

In First Round Action; MCC Goes To Consolation

Vincennes Blasts Highlanders

By John McClain

HUTCHINSON, KAN.—While braving a pre-game bomb scare and the tenacious MCC Highlanders, the No. 1 team in the country, Vincennes of Indiana, took their first step in defending their national championship by thrashing the Highlanders 87-70 in the first round of the National Junior College Tournament.

MCC fought on even terms in the first half and rode the red-hot shooting of Don Gay and the muscle underneath of Mark Lappa and were behind only 47-40 at intermission.

Gay connected for 10 points and Lappa 11 as the Highlanders scraped and battled for every score. But the outside shooting of the Trail Blazers' Eratha Faust and the work

underneath of towering Phil Spence kept the favorites in the lead.

Don Tyson scored five of the Highlanders' first 13 points, which were sandwiched around 20-footers by Tom Corley and Steve Colwick to keep MCC close at 17-13 in the first few minutes. Mike Darrett, 6'3", combined with the lethal scoring of Faust to run off 12 consecutive points to push Vincennes ahead 21-13 mid-way through the first half. Then Lappa came off the bench and scored 11 points and fought the taller Trail Blazers on the boards to pull within seven at halftime.

Faust, who totaled 15 in the first stanza, opened the last half where he left off in the first, with two 20-foot jumpers. He finished the game with 25, but

the main story was the second half play of 6'8" Mel Hughlette, who came off the bench and scored 14 points. Hughlette doubled the Trail Blazers' rebounding strength by complementing that of Spence to render the Highlanders ineffective on the boards.

MCC got within four at 54-50, with 10 minutes to go, but Darrett and Hughlette combined for eight straight points to propel the Trail Blazers to put the finishing touches on the victory.

Corley, who finished with 12 points, combined with Ralph Booker to give MCC one last-ditch surge, but it fell short in the closing minutes.

Booker who was plagued with foul trouble closed with seven points, but Lappa and Tyson kept MCC in contention with

their strong board work, although they were five inches shorter than their opponents. MCC's shooting percentages fell in the second half, but Coach James Haller inserted a zone defense which limited the Trail Blazers inside.

Lappa finished as the Highlanders' high-point man with 19 points and Gay followed with 17. Spence finished right behind Faust with 21 while Darrett added 14 for Vincennes.

MCC had nothing to be ashamed of and this point was

indicated by the seemingly partisan crowd, who favored the underdog Highlanders all the way.

MCC now moves to the consolation bracket and will continue play Thursday afternoon against Three River College, from Missouri, who were defeated on a last-second free-throw by Dalton of Georgia.

The game can be heard at 11:45 a.m. on KWTX Radio. If MCC wins they will play at the same time Friday afternoon, but if they lose it will be a quick trip home.

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SG, Administration Working With Check-Cashing Problem

By Jon Thomas

As most students have already noticed, the cafeteria and snack bar no longer accept checks for purchases from students. Although, this is a source of difficulty for some students, it is not without reason.

Our present food contractor is discontinuing their services as of March 15. In order to clear all checks before this date, the catering service quit accepting checks as of March 1.

During the past semester, the cafeteria and snack bar received a few hot checks, only three of which have not been cleared. Clearing these checks is one of the time consuming tasks that have required the catering service to discontinue the acceptance of checks some two weeks prior to their termination.

When the food service first began operation, they were somewhat reluctant to accept checks. Student government recommendation encouraged a policy of accepting checks for amount of purchase only.

In addition to this recommendation, student government also investigated the possibility of a check policy similar to that used by Baylor. Under their present policy, Baylor will guarantee any check written by a Baylor student. The difference in MCC and Baylor administration policy would make this practice extremely difficult for MCC to use.

A few students have voiced a need for a place on campus where a check for small amounts can be cashed. From time to time, students run short of cash and encounter difficulty obtaining it unless they have a Waco bank account.

Students, with Waco bank accounts, do not realize this as a problem as much as out of town students do. Unless a student is well known by some business in

Blood Drive Competition With Area Schools

The MCC Blood Drive will be held on Friday, March 30 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. This semester's drive is again being sponsored by the Associate Degree Nursing Department.

MCC will be competing with Texas State Technical Institute and Baylor. The winner will be given a trophy, which is currently held by TSTI.

Competition will be based on the percentage of students donating blood. The drive is open to all MCC students and any others who meet the qualifications.

Donors must be at least 18 and not over 65 years of age. There must be at least 60 days to eight weeks between any two donations and there should be no more than five donations in any twelve month period.

Waco, there is no place besides a bank that will cash a check. The seriousness of this situation will vary with the immediate need a student has for money.

In some situations a student could be low on gas and money at the same time, and find himself stranded. This has in some instances been the case.

In spite of the problems such a program would pose, the MCC administration is optimistic as to its construction.

According to Dean of Student Services, Larry Gilliam, "The need for such a program has never been brought to our attention. As I see it, the main problem would be deciding on the appropriate place for this operation and the ever present problem of hot checks."

Students writing hot checks are a constant source of administrative dilemma. According to Financial Vice-President Paul Gardenar, \$4,800 in hot checks were written during last semester's registration alone. Most of those were cleared, however.

All aspects considered, a program for cashing checks would be available for installment. The main question at this point is, "How necessary is such a program?"

A man with courage to stick his neck out is a man of faith—and he knows that the best way out of a difficulty is straight through.

— Ralph Rolker



Freshman Don Tyson battles a Wharton player for a rebound to help MCC capture a victory in the championship game in Bryan and go on to berth in the National Junior College Basketball Tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas. R. Marroquin Photo.

Replacing Haller Going to be Tough

Dean of Instruction Marvin Felder had just one thing to say about MCC Basketball coach Jim Haller's formal resignation - "He's going to be tough to replace." That may have been the understatement of the year. Felder also noted that if all the freshmen we have now return, the team ought to be in good shape for next year's season.

The administration has stated that they are looking for a teacher first, then a coach.

It is presumed that the coaching position also includes the Athletic Director's post.

No formal recruiting for a coach has taken place yet, but about 50 people have already applied, six of which are out-of-state.

One of the coaches expressing interest in the MCC position is former SMU assistant coach Mike Pinkham. Pinkham has just been released from SMU in

a major shake-up of the school's basketball program, which has certainly been a controversial issue in the last few months. Pinkham has been responsible for recruiting a great majority of the institution's basketball players. He has been especially successful out-of-state.

It has been rumored that All-Southwest conference center Ira Terrell and 6-9 postman Jeff Cummings, both freshmen, will follow Pinkham to his next position.

Under NCAA regulations, both players would be eligible to play junior college basketball without having to sit out a year. When contacted about their plans for next season, the two said they were taking a "walk and see" attitude.

Interviews will begin sometime in late March and a new coach should be under contract by the spring break.



High school seniors attending the MCC Information Carnival and Swim-in included several La Vega High School students who are seen here admiring the Centurian in the Drama Department's display. R. Marroquin Photo.

Seniors Take Time to Look At MCC and College Life

McLennan Community College hosted about 400 seniors from 18 area high schools March 5th through 9th for an Information Carnival and Swim-In.

The carnival was held to introduce the seniors to the MCC campus. "We feel that once we get the students out here our campus will sell itself," said Larry Gilliam, dean of student service.

Set up in the practice gym of the Health and Physical Education Building were about 32 booths representing different areas of curriculum at MCC. Seniors roamed through the gym stopping at the booths in which they were interested. Dean Gilliam described the arrangement as a smorgasbord.

There were six sessions scheduled throughout the carnival for seniors to visit MCC—four evening sessions and two afternoon sessions. Each session lasted about three hours.

Only about one-fourth of the

2,000 seniors invited actually came to the sessions. "Afternoon sessions were well attended," said Dean Gilliam, "but the night sessions were rather sparsely attended."

Many of the seniors who did manage to come said they were impressed with what MCC had to offer. "I'm planning to come to MCC" was a common statement made by the visitors.

According to the seniors the most interesting booths were Biology, Sociology, Counseling and Speech and Drama.

Many of the booths had slide shows or films for the students to watch. Most had pamphlets and a few had puzzles known as brainteasers.

Although the puzzles were brought for the high school students to work with, those who worked with them the most were MCC students.

After the seniors were through receiving pamphlets and handouts and watching MCC students try to solve puzzles, they usually either

wandered around campus or went swimming in the MCC pool. Many of the students played volleyball in the shallow end of the pool. In the deep end students held diving or swimming contests and sometimes both.

Some Connally high school girls described the pool as "great, warm and out-a-site."

Some of the seniors asked if they could return to the campus with other groups, said Dean Gilliam. He also said the principals and counselors were impressed by MCC's numerous programs.

Dean Gilliam said he was pleased with the carnival set up. "The only disappointing part of the whole thing was the attendance," he said.

He expressed appreciation to the faculty for the way they decorated and manned the booths and to Ray Murray, coordinator of the program, for "doing such a fine job."

High schools represented included Axtell, Bruceville-Eddy, China Spring, Connally, Crawford, Jefferson-Moore, LaVega, Mart and McGregor.

Other schools represented were Midway, Moody, Reicher, Reisel, Richfield, Robinson, Waco, West, and University.

Editorial

Apathy Creates Listening Problem

By John M. Gardner II

MCC is in desperate need of an adequate facility which could be used for special entertainment and concerts.

The MCC Student Center is the only facility on campus which can feasibly accommodate a large group of people at a special campus-wide event.

There are several other locations where entertainment could be staged, such as the gym or the fine arts theatre, but each location has its disadvantage. The acoustics in the gym are not suitable for any type of concert and the fine arts theatre has a very limited seating capacity.

In the past there has been a problem with excessive noise in the Student Center when special entertainment was being provided during the break.

At all the concerts the music could not be heard because of the continual card shuffling, yelling, and talking among the students that usually occupy the student center during the break.

Although the Student Center is intended to be used by all students, proper consideration should be given to the groups that bring their entertainment to MCC. William Haskett, music subject area coordinator said, "It all boils down to the golden rule. . . Students should show proper consideration to entertainers when they come to MCC."

The groups that have performed in the Student Center

Spirit, that made those heroes dare

To die, and leave their children free,
Bid time and nature gently spare

The shaft we raise to them and thee.

There are no plains in the spiritual life, we are either going uphill or coming down.

this year are the Tarleton State College Troubadors and Jazz Ensemble and the University of Texas Jazz Band. MCC students should be honored to have these groups perform.

Clark Terry, the internationally-known trumpet player, will be appearing in the MCC Student Center and it would be a slight against MCC for the students to carry on in such a discourteous and apathetic way.

If the students must act this way, they should go else where.

Even though there are plans for an extensive Student Center expansion, the problem will still exist after the center is completed, because no plans were made in the expansion to include a place for concerts.

MCC needs an adequate auditorium, which could be used for concerts, plays, and other special activities. It does not appear that the problem will be solved at any time in the near future.

Until some type of arrangement can be made, MCC students should surprise everyone by occasionally listening to the performances. "They might even enjoy themselves). National performers such as Clark Terry always have the attention of their audience and he should be entitled to the same response at MCC.

Some type of arrangement should be made to notify the students concerning the special activity (in advance) so that they could make plans to go elsewhere for their card games when a concert is scheduled.

In the past, reasonable notice has been given in the student bulletin stating the time, date and location of each concert.

Wise up card players!!

Speech Shows Future Shock

The Plaid Vests, the Speech club, will sponsor the film Future Shock by Alvin Toffler, in the H.P.E. Lecture Hall March 16, at 10 a.m. It will also be shown in the afternoon.

An admission price of 25 cents will be charged.

Future Shock on film depicts the disturbing effects which many of the fantastic developments of modern technology are having on individuals and social behavior. It projects these developments into the future showing how genetic engineering and "thinking" machines threaten the survival of man and society as it is now constituted.

The narration and commentary is by Orson Welles.

MCC Student Missing; Car Swept Down River

Rescue workers have been dredging the North Bosque River for the body of Miss Laurie Rankin, 19, who was lost at Cooper's Crossing near China Spring Sunday afternoon.

Miss Rankin, a freshman at MCC, was attempting to drive her Volkswagen across the rain-swollen waters near Del Mar Ranch when her car was swept away by the swift current.

The car was found on its side beneath a bluff about 100 yards south of the crossing at 9:30 a.m. Monday. It was caught in a hole under a clump of willow trees.

Waco Fire Department rescuers began dredging the river an hour after the car was first found.

Miss Rankin's companion, Rickey Ashley, 19, said he tried to grab her but she slipped away from him.



Laurie Rankin

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Togetherness Brings a Light To Lives Lived in Darkness

By Lynnda Brownson
Managing Editor

I found them sitting on the brick wall by the Liberal Arts building on a sunny spring day. As I approached they stopped their conversation and seemed to know I was there even before I spoke.

Jeff Pearey and Zena Massingill for all technicalities are blind. Jeff has been blind every since birth but Zena is high partial sighted, which means she can read print but cannot see objects at a distance. Together they face the difficulties of a college day.

Pearey, a sophomore who graduated from University High School said, "School seems difficult, but it really isn't." He added that, "Sometimes it is hard to find readers and to arrange our schedules where we can find rides home."

Miss Massingill said that MCC students were for the most part friendly. Pearey came to MCC not only because it was in town but also because the classes were smaller and

therefore, he thought it would be easier and much more personal.

Both attended summer programs which were in actuality college preparation courses. They were held in Little Rock, Ark., and taught courses such as English--which they both felt was poor, personal grooming, domestic duties, mobility, recreation--such as dominoes and cards and social skills.

Attending the School for the Blind in Austin for one year in the second grade gave Pearey enough insight to say he believes it a bad way to educate the blind. He said, "They've built a whole society strictly for

Our opinions of people depends less upon what we see in them than upon what they make us see in ourselves.

—Sarah Grand

Leadership appears to be the art of getting others to want to do something you are convinced should be done.

—Vance Packard

the blind and when their 12 years of school are over then they are thrown out into a world where everyone suddenly isn't blind anymore. This has proved to be more than some people can take."

One major problem they both faced, along with all blind people, is the problem of attaining textbooks. They have to purchase a copy of the textbook and send it off to get it taped. If they don't do this, then they have to find someone to read the book to them. They can receive braille material from New York, Dallas or Austin which take a long time to receive.

For tests Pearey carries a friend along who reads the questions to him and writes down the answers he gives. This semester he feels like he is doing "pretty good" and Miss Massingill is doing "fair."

As for their futures, they both plan to transfer to East Texas State University in the Fall where Pearey will major in psychology and Miss Massingill will strive for a degree in special education.



Jeff Pearey and Zena Massingill take time out from their busy schedules to spend a few moments together enjoying the sun. It. Marroquin Photo.

Board Makes Decisions On Important Issues

By John M. Gardner II

The March meeting of the Board of Trustees of MCC was held last night at 7:30 p.m.

One of the main topics of discussion at the meeting was the consideration of awarding the food service contract.

The need for a change in the service resulted from the termination of the Associated Foods contract which will become effective on Friday.

A food services committee was formed and prepared a list of general specifications to send to prospective bidders for their proposals.

The proposals were opened on Feb. 22 and reviewed by the food services committee. The committee then met with Paul McClinton of Automomatic Chef in Waco.

McClinton said that he is anticipating making the cafeteria line into a larger snack bar which would include salads, fruits, and large varieties of sandwiches.

"We try to merchandise things that can be sold economically...the menu will be constantly changed to fit the needs and desires of students," said McClinton.

The board voted unanimously to accept the proposal which was presented by Automatic Chef.

The board authorized the working drawings for the streets and parking projects.

Highlander Drive and Cameron Drive will be extended and two new parking areas paved. The gravel areas will also be included in the project.

The board authorized the working drawings for the lower Lecture Hall, which will be used for the Media Center. The center will include a graphics section, offices, a sound and recording room for reproduction of tapes, a viewing room and numerous other facilities.

A contract was let to John II. Erwin, the low bidder on the drain project in the bottomlands area. The project should be completed in approximately 20 working days.

The board also considered the bids for the MCC general information brochure. The contract was awarded to Advertising Marketing and Associates of Waco.

A new instructional program was approved for the Associate Degree nursing program.

The revised budget for 1972-73 was approved.

Annual leave was approved for James Swartz, biology coordinator, who will work on his doctorate at the University of Texas at Austin.

In other action, the board unanimously agreed to congratulate the basketball team on a fine season.

Board member Earl Harrison said, "We're proud of them, win or lose."

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ICC to Hold
A Swim Night
MCC's Inter-Club Council will sponsor a swim night from 7 to 9:30 on Monday.
Other IPE facilities, with the exception of the conditioning room, will also be open from 4 to 8 p.m., their usual time.
The swim night is being held on a trial basis. If the event is successful, it may become a standard activity.
All MCC students are invited to attend. Participants must bring their own swim suits and towels.

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The MCC karate team will participate in a tournament Saturday at the Marrs McLean Gymnasium. H. Marroquin Photo.

Karate Teams Enter in Baylor Tournament

The MCC karate team will compete Saturday in the Baylor Karate Tournament at 7 p.m.

The members of the team are Chuck Beard, Sonny Rountree, David Willinston, Gary Greene and Bill Miller. These students will be competing against teams from institutions of higher learning from all over Texas. This five man team will compete in kumite, or sparring.

Another team from MCC will compete in kata. Kata is a prescribed form consisting of several offensive and defensive procedures. This three man team will consist of Rountree, Greene and Willinston.

The tournament is to be directed by a six degree black belt, Mr. T. Mikami, in the Baylor Marrs McLean Gym-

nasium. Mikami has been the Japanese National Karate Champion for three consecutive years. During the tournament Mikami will give demonstrations in self-defense karate.

In team competition, contestants compete as a team. The team consists of five men of any rank. Under these circumstances, members of the MCC team may have to compete against black belts.

Competing in the tournament will be black belts from among the 10 best in the nation.

Accordingly, MCC will encounter some stiff competition which will make for an exciting event.

Admission for the tournament is \$1.

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Highlanders Take 2 From Mountainview

The MCC baseball team captured both ends of a doubleheader Friday in Dallas defeating Mountainview College 7-0 in the first game and 6-1 in the second contest.

Robert Mason hurled a three-hitter to shutout Mountainview in the first encounter, while Eddie Sherman threw a two-hit game to win the nightcap.

The victories upped the Highlander's season mark to 5-3 as they prepare to enter conference play.

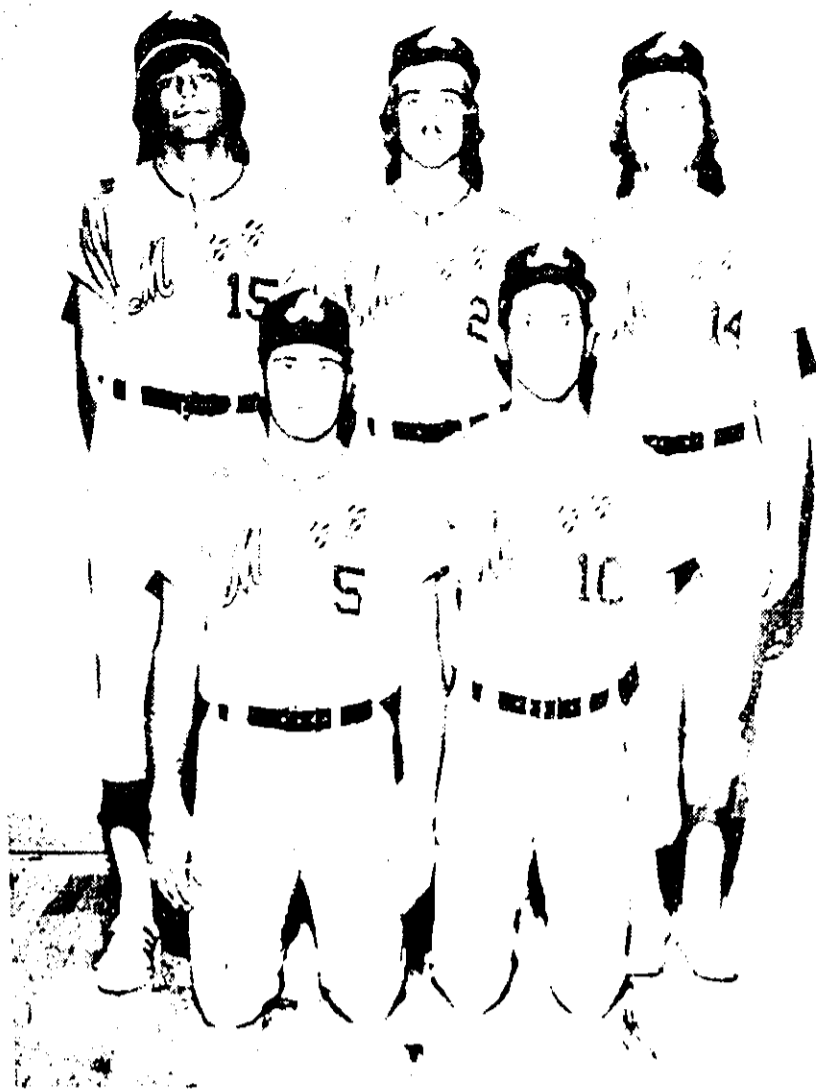
The team will participate in their own MCC tournament Friday along with Ranger, Blinn, and Bee County Junior College. Competition is slated to begin at 12 p.m. at both Dutton and Veterans Field.

Sports Capsules

MCC sophomore guard Tom Corley has been named to the All-Region V and the All-Conference basketball teams of the Northern Junior Athletic Conference. MCC players making honorable mention All-Conference were Don Gay, Ralph Booker and Chris Idlet, all freshmen.

The MCC tennis team rolled to a victory over Cooke County Junior College in match play last week. Winning singles matches for MCC were Victor Greene, Jerry Hicks and Charlene Johnson. Winners in the doubles competition were the duo of Greene and Julius Dunlap.

Highlanders also competed in the Navarro Junior College Tennis Tournament in Corsicana last Friday. The netters came through the first round smelling like a rose as they won five first round matches. Unfortunately, the second round brought defeat for all six entries. Two of the losses were to J. Enchauste and R. Inchauste, a pair of Navarro's highly ranked players.



Five more players on the MCC baseball team who figured to add to the team's success this season are (left to right) Standing-Greg Angelo, Robert Mason, and Bruce Drummond. Kneeling-Steve Ervin and John Winkler—R. Marroquin Photo.

Baseball Review

By Bill Gammage

Greg Angelo is a freshman pitcher from Waco High School. Angelo, though not an overpowering hurler, has a wide variety of pitches. For this reason, he has been used exclusively in relief this season.

Coach Butler, who calls Angelo his international player, feels he is learning fast. In one of his relief roles this spring, he proved that he also knows how to swing a bat, gathering two hits against San Jacinto.

Robert Mason, from Fort Worth Southwest, is a sophomore pitcher. Mason closed out last year's season with a 5-4 record and is one of the team's starting moundsmen this spring.

Butler said, "Mason is an excellent left-handed prospect. He has a good arm, if he'll work to develop it. He's definitely got the potential."

Steve Erwin is a sophomore third baseman from Waco Richfield. Erwin returns to third after performing at second base last season, where he fielded a .980 clip. One of the hardest workers on the squad, he gets good wood on the ball most of the time.

Butler related, "Erwin has a sure glove. If he gets to the ball, the batter is usually out."

Bruce Drummond, a sophomore pitcher, is a transfer

from Sam Houston State College. Drummond attended Corpus Christi Carroll where he emerged as one of the hardest throwing left-handers in the state.

Butler feels Drummond needs to pinpoint his control and confidence to regain winning status. If he can do this, he should prove to be a fine pitcher.

John Winkler is a sophomore centerfielder from Waco Richfield. Winkler has been labeled as a complete ballplayer who plays anywhere that he is needed.

Though he was a pitcher in high school, he was selected to the All-Conference team as an outfielder last season. He also does a good job in the hitting department, holding down the No. 2 position in the line-up.

The spoken or written word
Should be as clean as a bone,
As clear as is the light
As firm as is a stone.
Two words will never serve
As well as one alone.
Half of the trouble in the world
Is caused by people who are
trying to run away from reality;
and the other half is caused by
people who are trying to force
their version of reality on the
rest of us.

—Sydney J. Harris

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also know how to say it.

—Aristotle

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