

# Bloomington-Normal Bridge Newsletter

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## June Events



**Bloomington-Normal Duplicate games at the First Christian Church located at Jefferson and Lee streets near downtown Bloomington starting at 11:00AM:**

**All games cancelled due to COVID-19. Please play at Bridge Base Online(BBO) at these times:**

**Mondays, 12:10pm – open pairs  
Tuesdays, 6:50pm – 299ers only pairs  
Wednesdays, 6:50pm – open pairs  
Thursdays, 12:10pm – 99ers only pairs  
Thursdays, 6:50pm – open pairs  
Saturdays, 12:10pm – open pairs  
Sundays, 6:50pm – open pairs**

**Contact Lori Moore at 309-838-8085 for more information.**

**Mike's Bridge Club schedule – ALL games at Centennial Christian Church, 1219 E. Grove St, Bloomington, unless otherwise noted:**

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**Contact Mike Tomlianovich at 309-825-5823 for more information.**

**All game results are posted online: <http://live.acbl.org/>  
All games sanctioned by the American Contract Bridge League.**



## **The Bloomington-Normal "Top 25" Masterpoint holders**

**As of 5/6/2020 – residents of Bloomington-Normal only  
paid up ACBL members only**



1	4,147.97	Steve Babin
2	3,443.22	Zack Freehill
3	3,192.74	Eunice Patton
4	3,159.93	JoAnn Schroeder
5	2,612.63	Cindy Moore
6	2,305.48	Ann Schuyler
7	2,299.48	Mike Tomlianovich
8	2,080.08	Lori Moore
9	1,795.40	Ron Emmett
10	1,533.60	Jeff Furler
11	1,312.94	Joyce Clay
12	1,272.27	Jeanne Strand
13	1,161.80	Ivey Weaver
14	1,096.19	Steve Wulfers
15	995.47	Randall Motchan
16	830.65	Dave Freehill
17	675.72	Sallie Boge
18	658.87	Ray Dostal
19	543.47	Mary Tweedie
20	520.90	Fred Spitzzeri
21	516.50	Mary Cralley
22	428.30	John Cralley
23	334.77	Chris Zogg
24	314.06	Joyce Werner
25	301.00	Larry Eggan

### **Other players:**

12,799.66	Chris Benson-LeRoy
5,453.22	Larry Matheny-Colorado
5,303.58	John Seng-Champaign
4,059.91	Leonard Kaufman-Peoria
3,269.46	Mary Allen-Peoria
2,689.15	Pat Carrington-Champaign
2,664.61	Margaret Hansell-Champaign
2,588.82	Georgia Heth-Morton
2,527.17	Hank Hoffman-East Peoria
2,388.37	John Maloney-Champaign
2,030.70	Chuck Young-Peoria
1,973.90	Marilyn Stickel-Lacon
1,514.99	Bill Bulfer-East Peoria
1,296.44	Dan Bunde-Champaign
1,098.27	Wes Seitz-Champaign
919.65	Bill Strauss-Urbana
762.10	Carole Miller-Champaign
683.57	Darryl Bremner-Clinton
656.53	Bill Thompson-Champaign
649.54	Melda Richardson-California
571.59	Lane O'Connor-Naperville
481.99	Kirk Kimmel-Peoria
440.70	Linda Odette-Palisade,CO
369.73	John Ford-Harvard,MA
334.55	Ron Sinn-Peoria
332.44	Connie Tucker-Champaign



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#1 -

In competitive auctions, a no-trump bid can be used to show several types of hands. As this hand shows, it is frequently used to show two suits.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

		West	North	East	South
Hand 19-31	♠ AQ7642	-	-	3♠	Pass
	♥ KQ10875	4♠	4NT	Pass	5♠
Vul N/S	♣ Q	Pass	6♦	Pass	6♥
		Pass	Pass	Pass	

♠ Q3		♠ KJ108742
♥ 103	□	♥ 5
♦ A43		♦ J92
♣ J107654		♣ K8
		♠ A965
		♥ KJ98
		♦ 6
		♣ A932

**Bidding:** East started the auction with a preempt. South had values but the wrong distribution to enter the auction. West continued the preempt and North's 4NT bid showed a two-suited hand. With support for the other three suits, he would have made a takeout double. South felt he was too strong to settle for the five-level, so he bid 5♠ asking North to show his suits. North bid 6♦ bid to show hearts and diamonds. With clubs and diamonds, he would have bid clubs. South's 6♥ ended the auction.

**Play:** West led the queen of spades to declarer's ace. Next, A low diamond was led toward dummy and West grabbed his ace. It was now simple for declarer to win the return, draw trumps, and claim the slam.

#2 –

Preemptive bidding can cloud the water making it unclear who can make what. In this team game, different decisions were made.

Scoring: IMPs (Teams)

		West	North	East	South
Hand 19-32	♠ 976	3♣	Pass	3♥	3♠
	♥ 109732	Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Vul N/S	♦ AJ104	Pass			
	♣ A				
♠ Q10		♠ 4			
♥ 6		♥ AKQJ5			
♦ 962		♦ KQ85			
♣ KJ105432		♣ 986			
		♠ AKJ8532			
	♥ 84				
	♦ 73				
	♣ Q7				

**Bidding:** After West's preempt, East bid 4♥. This was an attempt to win the contract or to obtain a heart lead if they defended. South introduced his long spade suit and North raised to game. At this table East decided defeating the spade contract was a better choice than bidding clubs.

**Play:** West led his singleton heart to the jack. East cashed the ace of hearts and then led the king. Declarer had to trump this; discarding his diamond loser would not help since East would next lead a fourth heart. He finally chose to trump with the jack, but West won with the queen of spades. West exited with a club to dummy's ace. The trumps fell in one round after which a club was ruffed in dummy. Next, declarer led the ten of hearts and didn't matter when East covered, declarer could get back to dummy to discard his losing diamond on a good heart. He lost only two hearts and one heart overruff for a score of +620.

At the other table, West bid to 5C doubled by North. This declarer lost to the three aces for down one for -100. This meant a net profit of 520 and a swing of eleven IMPs.

#3 –

The experienced bridge player will consider a finesse as a last resort. This declarer avoided a finesse and instead used an elimination play to generate an extra trick.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

	West	North	East	South
Hand 19-33	-	-	-	2NT
Vul N/S	Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
	Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥
	Pass	6♥	Pass	Pass
	Pass			

♠ 98532	♠ KJ106	♠ 74
♥ Q	♥ K8632	♥ J107
♦ 532	♦ 84	♦ QJ1096
♣ 6543	♣ A8	♣ K107

♠ AQ	
♥ A954	
♦ AK7	
♣ QJ92	

**Bidding:** After South opened with 2NT, North transferred to hearts and then showed four spades. South took a preference to hearts and North bid the slam.

**Play:** West led the nine of spades to declarer's ace. Analyzing the hand, declarer saw he needed the hearts to divide 2-2, or the club finesse to succeed. At trick two he led the ace of hearts and another to the king. Disappointed at having a heart loser, he next played the A-K of diamonds and ruffed a diamond to eliminate that suit. Then he played the remaining spades discarding two clubs. Holding the club king, East was reluctant to trump a spade and he forced to lead a club, so he discarded diamonds. However, after the spades were cashed, declarer led a third round of hearts and East had no good response. He had to either lead a club or concede a sluff ruff. He led a club and declarer claimed. Those in the slam who relied on the club finesse failed.

Only the opening lead of a club would defeat the slam.

#4 –

While the 4-3-2-1 system for estimating the value of honor cards is important, one must also consider fit for partner's suits. Here a player's weak hand became a great dummy for his partner.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

		West	North	East	South
Hand 19-34	♠ J86 ♥ 8	-	-	Pass	1 ♠
Vul E/W	♦ J1043 ♣ J7652	2 ♥	Pass	Pass	3 ♣
		Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
		Pass			

♠ 97		♠ 1052
♥ KQJ1032	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; display: inline-block;"></div>	♥ 9745
♦ AK8		♦ Q962
♣ 93		♣ K8

♠ AKQ43
♥ A6
♦ 75
♣ AQ104

**Bidding:** After South showed his club suit, North re-evaluated his hand and jumped to game. The vulnerability kept E/W from competing higher.

**Play:** West cashed the A-K of diamonds and then switched to the king of hearts. Declarer won the ace and ruffed a heart in dummy. Next came the jack of clubs to the king and ace. Declarer drew trumps and had eleven tricks.

In a small, local game several N/S pairs failed to reach game when North only counted his three high card points.

**Dear Future Bridge Camper,**

**Unfortunately due to Covid-19 the residential youth bridge camp in Carlinville is being cancelled. We are however going to have a virtual camp. And the good news is this camp will be open to a wider age range! Youth ages 9 to 18 (or 19 if just graduated from high school) are welcome to register!**

**The virtual camp will consist of a two hour bridge lesson on Monday through Friday, June 22-26 from 2 to 4 p.m. CDT. and two hour tournaments from 7 to 9 p.m. CDT June 22-June 25, master points will be awarded. The lessons will be a combination of Zoom conferencing and playing at teaching tables on BBO. The tournament will also be on BBO and open only to those students registered in the camp.**

**The cost for the entire camp, lessons and tournaments, is \$50. Your registration and \$50 payment is due by June 12. To register all we need is the camper's name and dob, BBO user name, email you wish us to use, and of course the \$50. It would also be helpful if we knew the class level (see below) that the camper thinks they fit into. Information can be emailed to [registrar@bridgeisfun.org](mailto:registrar@bridgeisfun.org) or sent by snail mail along with the \$50 check to YBEO, PO BOX 232, Greenwood, MO 64034-0232. If you wish to pay via paypal you can do so by sending to a friend to [kathy@wannaplaybridge.com](mailto:kathy@wannaplaybridge.com), please note YBEO in the notes when paying via Paypal.**

**If signing up for the virtual camp, please let us know the camper's BBO user name as this will be required. Once you sign up, we will send you a link for the Zoom portion of the class and we may also send "hand-outs" of teaching material. All of this will be sent via email in the week before the camp starts, so please make sure we know the email you want us to use for these communications.**

**The teachers for these classes will be the same as last year- Phyllis will teach the beginners; Kathy will teach the intermediate class with more emphasis on bidding than on play, but there will be plenty of practice playing each deal after we bid them; Chris will teach the advanced class with likely more emphasis on play and defense, though still plenty of talk about bidding.**

**Please forward this information to any friends you think might be interested as we would love to get some more campers and use this to help keep us all connected and looking forward to playing bridge face to face at next summer's bridge camp.**

**Camp Registrar  
Kathy Rolfe  
Bridge is Fun**



## **Bloomington-Normal 70% club Years 2019 & 2020 only**

<b>2020/1/6</b>	<b>75.00%</b>	<b>Rod Ruder &amp; Doug Lamb(99ers)</b>
<b>2019/11/23</b>	<b>70.09%</b>	<b>Chris Benson &amp; John Seng</b>
<b>2019/11/9</b>	<b>71.43%</b>	<b>Sallie Boge &amp; Kirk Kimmel</b>
<b>2019/9/23</b>	<b>83.33%</b>	<b>Gary Kemp &amp; Bob Bray(99ers)</b>
<b>2019/9/19</b>	<b>71.00%</b>	<b>Hank Hoffman &amp; Zach Freehill</b>
<b>2019/9/18</b>	<b>78.88%</b>	<b>Kay Marvin &amp; Bob Clay(499ers)</b>
<b>2019/9/16</b>	<b>71.88%</b>	<b>Gary Kemp &amp; Bob Bray(99ers)</b>
<b>2019/8/30</b>	<b>72.32%</b>	<b>Margaret Hansel &amp; Steve Babin</b>
<b>2019/8/13</b>	<b>76.85%</b>	<b>Darryl Bremner &amp; Mike Tomlianovich(Clinton pairs)</b>
<b>2019/6/11</b>	<b>77.79%</b>	<b>Marilyn &amp; Darryl Bremner(Clinton pairs)</b>
<b>2019/6/10</b>	<b>70.00%</b>	<b>Lori Moore &amp; Steve Wulfers</b>
<b>2019/5/30</b>	<b>76.00%</b>	<b>Hank Hoffman &amp; Steve Babin</b>
<b>2019/5/18</b>	<b>70.83%</b>	<b>Bill Strauss &amp; Wes Seitz</b>
<b>2019/5/16</b>	<b>72.00%</b>	<b>Lori Moore &amp; Steve Wulfers</b>
<b>2019/4/17</b>	<b>73.33%</b>	<b>Kay Marvin &amp; Linda Odette(499ers)</b>
<b>2019/4/8</b>	<b>70.14%</b>	<b>Rick Dalton &amp; Zoe Freeman(99ers)</b>
<b>2019/3/2</b>	<b>72.22%</b>	<b>Abigail Nichols &amp; Carl Nelson</b>
<b>2019/2/9</b>	<b>73.21%</b>	<b>Lori Moore &amp; Chuck Young</b>
<b>2019/1/7</b>	<b>72.50%</b>	<b>Doug Lamb &amp; Bob Bray(99ers)</b>
<b>2019/1/2</b>	<b>73.02%</b>	<b>Larry Ziegler &amp; John Ford (499ers)</b>



# TENTH ANNUAL ADULT BRIDGE CAMP

Tuesday, October 20-Friday, October 23, 2020  
LAKE WILLIAMSON CHRISTIAN CENTER  
CARLINVILLE, IL

Cards on the table - hands on classes for the 0-199er  
Earn silver points at sanctioned pair and team games

**CAMP FEE: single/\$380 - double/\$320 - Includes eight meals and tournament fees -  
Non-ACBL members can join for \$7.99 for a one-month temporary membership.**

**DEPOSIT : Mail your \$60 deposit check payable to YBEO with the BOTTOM HALF  
of this form to: Mary Shaw 17255 Cottonwood Ln. Carlinville, IL 62626**

**CHECK-IN: 12:45-1:30pm, Tuesday, Oct.20 - Supper @ 5:30pm - A confirmation email  
will be sent upon receipt of your registration. A detailed advance memo will be  
emailed  
about two weeks prior to camp.**

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CAMPER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ \_ single//double  
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EMERGENCY CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_ \_PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS: \_\_\_\_\_  
PARTNER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
LIST TWO ITEMS YOU WOULD LIKE TO WORK ON: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

**SCHEDULE MAY BE ADJUSTED AT DIRECTOR'S DISCRETION**

**SO MUCH TO LEARN - SO LITTLE TIME**

**Tues. October 20** 12:45-1:30 pm Check-in

2:00 pm Get acquainted/Lesson/Supervised Play

5:00 pm Walk around facility

5:30-6:15 pm Supper

6:30 pm Pairs Tournament

**Wed. October 21** 8:15 am Breakfast

**Thurs. October 23** 9:00 am-10:15 am Lesson/Hand Discussion

10:20 am-12:20 am Swiss Tournament

12:30 pm-1:15 pm Lunch

1:20 pm-2:30 pm Lesson

2:45 pm-5:00 pm Pairs Tournament

6:15 pm Supper

7:00 pm Lesson/Practice Hands

**Fri. October 23** 8:15 am Breakfast

9:00 am Sanctioned Game or supervised play (per majority)

## BRIDGE BITES

from: The American Contract Bridge League

By: Brian Gunnell



### #137 – COUNT UP TO TEN

	♠ A752 ♥ KJ2 ♦ 62 ♣ 6532	
♠ QJT4 ♥ 654 ♦ A8 ♣ QT87	<i>North</i>  <i>West</i> <i>East</i>  <i>Declarer</i>	♠ K986 ♥ 97 ♦ KT973 ♣ 94
	♠ 3 ♥ AQT83 ♦ QJ54 ♣ AKJ	

*Both Vulnerable*

**South West North East**

1♥ Pass 2♥ Pass

4♥ All Pass

Declarer can count eight top tricks and there are various ways by which she might attempt get that total up to ten. There's the Club finesse ... a Diamond trick or two ... a Diamond ruff or two. What is the best way of combining the chances after the ♠Q opening lead?

There is approximately 0% chance of getting two Diamond ruffs (if Declarer plays on Diamonds the defense will shift to trumps pronto) ... there is a 50% chance of the Club finesse

working ... and there is approximately a 75% chance of East holding at least one of the top two Diamonds. So playing on Diamonds is clearly a better bet for the ninth trick than is taking the Club finesse. And the 10<sup>th</sup> trick? That can come from a Diamond ruff in the short hand (we've already counted Declarer's five trumps, so taking a couple of Spade ruffs won't add to the trick total). Declarer has a plan: set up a Diamond trick, and ruff a Diamond.

That's a very fine plan but Declarer will need to be careful with the timing. After winning the opening Spade lead in Dummy, it is essential to lead a Diamond at Trick 2 to Declarer's Queen and West's Ace. West predictably shifts to a trump. That is won in Dummy, and another Diamond is led, this time won by East. Back comes another trump, but Declarer is home. She wins that trump in hand, ruffs a Diamond, returns to hand with the ♣A, draws the last trump, and has her 10 tricks.

P.S. Let's go back to the point where East wins the second round of Diamonds. Suppose that East, instead of returning a trump, continues with a third round of Diamonds. In this case, Declarer will take care to play a *low* Diamond from hand (ruffing on the board), saving her Diamond winner for later, when trumps have been drawn.

#138 – TWO WAYS TO WIN

	♠ Q3 ♥ J973 ♦ K ♣ AKQJT7	
♠ J872 ♥ Q ♦ JT974 ♣ 953	North West      East Declarer	♠ AKT964 ♥ KT6 ♦ 63 ♣ 84
	♠ 5 ♥ A8542 ♦ AQ852 ♣ 62	

*Both Vulnerable*

South	West	North	East
		1♣	1♠
2♥	3♠	4♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♥	All Pass

Bridge bidding is not an exact science, as N-S demonstrated on this deal. They would have done well to double 4♠, but instead they pushed on to 5♥, giving E-W the opportunity to show that defense can also be inexact.

The defense plays Spades and Declarer ruffs the second round. Now, if only she can avoid two trump losers, she will

make this contract. Declarer's thought processes might go something like this:

- East's 4♠ suggests six Spades and yet he did not preempt, so perhaps he has some values, which would have to be in Spades and Hearts.
- West's 3♠ was preemptive, showing a weak hand and typically four Spades. 3♠ was also bid when vulnerable, so perhaps West was fortified by shortness somewhere, probably in Hearts.

Having concluded that, how will Declarer play the trump suit, hopefully for one loser, allowing her to make 11 tricks? Declarer will reason that if trumps are 2-2 then how she plays the suit does not matter too much. But, if they are 3-1, and if East has the length (as seems likely), then Declarer might as well lead the ♥J from Dummy on the first round of the suit. One of two good things might happen:

- West might have the singleton Ten, holding the trump losers to one.
- East might hold ♥KT6 or ♥QT6, and make the (big) mistake of covering the Jack. Mirth and merriment will be politely suppressed when this crashes West's singleton honor, handing Declarer an impossible contract.

The moral of the story is that, when we get to a crummy contract, it pays to give the opponents the chance to find a crummy defense.

## #139 – TRUMP CONTROL

	♠ QT9 ♥ QT874 ♦ 9 ♣ A863	
♠ 7643 ♥ K65 ♦ QJT7 ♣ 74	North  West East  Declarer	♠ 85 ♥ AJ3 ♦ AK8652 ♣ 52
	♠ AKJ2 ♥ 92 ♦ 43 ♣ KQJT9	

*Both Vulnerable*

South	West	North	East
			1♦
2♣	2♦	3♣	3♦
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

**N-S stretch to reach 4♠ here. Even though it is a 4-3 fit, it's the only game with a chance of making. As is often the case with 4-3 fits, the success of the contract depends on trump control. Which side will prevail?**

**One (rather feeble) line of defense would be to play two rounds of Diamonds, forcing Dummy to ruff. But that gets**

**the defense nowhere, Declarer simply draws trumps and runs the Clubs. That is 10 tricks, made up of nine black suit winners plus that Diamond ruff in the short hand.**

**Forcing Dummy to ruff a Diamond was not a good defensive strategy, for two reasons. Firstly, the ruff in the short hand added to Declarer's trick total, and secondly it did nothing to threaten Declarer's trump control. East missed his chance to defeat the contract, do you see it? That's right, after winning the opening Diamond lead, East must force *Declarer* to ruff. A ruff in the long hand does not add to Declarer's trick total, but it does threaten her trump control. So, at Trick 2, East shifts to a *low* Heart. West wins that and fires back another Heart. Then the third round of Hearts does in Declarer. Declarer must ruff that in her hand, but now has fewer trumps than West. Goodbye trump control, hello down one!**

**Declarer can count herself a little bit unlucky if she goes down on this deal. The defense had to find the right plan, *and* the ♥J had to be with East, *and* the E-W trumps had to be 4-2 (if they had been 3-3 then Declarer could have withstood the ruff in her hand).**

#140 – LOUD AND CLEAR

	♠ T8 ♥ T854 ♦ T953 ♣ QJ5	
♠ 542 ♥ 3 ♦ AQJ742 ♣ 732	<i>North</i>	♠ 97 ♥ AJ962 ♦ K6 ♣ T864
	<i>West East Declarer</i>	
	♠ AKQJ63 ♥ KQ7 ♦ 8 ♣ AK9	

*E-W Vulnerable*

<i>South</i>	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>
2♣	2♦	Pass	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

2♣ was artificial and strong, and South wound up in 4♠. Looking at all four hands it is not difficult to see how E-W can defeat this contract, but how many E-W pairs would find the winning defense at the table?

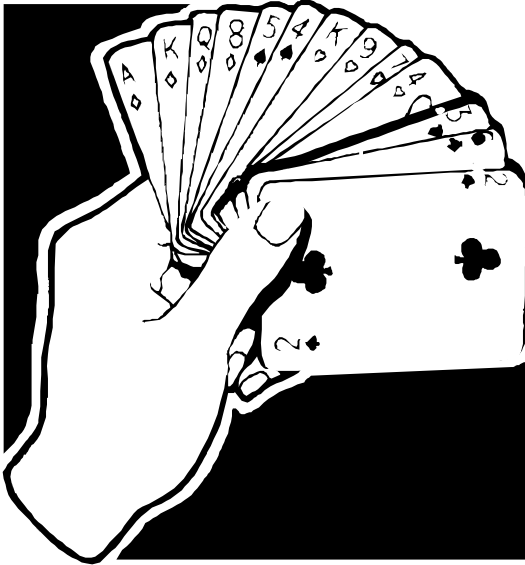
On opening lead, West did not see much future in Diamonds, so he went after a ruff or two by leading his singleton Heart.

East won her Ace and Declarer, being a shifty sort of fellow, dropped the King in an attempt to muddy the waters for the defense. That gave East pause for thought, as she wondered whether West had led from ♥Q73. Eventually East decided that Declarer's King was probably flim-flam, so she returned a Heart for West to ruff. But *which* Heart?

The winning defense after the ruff was, of course, for West to underlead his ♦A, getting East in to provide a second ruff. But how was West to know that East's entry was the ♦K and not the ♣A? The answer was in the Heart led back by East at Trick 2. A low Heart would say "Return a Club" (the lower-ranking suit), and a high Heart would say "Return a Diamond" (the higher-ranking suit, which is Diamonds as trumps are not part of this equation). A middling Heart would indicate no preference.

So, should East return the Heart Nine? No, the Nine might be ambiguous, better to hit Partner over the head with a signal which is as loud and clear as possible. That would be the Jack! West ruffs that and there is no mistaking East's intentions. The ♦A is underled to East's King, then a second ruff, and Declarer is down one.

## Upcoming tournaments:



## Illinois Senior Olympics

Aug 25, 2020, 1:00pm

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