"	150
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King, J T		10	OL	DL	6'	223
Sayada, Raphael		9	OL	DL	5'7"	140
Yamamoto, Zach		10	OL	DL	5'11"	195

JV Head Coach Dave "Slick" Fyock
Assistant Coaches Dan Wolff, Derek Manon, Jim Baker

Senior Memories

Will Greszes #2

What's the most memorable experience of your Whitman football career?

Beating Northwest at Northwest my junior year.

Who's had the most impact in your football career?

Coach Lee: I learned to SHOCK AND SHED, PUNCH AND REPLACE; and realized the importance of CARRY-OVER.

What or who will you miss most about Whitman football?

The camaraderie

Final Thoughts?

Have fun with this, because it doesn't last as long as you think.

Jourdane "JD" Hamilton #76

What's the most memorable experience of your Whitman football career?

B-CC game where I went ballistic and the Northwest game when I was flying around.

Who's had the most impact in your football career?

Roy Briggs has mentored me as a fellow defensive lineman and helped me stay fresh.

What or who will you miss most about Whitman football?

I'll miss "AY" and Lubo. They always know how to make me laugh.

What was your toughest game/opponent?

Wootton



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Brian Rodan #77

What's the most memorable experience of your Whitman football career?

Surviving the gruesome experience of 2-a-days.

Who's had the most impact in your football career?

All my teammates have had such an impact on my football career. From pushing me to the brink of my abilities, to keeping me going; to even getting me to rejoin the team from my injury as a freshman.

What or who will you miss most about Whitman football?

The camaraderie of the "football brotherhood". The feeling of having a family as a team, that as Coach Kuhn says, "Goes to war with you every Friday".

Final thoughts?

Nothing compares to the responsibility and determination of a football player, let alone a football team.

Louis Hennet #4

What's the most memorable experience of your Whitman football career?

Catching a toss reverse pass for a TD against Wootton my sophomore year. I was so nervous, I did not realize I had scored until my teammates jumped on me.

Who's had the most impact in your football career?

Coach Kuhn. He has been my head coach for 4-years and given me opportunities to learn and succeed.

What or who will you miss most about Whitman football?

The feeling of playing under the lights with my teammates.

What was your toughest game/opponent?

Q.O.



Senior Memories

Fulton Gordon #78

What's the most memorable experience of your Whitman football career?

Ross, relieving himself during sprints

Who's had the most impact in your football career?

Parents, Coach Kuhn for pushing me

What or who will you miss most about Whitman football?

The players, coaches.

Final thoughts?

"Thankful I didn't get hurt"

Adam Janov #5

What's the most memorable experience of your Whitman football career?

Beating Northwest Junior year

Who's had the most impact in your football career?

Coach Lee, because he made me work hard

What or who will you miss most about Whitman football?

Camaraderie

Final thoughts?

"I will miss football"

Lubo "Rock" Mitov # 3

What's the most memorable experience of your Whitman football career?

Beating Damascus 6-2 my sophomore year on JV. Coach Kuhn called on Larry to run out of the end zone so we could get a safety and kick from further down the field pinning the Hornets deep in their own territory.

Who's had the most impact in your football career?

Coach Slick. He's the only one to ever believe in me. So, I worked very hard for him. Brian Gobish was the one player who kept me in line.

What or who will you miss most about Whitman football?

I'll miss getting Coach Floyd mad, and the feeling of going home Friday nights with a victory.

Final Thoughts?

If I could do it again, I would've worked harder to reach the potential I never hit.

Kevin Horvitz #82

What's the most memorable experience of your Whitman football career?

The first time I brought a play into the huddle against Northwest and couldn't remember the play.

Who's had the most impact in your football career?

Coach Kuhn gave me the opportunity to join football as the beginning of my Junior year. He also gave me an opportunity to succeed.

What or who will you miss most about Whitman football?

The locker room after a big win

What was your toughest game/opponent?

Wootton



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE VIKINGS CLASS OF 2009

JV Gets the Blue Devil Blues

By Don Mayhew
Staff Writer

Silver Spring, MD - The Junior Varsity Vikes played out their hearts against the Springbrook Blue Devils last Saturday morning. Captains, Scholl, Slayten, Cinkala and Llewellyn won the coin toss.

From this point on, it is important to remember the unbearably hot days of August when the players showed up at school for running and weight lifting; the days when parents shifted vacation plans and the players wished that they could just go hang out with their friends. It's time to think of the times that the coaches put



aside their summer hopes to be with the players.

There were many outstanding, courageous plays by the JV team on this day, most by those whose names have been earlier recorded here; but seeing the Whitman sideline makes one know that there is a new day at Whitman. Wherein the varsity players come back to see the JV and cheer them on. Parents come to be present and coaches say things like; "Keep your heads up! You have worked hard to get here. I'm proud of you. Don't let this spoil your weekend. Sherwood is heavily favored to beat us, but let's go out with a bang!"

After that, there was a team huddle, and the last words heard were, "Beat Sherwood!!" Vikes fell 20-2.



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