

Manson's Edge CCC To Take Series Lead

Manson's Omegas squeezed into a one-game lead over CCC 300 Club in the Senior B basketball finals last night with a 50-49 victory over the die hard pulp millers. Omegas now pace the increasingly hot best three out of five series 2-1.

In a hot and heavy game which saw 52 fouls called Fraser and Payne downed North Star Bottlers 50-42 to even the best of five Inter A finals at one game each.

League champion Manson's tied up the Inter B finals at one game each when they trimmed General Motors 32-26.

The Senior B game was not entertainment for those with weak hearts. The lead changed hands a minimum of 16 times and only at one time was there a gap of as many as five points between the two scores.

CLEAN GAME

The game which was tied 9-9 after the first quarter and saw CCC in the lead 24-23 at the half was a cleanly and keenly played contest. Referee Doug Sankey and Bill Morrison kept the game well in hand and handed out only 13 penalties to Manson's while calling 22 fouls on CCC.

While Ray Spring was caulked up 22 points to lead the Omegas, Don Scherk and Bill Sanberg of CCC were counteracting with 14 points each. Manson's led 36-35 at the three quarter mark and that one point gave them the game as both teams netted 14 points each in the final quarter.

Consecutive baskets by Danny Bill and Mickey Webster gave Manson's their biggest lead at the 48-43 mark. But two field goals, one by Don Scherk and the other by brother Sid brought it back to 48-47. Ray Spring made it 50-47 at the 43 second mark and Pop Pay added two points for CCC with only 16 seconds to go before time ran out on the millers.

Foul shots could have made the difference, CCC missing 8 out of 17 tries while Manson's only missed 5 while shooting 13 times.

LEAD FROM START

Fraser and Payne were gunning for the Inter A league champion North Stars last night as they took the lead in the first quarter and weren't crowded until the final frame. Quarter scores saw the drygoods squad take the game without being headed, 12-9, 16-9, 9-8 and were

outscored 16-13 in the final quarter. However, the 37-26 three quarter lead stood up for Don Hartwig's F & P squad. North Star didn't allow their rivals to score a single field goal in the last stanza but the drygoods boys scored 13 points on free shots. Freddy Kristmanson, who contributed 11 points to his team's total fouled out at the end of the third quarter to be followed by Greig Forbes midway through the last quarter.

The fouls caught up to North Star with a vengeance as Rod Tait, Dick Nickerson, Bill Donaldson, Bill Morrison, Rey McKay, all returned to the bench. With only three men on the floor North Star fought to the bitter end with Inter B player John Newton helping the bottlers cause with two well-earned baskets.

Bill Morrison scored 16 points to top the bottlers. Ron Ciccone with 14 points and Gary Morison with 13 both played excellent games for Fraser and Payne. Out of the 65 free shots taken North Star sank 12 out of 24 and Fraser and Payne cashed in on 24 of 41.

Mel Anderson was top scorer for Manson's as they downed General Motors 37-26, 5-6 and 16-11 by quarters. Eugene Nelson with 7 points led the losers. The cleanly played fixture saw only 8 fouls called on each team. Manson's had the edge on free throws sinking 11 in 16 tries while General Motors only made 6 out of 15 chances.

Lineups:
Inter B League Finals
General Motors—Young 6, Nelson 7, Shenton 3, Leask 5, Carlson 5, Dean, Forward, Pedersen, Stanwood. Total 26.

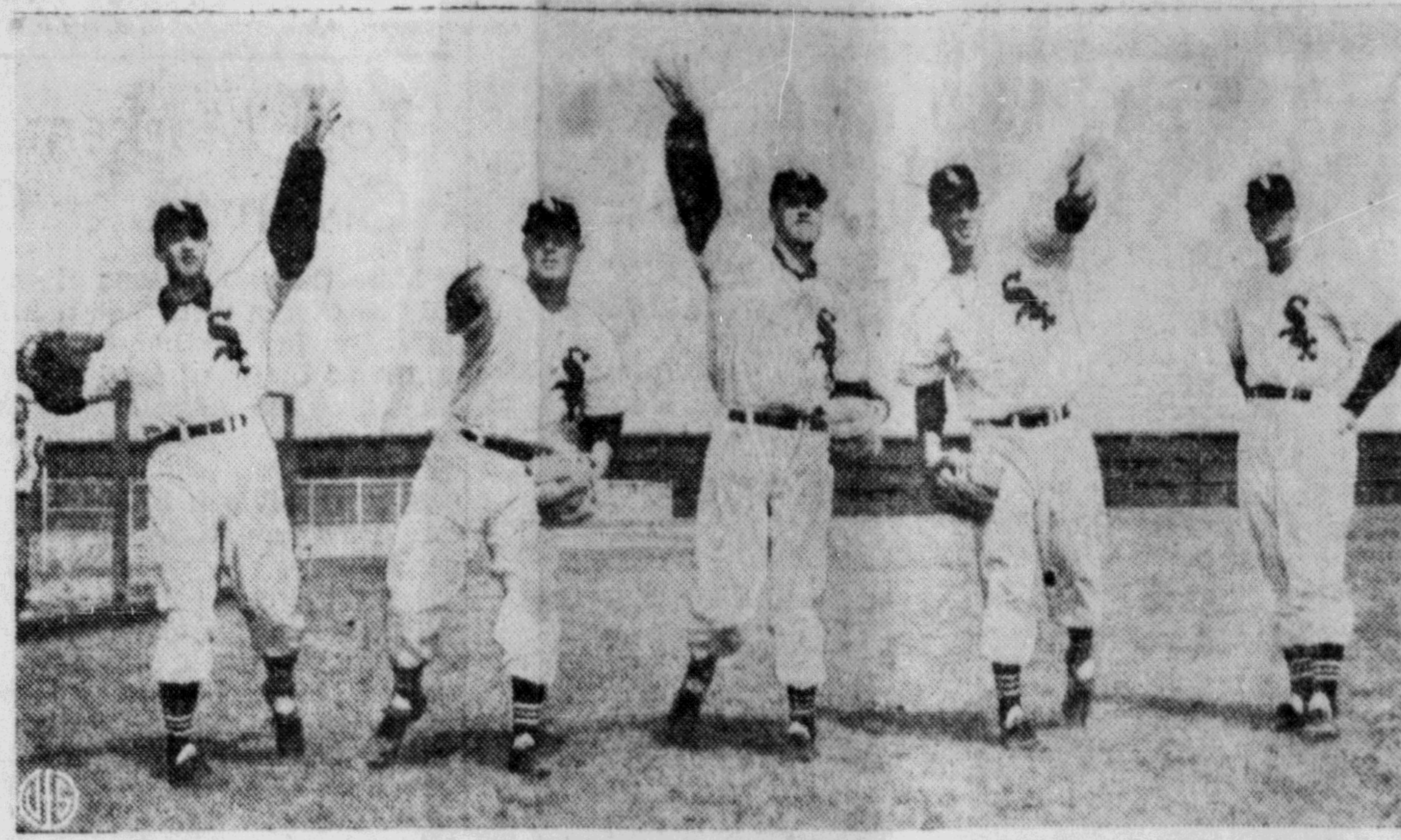
Manson's—Hodgkinson 8, Webster 7, Anderson 10, Erickson, Gray, B. Sedgewick 2, T. Sedgewick 5. Total 32.

Inter A League Finals
Fraser & Payne—Kristmanson 11, Ciccone 14, Sankey 2, G. Morison 13, H. McKay 1, Forbes 7, Stewart 2. Total 50.

North Star—Helm 4, R. McKay 1, Black 4, Tait 4, Nickerson 8, W. Morrison 16, Donaldson 1, Newton 4. Total 42.

Senior B League Finals
Manson's—Hartwig 5, Olson 9, Spring 22, Dumas, Walsh, Webster 8, Bill 6. Total 50.

CCC 300 Club—Pay 7, Marshall 3, D. Scherk 14, Subberg 14, Christensen 2, S. Scherk 6, Thompson 3. Total 49.



MANAGER PAUL RICHARDS (right) of the Chicago White Sox looks over his top-drawer hurlers as they loosen up their soup bones at their spring training camp in Tampa. Left to right, the pitchers are Billy Pierce, Virgil Trucks, Bob Keegan, and Jack Harshman.

Bruins Cinch Playoff Berth; Sawchuk's Trophy Bid Fades

By The Canadian Press

Are Detroit Red Wings dying? Will it be the same as last year? Those were a couple of questions being kicked around the National Hockey League today after the Detroiters, one of the greatest teams in big-league history, dropped a 4-2 loss to the Boston Bruins Tuesday night.

The Red Wings loss, in itself, wasn't too bad. But the fact that it was their third straight defeat, something that hadn't happened all season, gave indications they could end up in the Stanley Cup discards like last year when the Bruins beat them in the semi-finals.

The loss also put the skids on goalkeeper Terry Sawchuk's bid for his third straight Vezina trophy.

NEW YORK OUT

The Bruins made sure of a play-off berth and left New York Rangers no hope of catching them in the stretch run. The league's 70-game schedule ends this week-end.

It was the only game of the night and the victory was Boston's fifth consecutive, equalling the longest mark of the season achieved twice by the Wings. The Bruins now have gone nine games without a defeat.

NEVER IN TROUBLE

The Bruins were never in trouble. They scored once in the first period, twice in the second and then were outscored 2-1 in the final. Centre Milt Schmidt started them in the first session with the 225th goal of his big-time career. The others were scored by Leo Labine, Johnny Peirson and Dave Creighton. Johnny Wilson and Alex Delvecchio tallied the Detroit goals.

Sawchuk now is three goals behind Harry Lumley of Toronto Maple Leafs in the goaltending race. He has 122 goals against him. Each has three games to go and the trophy and \$1,000 goes to the winner.

Only one game is scheduled for tonight. Montreal Canadiens, in second place with a one-point edge take on the third-place Maple Leafs at Toronto.

Quakers Down Canucks 4-2

By The Canadian Press

It'll be a battle right down to the wire for first place in the final Western Hockey League standings.

Vancouver Canucks, currently holding a two-point edge over Calgary Stampede with both teams having two games left to play, will have to wait until at least Friday when they play host to Seattle Bombers to clinch a first-place tie. They lost an opportunity to ensure the deadlock last night when they bowed 4-2 to Saskatoon Quakers on home ice.

Calgary, meanwhile, will have to win their game against Victoria Cougars tonight in the Prairie city if they are to keep their chances alive for finishing in sole possession of top spot. The contest is the only WHL action scheduled.

Saskatoon's victory last night rounded out their coast tour at one win, three losses and boosted their third-place edge over Edmonton Flyers to three points. The score was tied 1-1 at the end of the first and 2-2 going into the third.

EXHIBITION BASEBALL

By The Associated Press

Brooklyn N 3, Washington A 2.
Boston A 1, Pittsburgh N 2.
Detroit A 5, New York A 3.
Milwaukee N 3, Chicago A 8.
Cincinnati N 8, Philadelphia N 7.
St. Louis N 9, Chicago N 7.
Cleveland A 8, Baltimore A 8.

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Penticton V's Meet Kelowna In OSHL Finals

By The Canadian Press

The battle lines have now been formed for the playoff finals in the Okanagan Senior Hockey League.

The second OSHL finalist was determined Tuesday night when Penticton V's blanked Vernon Canadians 2-0 in the last game of their best-of-five semi-final series. The win climaxed a great come-back by the V's, season-long OSHL leaders.

Penticton will meet Kelowna Packers in the opening contest of the best-of-seven finals at Penticton Thursday night. Kelowna won themselves a berth in the series last Saturday by edging Kamloops Elks 3-2 in the fourth game of their semi-final affair.

Over in the Western International Hockey League, the play-off picture will be completed tonight when Kimberley Dynamiters and Spokane Flyers meet at Kimberley in the deciding game of their best-of-five semi-final.

The winner will tangle in the best-of-seven finals with Nelson Maple Leafs, who advanced to the finals Monday night by defeating Trail Smoke Eaters 5-2 in the fourth game of their best-of-five series.

YORKTON, Sask.—A farmer at Tonkin near here accidentally shot 14 of his own chickens. Hearing a suspicious noise in the hen-house, he grabbed a shot gun to investigate. As he opened the door, his dog nudged his hand and the gun discharged. Cross ready.

Last Night's Fights

By The Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash.—Bobby Woods, 132½, Spokane, outpointed George Dunn, 134, Edmonton, 12.

WASHINGTON—Holly Mims, 157½, Washington, stopped Sandy Baxter, 164½, New York, 2.

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.—Doc Williams, 187½, Newark, N. J., outpointed Clint Bacon, 177½, Death Valley, Calif., 10.

LOS ANGELES—Jose Lewis Coto, 127, El Paso, and Dave Rollins, 126, Detroit, drew, 10.

NEW YORK—Bob Provizzi, 155½, New York, outpointed Danny Rubino, 161, Hoboken, 8.

WICHITA, Kas.—Bobby Bickie, 138, Topeka, Kans., outpointed Dave Shade, 140, Detroit, 10.

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OUTDOORS With Marty

The big meeting of the year for rod and gun people is set for this Thursday evening at the Moose Hall, several new executive and committee men are urgently required, a general reshuffling is looked for, and all look with ability and desire to take a leading part in the forthcoming outdoor activities should attend and stand ready for election.

The Game Commission has awarded this zone the hoped-for pair of delegates to its convention. The **Rupert Clubsters** are duplicating the Terrace move in electing a lady secretary (more about these gallant gals shortly), and there are plenty of plans for the betterment of sport for us all, provided co-operation and support is obtained. The finalizing of this year's resolutions is also to be done, and last minute suggestions will still be heard. Be there, my brother of the bush, and be heard!

Seven sea lions disporting themselves around Pig Island on Sunday. At one time small clouds of herring were seeking the skies in their efforts to get away from them. No reports on salmon being taken in the vicinity.

A number of excellent rifle shots among the younger set, the time appears ripe for some snapshooting training at unknown ranges in the bush (with due regard to safety and backstopping); their own ingenuity and skill can be used in preparation of targets and grounds.

Another unfavorable report on running dogs, this time between Grassy Bay and Miller Bay; perhaps the law on checking this practice needs adjustment, and the power to stop such animals placed in additional hands.

Among revised figures on world record fish just published is Coho at 31 pounds; this is held by Vancouver Island and methinks it could be transferred nearer home. Most certainly these fish are taken of larger size by our own commercial fishermen, so there is something worth while for anglers to strive after. Good luck to you!

Spring salmon on sports gear remains at 33 pounds by a fish taken years ago from the Umpqua River in Oregon. At least two larger fish were sold here last summer, and eventually one will fall to some fortunate rodman. It is surprising to learn that only one trout record (out of eight) is held by a Canadian fish, this is the 14½-pound brook

trout taken from the Nipigon in Ontario; and worse yet is the fact that the "brookie" is not a true trout but a charr.

The largest fish of any species ever taken on rod and reel is the White or man-eating shark killed in Australia January 1953, weight 2,372 pounds. For some reason there are no figures offered on halibut, here we must surely win! There is no fresh water fish listed which weighed over 100 pounds (alligator gear excepted), so far nobody has weighed any of the oversize Inconnu which inhabit our far northern lakes; here is a project!

It is a fact that the Cloyah run of steelhead was resurrected from near total depletion to its present good condition by the work of five good local sportsmen; similar work might well be done in Silver and MacNicol Creeks, for it is certain that we shall always encounter difficulty in maintaining lake stocks with our unavoidable lack of the element vital to the growth of algae and plankton as reported by the provincial biologists who examined local lakes two years ago. Let us make this another project for immediate attention. Ned McLeod, Tommy Boulter and Norm Christenson, et al, kindly note and accept thanks of local anglers.

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Fifty Six Rinks Set For Bonspiel Friday

Fifty six curling rinks, including 15 outside teams have been entered for the Third Annual Prince Rupert Curling club bonspiel which gets under way at 11:45 Friday morning.

Due to the large entry, the spiel will start earlier and end later than originally planned and with 187 games scheduled to be played, curling will be around the clock. The first game involving visiting rinks is set for 4:15 a.m. Saturday morning, March 20.

Besides the 40 rinks entered by Prince Rupert curlers there are seven rinks from Smithers, three from Prince George, two from Terrace, two from Burns Lake, one from Skeena Crossing and one from Tulsequah.

Giordano Tops Mixed Ten-Pinners

Joe Giordano topped the Mixed Ten-pin bowling league Sunday with a high single of 224 and a high three of 603. Giordano also rolled a 201 game and others who rolled 200 or more were Neil Stromdall with 222, Art Olsen with 205 and Don Hartwig with 200.

Topping the women were Dot Marshall who collected women's high single with 194 and Jean Sharpe who rolled 492 to take women's high triple. Dominoes won team high single and high three with scores of 678 and 1819.

Results: M & M's 4, Four Aces 0; Dominoes 3, Luckies 1; Tiny-miles 4, Timberticks 0.

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