



# Bloomington-Normal Bridge Newsletter

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## October Events

**Monday Morning Duplicate games at the First Christian Church located at Jefferson and Lee streets near downtown Bloomington starting at 11:45AM:**

**October 1 – open pairs**

**October 8 – open pairs**

**October 15 – open pairs**

**October 22 – open pairs**

**October 29 – open pairs**

**Contact Betty Capodice at 309-827-3318 for information or to arrange for a partner.**

**Mike's Bridge Club schedule:**

**Monday, October 1, 6:15PM - 99ers only pairs – Knights of Columbus**

**Tuesday, October 2, 6:15PM – open pairs – Heartland**

**Wednesday, October 3, 1:15PM – 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Knights of Columbus**

**Thursday, October 4, 11:45AM – open pairs– Knights of Columbus**

**Saturday, October 6 , 11:45AM – open pairs – Westminster**

**Monday, October 8, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs – Heartland**

**Tuesday, October 9, 6:15PM – open pairs – Heartland**

**Wednesday, October 10, 1:15PM – 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Knights of Columbus**

**Thursday, October 11, 11:45AM – open pairs– Knights of Columbus**

**Saturday, October 13, NO GAME – TOURNAMENT in Springfield**

**Monday, October 15, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs - Heartland**

**Tuesday, October 16, 6:15PM – open pairs – Heartland**

**Wednesday, October 17, 1:15PM – 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Knights of Columbus**

**Thursday, October 18, 11:45AM – quarterly club championship open pairs– Knights of Columbus**

**Saturday, October 20, 11:45AM – open pairs – Westminster**

**Monday, October 22, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs - Heartland**

**Tuesday, October 23, 6:15PM – open pairs – Heartland**

**Wednesday, October 24, 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Knights of Columbus**

**Thursday, October 25, 11:45AM – open pairs– Knights of Columbus**

**Saturday, October 27, 11:45AM – open pairs – Westminster**

**Monday, October 29, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs - Heartland**

**Tuesday, October 30, 6:15PM – open pairs – Heartland**

**Wednesday, October 31, 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Knights of Columbus**

**Contact Mike Tomlianovich at 309-825-5823 for information or to arrange for a partner.**

**All game results are posted online: [clubresults.acbl.org](http://clubresults.acbl.org)**

**Post game online discussions of deals are available at: [mikesbridge.blogspot.com](http://mikesbridge.blogspot.com)**

**All games sanctioned by the American Contract Bridge League.**

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**The Bloomington-Normal "Top 25" Masterpoint holders**  
 As of 9/1/2012 – residents of Bloomington-Normal only – paid up ACBL members only

- 1    3,437.13 Betty Capodice
- 2    2,818.07 Steve Babin
- \*\*\* 2,557.18 Laura Addison
- 3    1,900.10 Mike Tomlianovich
- 4    1,855.90 Zack Freehill
- \*\*\* 1,735.61 Steve Hawthorne
- 5    1,607.81 Hank Hoffman
- \*\*\* 1,398.35 Sharad Chitgopekar
- 6    1,450.22 Eunice Patton
- \*\*\* 1,320.43 Ed Lombard
- 7    1,392.92 Dewey Gronau
- 8    1,171.72 Stan Gutzman
- \*\*\* 1,091.94 Marian Edmunds
- 9    1,088.35 Jeanne Strand
- 10   1,071.11 Ivey Weaver
- 11     952.35 Jean Barnett
- 12     903.56 Charlie Morton
- 13     867.93 Ann Schuyler
- \*\*\* 792.95 Don Strand
- 14     816.87 Randall Motchan
- \*\*\* 780.34 Jack Kessler
- 15     792.97 Glen Beaman
- 16     758.65 Henrietta Crain
- \*\*\* 741.06 Pearl Harris
- \*\*\* 610.73 Martin Compton
- 17     607.04 Peg Deutsch
- 18     572.64 Dennis Moll
- \*\*\* 567.22 Ruth Wettaw
- 19     570.80 Ann Farnsworth
- \*\*\* 481.88 Bev Upp
- \*\*\* 474.92 Nona Wooley
- 20     517.35 Dave Freehill
- 21     475.39 Steve Wulfers
- 22     461.74 Bob Smith
- 23     403.08 Bev Meginnes
- 24     379.33 Stevie Joslin
- 25     347.14 Bret Van Fleet
- \*\*\* deceased

**Other players:**

- \*\*\* 12,741.55 Dick Benson-LeRoy
- 10,879.01 Chris Benson-LeRoy
- \*\*\* 4,073.45 Alan Wienman-Morton
- 3,960.48 Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap
- 3,882.26 Larry Matheny-Colorado
- 3,356.43 Carl Brueckner-Champaign
- 3,294.07 Ron Sholes-Springfield
- 2,847.32 Leonard Kaufman-Peoria
- 2,430.66 Georgia Heth-Morton
- 2,412.51 Gail Moon-Tennessee
- 2,457.15 Liz Zalar-Springfield
- 2,444.74 Kish Devaraj-Georgia
- 2,339.49 Paul Lindauer-Varna
- 2,227.28 Chuck Zalar-Springfield
- 2,161.56 Carole Sholes-Springfield
- 2,150.84 Ray Russ-Henry
- 2,057.14 Joanne Glazebrook-Peoria
- 1,980.59 Margaret Hansell-Champaign
- 1,937.23 Terry Goodykoontz-Champaign
- \*\*\* 1,776.22 John Burdon
- 1,571.76 Tim Cull-Arizona
- 1,508.67 Bobbie Straker-Pekin
- 1,443.91 Marilyn Stickel-Lacon
- 1,246.96 Jim Moon-Tennessee
- 1,118.00 John Maloney-Champaign
- 1,051.93 Donna Kaufman-Peoria
- \*\*\* 916.41 Floyd Sherry-Eureka
- 909.60 Ron Emmett
- 863.56 Camilla Rabjohns-Peoria Heights
- 793.85 Bev Fast-Peoria
- 756.47 Phil Kenney-Eureka
- 632.54 Bill Carley-Peoria
- 605.63 Bill Bulfer-East Peoria
- 594.82 Carole Miller-Champaign
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#1

When playing in a team event you try to avoid going for a huge set and you certainly don't want a double-game swing. I watched this one on-line and it was exciting.

Scoring: IMPs (Teams)

#12-19	♠	West	North	East	South
Dir S	♥ Q64				4♣
Vul BOTH	♦ AQJ5432	Pass	5♣	5♣	Pass
	♣ 982	Pass	6♣	DBL	Pass
♣ K10743	□	Pass	Pass		
♥ J10832					
♦ 10					
♣ 74					
	♣ AQJ9652				
	♥ AK75				
	♦ K				
	♣ Q				
	♣ 8				
	♥ 9				
	♦ 9876				
	♣ AKJ10653				

**BIDDING:** South started this wild ride by opening a preempt at the 4-level. North raised to game and then East got involved. North chose not to defend and carried on to 6♣ and East ended the auction with a double.

**Play:** West led the ten of diamonds and declarer rose with the ace. It was now a simple task to draw trumps and claim all thirteen tricks. At the other table East bought the contract at 5♣. He lost only two tricks so this meant the team was +1740 at one table and +650 at the other for a 20 IMP swing!

Whose fault was this disaster? Should West have pulled the double to 6♣? Should East not double? I suspect they are still discussing it.

#2

The preemptive bid is a two-edged sword; sometimes it works and sometimes you push the

opponents into the winning contract.

Scoring: IMPs (Teams)

#12-20	♠ 10	West	North	East	South
Dir N	♥ 65432		Pass	Pass	2♣
Vul none	♦ 93	3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass*
	♣ Q10983	Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
♠ KQJ9762	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; display: inline-block;"></div>	Pass	Pass	Pass	
♥ K10		Pass			
♦ 76					
♣ 76					
	♠ 843				
	♥ J8				
	♦ AJ10852				
	♣ 54				
	♠ A5	*forcin			
	♥ AQ97	g			
	♦ KQ4				
	♣ AKJ2				

**BIDDING:** The auction accelerated quickly after South's opening bid. East raised his partner's preempt and South made a forcing pass showing a balanced hand. North bid 4NT showing two places to land and South bid his lowest suit. North was happy to pass.

**Play:** West led the king of spades won by the ace. Declarer drew trumps and was soon able to claim eleven tricks, losing one diamond and one heart. At the other table E/W remained silent and N/S was allowed to declare 3NT ending down two after a spade opening lead.

It's difficult to place too much blame but I'm sure there was some discussion when the results were compared.

#3

When searching for a suit contract it is considered desirable to settle in a trump suit containing (at least) eight cards. However, there are times when you must make do with only seven.

Scoring: IMPs (Teams)

#12-21	♠ 1095	West	North	East	South
Dir N	♥ Q4		Pass	Pass	1♣
Vul none	♦ K962	1♥	2♣	2♥	2♣
	♣ KJ95	Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
♠ J76	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; display: inline-block;"></div>	Pass	Pass	Pass	
♥ AK876		Pass			
♦ 1074					
♣ 107					
	♠ K84				
	♥ 10953				
	♦ QJ85				
	♣ 63				
	♠ AQ32				
	♥ J2				
	♦ A3				
	♣ AQ842				

**BIDDING:** The bidding was routine until North's spade raise. Most bridge books say it is wrong to raise partner's second bid suit without 4-card support. That is, unless you have already denied holding four cards in the suit. If North was in possession of four spades, he would have made a negative double over the heart overcall. So South expected only 3-card support and tried for the spade game with only seven trumps.


**Play:** West led the top two hearts and then switched to a diamond. Declarer won the king and led a spade to the queen. When this held the trick, he continued with a low spade won by West. The diamond continuation was won with the ace followed by the ace of spades. When the suit divided 3-3, the game was made.

At the other table N/S reached a game contract in clubs and lost the obvious three tricks.

#4

Bidding would be a lot easier if those nasty opponents never intervened. But, in real life they can make things difficult for you. In this hand, West stuck in a preemptive bid.

**Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)**

#12-22	♠ 85	West	North	East	South
Dir E	♥ K53			Pass	1♣
Vul none	♦ K6	3♣	5♣	Pass	Pass
	♣ AKJ976	Pass			
♣ KQJ9764					
♥ 104					
♦ 1085					
♣ 2					
	♣ A102				
	♥ AQ87				
	♦ 94				
	♣ Q1054				

**BIDDING:** North wasn't certain how to continue over West's preempt but finally bid what he hoped would make.

**Play:** West led the king of spades to declarer's ace. Since it was very likely that East held the ace of diamonds, declarer could not allow West to obtain the lead and make the fatal switch. Declarer saw some hope in the heart suit. He drew two rounds of trumps followed by the top three hearts. When West discarded a spade on the third heart, the bidding and play suggested that East started with 1-4-6-2 distribution. Declarer now led the last heart and discarded dummy's spade. East won but had to concede a diamond to dummy's king. An opening diamond lead would have doomed the contract.

Surprisingly, in a local game not one N/S pair reached the superior contract of 3NT. There are ten easy tricks when played from the North hand. This proves once again that preempts work.

# **Springfield IL - See the Leaves Fall Sectional Tournament October 12, 13, 14, 2012**

**Friday, October 12th**

**Stratified Single Session Pair Events 1:00 – 7:00 P.M.**

**Saturday, October 13th**

**0 – 200 Player Recognition Morning!!**

**Easy Bridge Special Speaker Ann Caparros 8:30 A.M.**

**Limited Point Single Session Pairs (0 – 200) NEW! 9:00 A.M.**

**Stratified Two Session Pair Event 1:00 – 7:00 P.M.**

**Sunday, October 14th**

**Stratified Swiss Teams, including lunch. 10:30 A.M.**

**Stratification: Flight A: 2000MPs+, Flight B: 500 – 2000 MPs, Flight C: NLM 0 - 500 MPs.**

**Averaging for all events if possible.**

## **Location:**

**American Legion Hall, 206 W Chestnut St., Chatham, IL 62629**

**Driving from the north, exit from I55 onto I72 south of Springfield and travel west. Take the Rte 4 exit and drive south approximately 3 miles to the town of Chatham. OR**

**Driving from the south, exit from I55 at Exit #88 Chatham/East Lake Drive and travel west about one mile. Turn right onto Chatham Road and travel about 2 miles. Turn left at Rte 4 (N Main St).**

**Drive 2 blocks to Chestnut Street and turn right. The Hall is on the southwest corner of the square.**

**Nearby hotels include The Fairfield Inn (1-800-228-2800); The Courtyard (1-800-321-2211); The Staybridge Inn (217-793-6700); Sleep Inn (1-800-4CHOICE)**

**NOTE: Unit 208 has established a fragrance-free policy. You are requested to refrain from wearing perfume, cologne, aftershave and similar products for the comfort of all players. Your cooperation is appreciated.**

**Tournament Chair: Liz Zalar Phone: 217-836-8066**

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<b>2012/09/29</b>	<b>73.75%</b>	<b>Asher Kach &amp; Aaron Hanford</b>
<b>2012/09/26</b>	<b>73.44%</b>	<b>Joe Krause &amp; John Sheen(NLMers)</b>
<b>2012/09/24</b>	<b>70.62%</b>	<b>Melissa Paschold &amp; Mike Gross(99ers)</b>
<b>2012/08/29</b>	<b>72.22%</b>	<b>Vi Kothe &amp; Dorothy Berg(NLMers)</b>
<b>2012/08/15</b>	<b>72.78%</b>	<b>Carol Denny &amp; Mary Houska(NLMers)</b>
<b>2012/08/15</b>	<b>72.78%</b>	<b>Mary Tweedie &amp; Cindy Moore(NLMers)</b>
<b>2012/08/01</b>	<b>72.78%</b>	<b>Cindy Moore &amp; Jerry Oswald(NLMers)</b>
<b>2012/07/25</b>	<b>75.00%</b>	<b>Nancy Callis &amp; Sallie Boge(NLMers)</b>
<b>2012/06/18</b>	<b>72.22%</b>	<b>Melissa Paschold/Bev Branning &amp; Mike Gross(99ers)</b>
<b>2012/06/18</b>	<b>71.67%</b>	<b>Dorothy Berg &amp; Joyce Werner(99ers)</b>
<b>2012/05/16</b>	<b>78.89%</b>	<b>Jason Cannell &amp; Jerry Oswald(NLMers)</b>
<b>2012/05/09</b>	<b>71.11%</b>	<b>Don Randall &amp; Dan Liu(NLMers)</b>
<b>2012/05/02</b>	<b>76.11%</b>	<b>Bob Bye &amp; Jason Cannell(NLMers)</b>
<b>2012/04/25</b>	<b>70.15%</b>	<b>Roberta Weddig &amp; Joe Krause(NLMers)</b>
<b>2012/04/18</b>	<b>79.17%</b>	<b>Carol Denny &amp; Gaye Hoselton(NLMers)</b>
<b>2012/04/11</b>	<b>70.56%</b>	<b>Lou Savage &amp; Jim Fernstrom(NLMers)</b>
<b>2012/04/02</b>	<b>72.65%</b>	<b>Dorothy Berg &amp; Joyce Werner(99ers)</b>
<b>2012/03/15</b>	<b>75.46%</b>	<b>Mike Tomlianovich &amp; Steve Babin</b>
<b>2012/02/22</b>	<b>70.56%</b>	<b>Joyce &amp; Bob Clay(NLMers)</b>
<b>2012/02/09</b>	<b>72.92%</b>	<b>Eunice Patton &amp; Jeff Furler</b>



# BRIDGE BITES

## from: The American Contract Bridge League

By: Brian Gunnell

### #85 – DON'T BE FOOLED!

	♠ Q973 ♥ QJ98 ♦ J943 ♣ A	
♠ JT86 ♥ K4 ♦ AQ5 ♣ QT32	North  West East  Declarer	♠ K542 ♥ 32 ♦ T82 ♣ 9864
	♠ A ♥ AT765 ♦ K76 ♣ KJ75	

*E-W Vulnerable*

	South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	3♥	Pass	
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass	

In a problem-solving mood? Then cover up S-E and look only at the N-W hands. As West, you lead the ♠J and the defense must somehow conjure up four tricks. But be warned! Declarer is a tricky fellow, and some flim-flam is not entirely out of the question.

The ♠J opening lead is covered by the Queen, King, Ace. Declarer leads a Club to Dummy's ♣A, and then takes the losing Heart finesse. After winning the ♥K it is time for West to ponder a while. Where will the defense find three more tricks?

Can the defense cash three Diamonds? Probably not, Declarer is favorite to hold the ♦K and, anyway, there's no rush, those Diamonds aren't going anywhere. It looks like there is a Spade to cash (based on the play of the ♠Q at Trick 1), but that also can wait. So you exit safely with a Heart and await developments. Declarer wins that in Dummy and leads a Diamond to his King and your Ace. Now what?

At this point it might seem obvious for West to cash the ♠T and the ♦Q for down one. But by now you should be getting suspicious. Why hasn't Declarer led a Spade to the board, setting up Dummy's Nine for a Diamond pitch? The reason is that Declarer doesn't have a second Spade! That squandering of the Queen at Trick 1 was a clever ruse, designed to fool you. The only way to beat the contract now is to lead a casual *low* Diamond, hoping that Declarer will misguess and finesse the Diamond Nine. He probably will, and that will be down one! A fiendishly deceptive play is foiled by sound logic.

### #86 – THE KEY CARD

	♠ 3 ♥ AKQ2 ♦ AK95 ♣ A765	
♠ KQT9852 ♥ 5 ♦ 8 ♣ K982	North  West    East  Declarer	♠ J ♥ T43 ♦ QJT7642 ♣ JT
	♠ A764 ♥ J9876 ♦ 3 ♣ Q43	

West opens 3♠ and eventually South becomes Declarer in 6♥. West's opening lead is the ♠K, won by Declarer's Ace. Looking just at the N-S hands, Declarer can count four side-suits tricks, with a fifth available if the ♠K is with East. That means that he will need to score 7 or 8 trump tricks if he is to make his slam. And with East sure to be out of Spades by now, any Spade ruffs will have to be high. How do you make 12 tricks?

One possibility is to hope for 2-2 trumps and for East to have the ♠K. In that case, trumps are drawn, and Declarer gets up to 12 with five trumps in his hand, five side-suit tricks and two Spade ruffs on the board. That's not a good plan ...



firstly, as West has extreme Spade length, he is likely to have less than his share of the Hearts ... secondly, this line requires the ♠K with East, and those readers who have peeked at the E-W hands can see that this is not the case.

Better, but still not good enough, is to arrange for two high Spade ruffs, and to pick up trumps by finessing against East's Ten. That caters for the 3-1 trumps, but it's down one when the ♠K is offside. The route to success is to ruff *three* Spades high in Dummy: win the ♠A, cross to the ♣A, finesse the Heart Nine, ruff a Spade, cash ♦AK (pitching a Club from hand), and then merrily cross-ruff the hand. That well-timed line of play works against most distributions, requiring only that East has the ♥T. *That's* the key card on this deal, not the ♠K!

### #87 – BLUFF & DOUBLE-BLUFF

	♠ QT3 ♥ T7 ♦ QJT95 ♣ A98	
♠ A872 ♥ A84 ♦ 832 ♣ T75	<i>North</i>  <i>West</i> <i>East</i>  <i>Declarer</i>	♠ K95 ♥ Q652 ♦ 764 ♣ QJ3
	♠ J64 ♥ KJ93 ♦ AK ♣ K642	

*E-W Vulnerable*

<i>South</i>	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South opens a 15-17 1NT, opposite which a 9-point hand is very much on the borderline between bidding game and inviting game. But North's 9-pointer is a particularly fine specimen, what with that 5-card suit and all those lovely Tens, so in this case North has no qualms whatsoever about bidding 3NT directly.

West's opening lead is his 4<sup>th</sup> best Spade to East's King. East returns the Spade Nine and, in this situation, it sometimes pays for West to duck the trick, thereby

maintaining communications between the E-W hands (so that East still has a Spade to lead if and when he gets in again). But here that is not necessary. West has the ♥A as a fast entry and has no need to duck the second Spade. So, West wins the ♠A and leads a third round, won by Dummy's Queen.

At this point, Declarer has 8 top tricks and must guess the Heart suit correctly if she is to make her contract. When she leads a Heart from Dummy should she play the King or the Jack? It may seem like a pure guess, but in fact Declarer has a clue. West didn't duck that second Spade! Presumably he didn't think it was necessary, and the strong inference is that West has a fast entry, namely the ♥A. So Declarer finesses the Jack and brings home her contract!

If West is a truly devious fellow (and many bridge players are) then he might duck the second Spade anyway, even though it is unnecessary. That could prompt an alert Declarer to conclude that West has no fast entry, and therefore that the ♥A must be with East. In that case, Declarer hops up with the King and goes down one! Then again, if Declarer knows that West is of the devious persuasion, she might smell a rat and guess right anyway. And if West guesses that Declarer will smell a rat then he might ...

### #88 – PROTECTING PARTNER'S ENTRY

	♠ K4 ♥ KT32 ♦ J876 ♣ KQ5	
♠ QJT83	<i>North</i>	♠ 975

♥ 64 ♦ Q32 ♣ 876	West East  Declarer	♥ QJ97 ♦ A4 ♣ JT94
	♠ A62 ♥ A85 ♦ KT95 ♣ A32	

Both Vulnerable  
**South West North East**  
 1NT Pass 3NT Pass  
 Pass Pass

A combined 27 HCP is usually plenty for a 3NT contract, but here the N-S hands did not fit well together. Even so, East needed to keep his wits about him if he was to beat the contract. But, sadly for E-W, East's wits deserted him at the

crucial moment. See if you can do better.

Against 3NT West led the ♠Q which held the trick. Dummy's King won the second Spade, the Diamond finesse lost to West's Queen, then back came another Spade, won by Declarer's Ace. Now, when Declarer conceded a trick to the ♦A, East was out of Spades, so West's Spade winners were useless and Declarer romped home with 9 tricks.

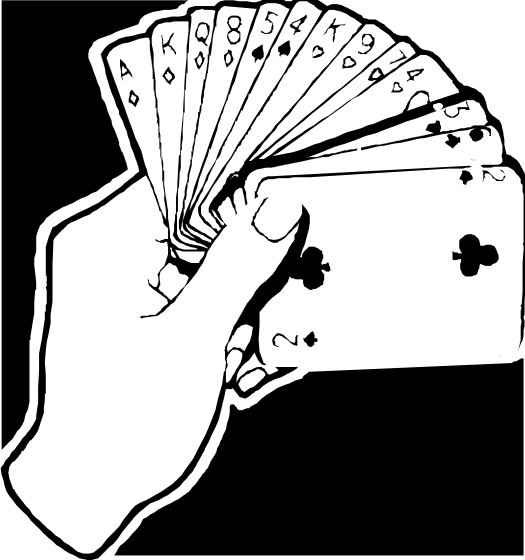
Declarer played her part well by holding up on the first Spade, in an attempt to disrupt the E-W communications, but East overlooked an effective counter-measure. With South opening a 15-17 1NT, East knew that his partner had a maximum of five HCP, and three of those had already shown up in the Spade suit. West's only possible entry to the long Spades was the ♦Q, and it was East's job to protect that entry for use later in the hand, when the Spades had been established. The way to do that was to disregard the old adage of "second hand low" and to grab the ♦A on the first round of the suit. Now, after the ♠A is knocked out, it is West who wins the second round of Diamonds and can cash his Spades for down one. Alert play by those Easts who hopped up with the ♦A!

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**Remember: All Bloomington-Normal duplicate events adhere to the ACBL's zero tolerance for unacceptable behavior. Do NOT let this person's conduct rub off on you!!**

**Upcoming tournaments:**



**Springfield Fall Sectional  
October 12-14, 2012  
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