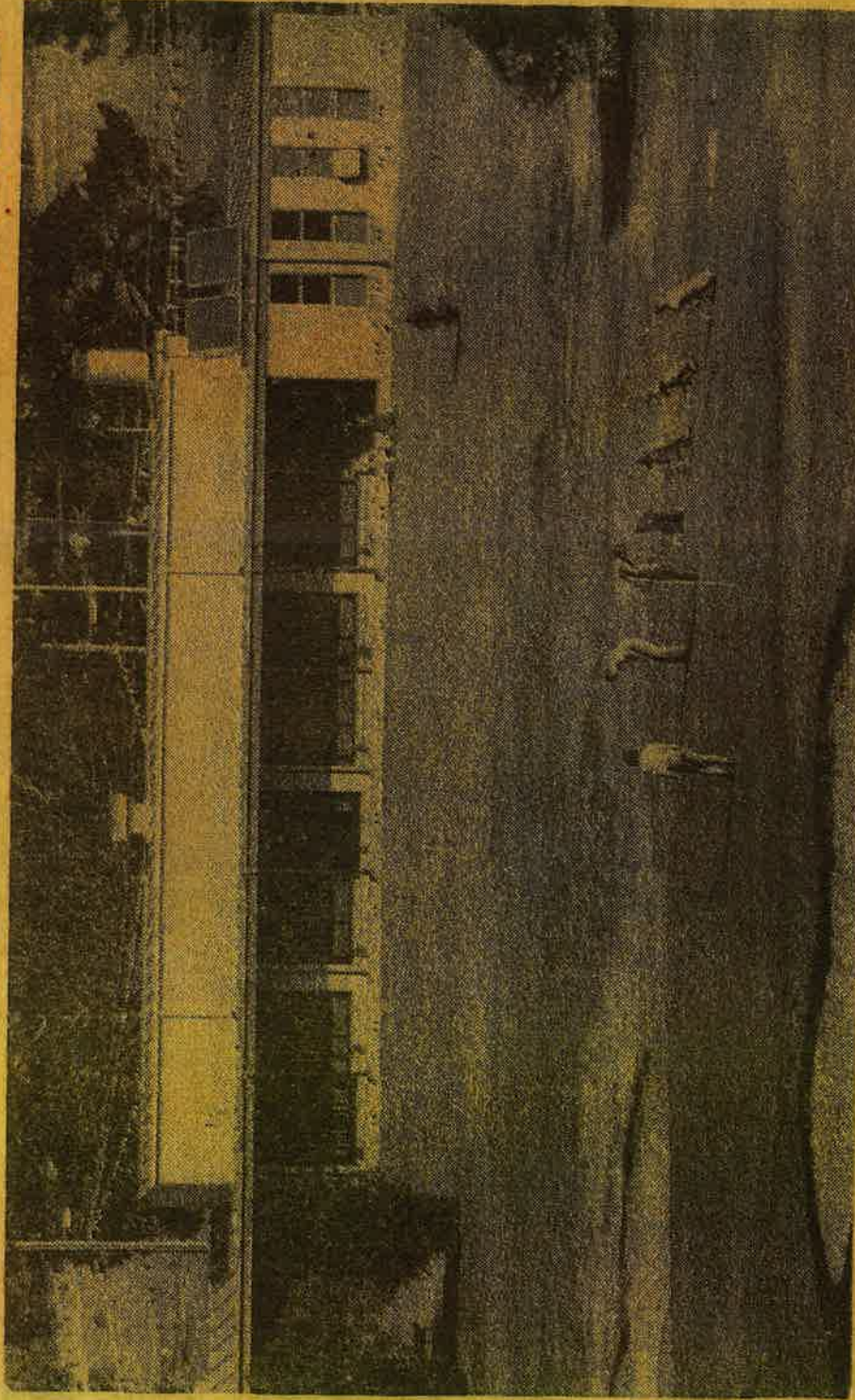


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Sunday, April 12, was allocated to this club and a circuit of clubs in the Riverina with prizemoney in excess of \$20,000 has evolved.

The Narrandera club has committed itself for prizemoney of \$3000 plus a hole-in-one.

Prizemoney and trophies for the amateur golfers has all been covered by the generous support of the local business community and a few outside sponsors.

The club has also been very fortunate to have a new Ford Laser motor car made available by Fonda Ford for the first professional golfer to hole-in-one on the eighteenth.

Local sponsors have also sponsored local members to play and pen pictures of these players appear elsewhere in this supplement.

Sixty-nine professional golfers have nominated to play and these include the 1981 Victorian Open winner, Billy Dunk.

Other top line professionals coming are Mike Cahill (Victoria), Bill Britten (Victoria), Vaughan Somers (Queensland), De Ray Simon (USA) and local western NSW pros Jerry Stohand (Young) and Rick L'Estrange (Covra).

Despite the long hot summer, the course is in very good condition. The grounds staff have fertilised the fairways three times in the past six months which has resulted in a good coverage of grass on all the fairways.

Directors and members have held several working bees which have resulted in the course having its best appearance for several seasons.

The playing format of the Pro-Am is a stroke event for the professionals and a 4 bbb and individual par event for the amateurs.

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June 10, 1905, when those present at a public meeting
decided to form the Narrandera Golf Club.

The game had been played previously by a few enthusiasts who had pegged out several holes on the eastern side of the town.

It was these early players who decided to call a public meeting to determine whether or not there was sufficient interest to justify the formation of a club.

This meeting fixed the membership fee at five shillings for men and 2/6 for associates, with a similar entrance fee.

At the next meeting on July 15, the Rev. E. Ward-Thomas, Rector of St. Thomas' Church of England, was elected the first president and Mr E. Laphomme, proprietor of the Narrandera Argus, became the first secretary.

At the first annual meeting of the club the membership was 22 men and 14 associates.

The first nine hole course extended along what is now Victoria Avenue from the corner of Arthur Street to the Showground.

The first club champion was Mr G. V. Oldham, the manager of the Union Bank (now the ANZ) with a score of 204 for 36 holes.

Several years later a new course was laid out on the river flats on the southern side of the town. This was apparently quite a good nine hole layout, but frequent flooding forced a move to the next site, which was on the racecourse.

This site was regarded as a temporary course, as the members considered that it was time the club owned its own property.

In 1927 the 122 acres comprising the present course was purchased from Mr T. Powell for £10 per acre.

Initially, nine holes were prepared for play on the new site and the other nine holes on the racecourse were retained.

In 1928 the full 18 hole course, of much the same layout as the present-day course, was opened for play and, at the same time, the first permanent clubhouse was opened.

The club president at that time was the late Mr O. O. H. Dangar, who served in that capacity for a record period of 10 years from 1925 to 1935.

From 1928 until the beginning of the Second World War in 1939 the club progressed steadily and the course was gradually improved until it was recognised as one of the best sand green courses in the State.

The club was virtually in recess during the war years as none of the major events were played between 1940 and 1946.

At the end of the war the club resumed all its competition play and membership was increased considerably by the return of ex-servicemen.

One of the returned servicemen was the late Jack Kennedy, who became the club's professional. Jack was killed in a tragic road accident and in 1950 the Professional Golfers Association organised the only professional tournament which has been conducted on the Narrandera course as a tribute to him.

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player from Victoria.

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money winner from Victoria.

TIM MOORE (Vic): Consistent Vic-
orian State circuit player.

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NSW professional with potential.

ROB McNAUGHTON (Vic): Top tour-
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WAYNE RILEY (NSW): Trainee pro-
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COLIN SAUNDERS (NSW): Profes-
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ALAN SCHENK (Vic): Trainee pro-
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JOHN SPARKS: 51 years old, right hander, 7 handicap, sponsored by CBC Bank. Has won 17 club championships, 11 men's foursomes championships, 5 mixed foursomes championships, 1 Riverina championship, represented Riverina District 13 times, playing against State team on two occasions. Will start favourite.



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FRED BAKER: 41 years old, right hander, 17 handicap, sponsored by Grants Sawmills. Won all open tournaments at Finley, won Riverina 4 ball championship and has won major events at many other clubs. Returning after spell.



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JOHN TUCKETT: Left hander, 12 handicap, sponsored by Trims. Won 1975 mixed foursomes championship, regular player who is never far from the winners. Could go well here.

MARK TAIT: 24 years old, right hander, 11 handicap, sponsored by Spalding. Came through local junior ranks where he showed good form. Now a regular club golfer who always does well. Should do well.



A. Wilson

TONY WILSON: 32 years old, right hander, 9 handicap, sponsored by Mrs A. Wilson. 1978 "B" champion, 1976 men's foursomes champion, former member of Concord Club where he was junior champion in 1969. Good place chance.

CRAIG WARREN: 17 years old, right hander, 4 handicap, sponsored by National Bank. Current club champion, won Riverina foursomes championship 1979 and 1980, C.H.S. junior champion 1979, won 1979 Southport Junior Classic, won age group in Shell junior tournaments 1978, 1979, 1980. Hard to beat.



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J. Hemphill

JEFF HEMPHILL: Left hander, 17 handicap, sponsored by Farley and Lewers. Has just come into the game after retirement from football. Has turned in some good consistent performances. Could surprise.



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ALAN RHODES: 32 years old, right hander, 7 handicap, sponsored by R. H. Jamieson. 1974, 1977 club champion, won 2 men's and 2 mixed foursomes championships, present holder of club course record. Good place chance.

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DAVID ARMSTRONG (Vic): Up and coming professional who is showing ability on the national circuit this year.

IAN BAKER-FINCH (Qld): Young Queensland professional of very high potential.

STEPHEN BANN (Vic): Trainee professional from Victoria who shows potential. Playing as a National Invitee.

PETER BARTON (NSW): Professional from Bayview Golf Club in Sydney and is a good consistent player.

BRETT BILLINGTON (NSW): Young player from Castle Cove Golf Club in Sydney with some ability.

TONY BLOOMFIELD (NSW): Very consistent young player from Sydney.

LINDSAY BRENNAN (NSW): Young player from NSW South Coast area.

BILL BRITTEN (Vic): Top golfer from Victoria who has visited Narrandera on several occasions.

MIKE CAHILL (Vic): Another top golfer from Victoria who has won national tournaments in the past.

LARRY CANNING (NSW): Young touring professional from Central Coast of NSW.

ROBERT COLBERT (Vic): Victorian club professional who is a consistent money winner on the State circuit.

FRANK CONALLIN (Vic): Good consistent touring professional.

STEPHEN DARMODY (NSW): Young player from NSW South Coast who is in his first year as a full professional.

KEN DUKES (NSW): Consistent golfer on the National circuit.

BILL DUNK (NSW): Top touring professional, winner of 1981 Victorian Open and presently No 1 on the Australian Order of Merit. Holder of too many course records to count.

GREG ENGALL (NSW): Young Sydney professional who is in top form.

IAN FERGUSON (NSW): Club professional from Wagga who does not get the opportunity to play much tournament golf.

PETER FOWLER (NSW): One of the best young professionals in Australia. Set a course record at Windsor last week.

DAVID GANNON (NSW): Trainee professional who is playing as an invitee because of his potential.

GLEN GOODWIN (NSW): Consistent young player.

SIMON GORE (NSW): Trainee professional playing by invitation.

JOHN GREENHILL (Vic): Club professional from Peninsula Golf Club in Melbourne.

MARK GRIFFIN (Vic): Victorian professional who is a consistent money-winner on Pro-Am circuits.

ANDREW HENDERSON (NSW): Club professional at Griffith but does not get many opportunities to play tournaments.

ROSS HERBERT (NSW): Very good young NSW touring professional.

BARRY HORE (NSW): In his first year as a professional. Has not played much to date.

PETER JACKSON (NSW): Host professional at Mungarie Park in Sydney. He is a Pro-Am specialist.

ALAN JOHNSTON (NSW): Has just completed his traineeship and now resides in Griffith.

CLIVE JOHNSTON (NSW): Has not played the Pro-Am circuit for a few years but is a good golfer.

PAUL JOSEPH (NSW): Young trainee professional from Liverpool in Sydney.

LEN KORN (NSW): Consistent tournament player capable of good scores.

SANDY KURCEBA (NSW): Recently arrived from Canada and is finding it hard to break through.

RICK L'ESTRANGE (NSW): Veteran professional from Cowra Club who is a very good player.

GREG LEWIS (NSW): Professional from Gunnedah in NSW.

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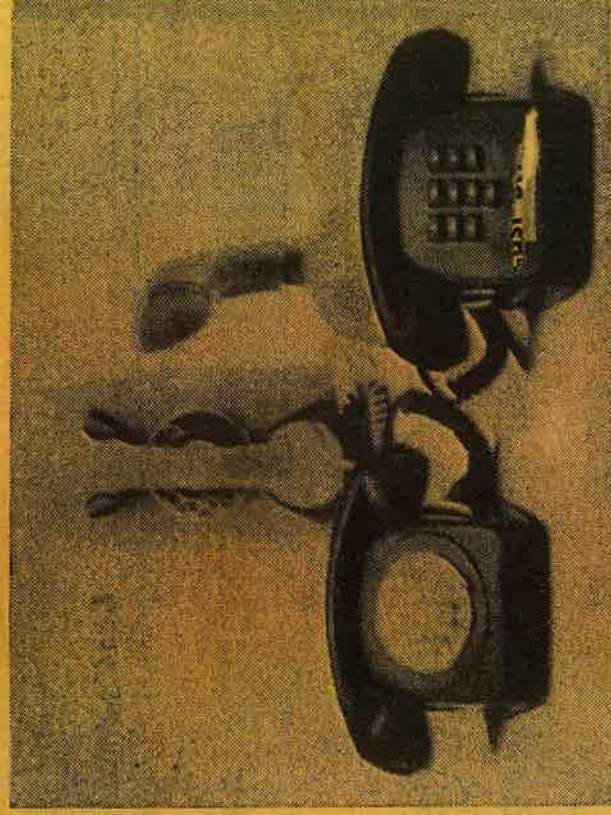
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KEIRAN MULHALL: 36 years old, right hander, 23 handicap, sponsored by Ainsworth and Mulhall. Regular local golfer and won consecutive Monthly Medals in March and April last year. Capped off his training with a lesson from Ron Luxton. Good stayer.

JIM BLISS: 46 years old, right hander, 14 handicap, sponsored by Fonda Ford, Won Riverina "B" grade handicap 1980, captained winning 1981 summer team. Regular tournament player. Running in borrowed gear.



D. Murphy

DAMIEN MURPHY: 20 years old, right hander, 22 handicap, sponsored by Des Murphy Holden. Commenced playing golf 5 years ago on coming to Narrandera and has shown continued improvement. First time in open company.

TERRY HOBBA: 23 years old, right hander, 24 handicap, sponsored by Fig Tree Motel. Has only been a member for about 5 years and until recently has only played socially. Was previously a member of Asquith Club where he played off a handicap of 18. Will find this track harder.

KEITH HILL: 60 years old, left hander, 15 handicap, sponsored by Websters Cordials. Current "B" grade pennant player. Has played twice in "A" grade championships, won "A" grade consolation and "B" grade championship, three times winner of individual knockout, won Riverina 4 ball better ball championship. Needs the run.

KEN TRIMBLE: 20 years old, right hander, 4 handicap, sponsored by Castles Supermarket 1977, 1978 club junior champion, 1978 Riverina representative, 1978 schoolboys champion, 1979 club champion, 1980 Riverina junior champion, 1980 Riverina four-somes champion, current club champion at Concord. Form good.

RICHARD GERATHY: 19 years old, right hander 15 handicap, sponsored by Dunlop-Slazenger. Regular local golfer capable of good scores. Has not played much lately. Could surprise.

DOM FONDACARO: 21 years old, right hander, sponsored by Country Comfort Motel. One of a group of promising young players from Leeton Club, has represented South West High Schools and Leeton High. Won "A" reserve championship at Leeton when 16 years old. Good outside chance.

TIM GERATHY: 17 years old, right hander, 12 handicap, sponsored by Dunlop Sales. Won 1979 Riverina "B" grade foursomes championship. Regular local player and trophy winner. Good each way chance.



B. Keene

BRIAN KEENE: 43 years old, right hander, 18 handicap, sponsored by Pine Hill Nursery. Relative newcomer to the game but has shown continual improvement. Regular local and area tournament player. Should give solid performance.

BOB MATHIESON: 34 years old, right hander, no handicap, sponsored by L. Mathieson & Co. B grade pennant player, regular club player who has his share of wins. Each way chance.



B. Taylor

BARRY TAYLOR: 40 years old, right hander, 24 handicap, sponsored by Telecom. Good solid club golfer who has donated much of his time to junior golf over the last six years. Stablemate to Joe.

JOE ADAMS: 51 years old, left hander, 23 handicap, sponsored by Telecom. Strong club member who has spent the last few years building up the social club. Was "C" grade champion in 1954. Rise in weight here.



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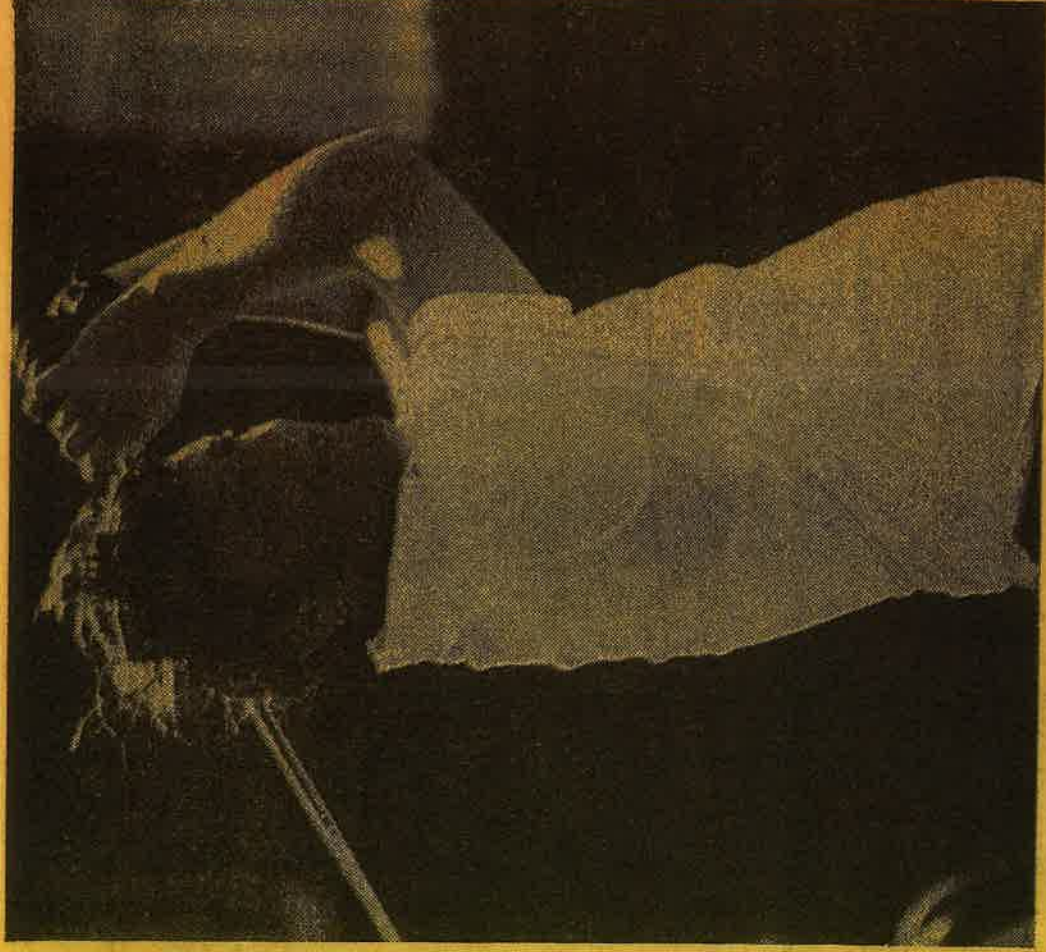
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- 8.09: John Rogers, K. Cheshire, P. Wilson
8.16: Greg Watton, P. Fajler, Ron Luxton, P. Tolsher
8.24: Paul Smith, J. Osmond, Jerry Stolhand.
8.32: Rod Mills, N. Limbrick, Mike MacGregor.
8.40: Sandy Kurceba, R. Mathieson, Wayne Meikle, B. Keene.
8.48: Ken Dukes, Robert Stephens, G. Saggors.
8.56: Greg Lewis, P. Curtis, Lindsay Brennan, R. Bingham
9.04: Wayne Riley, T. Morris, Glen Goodwin, D. Herden.
9.12: Bruce Sorrenson, F. Simmonds, Mark Griffin, P. Hurst.
9.20: Geoff Moore, P. Sculley, Larry Canning, B. Price.
9.28: Ross Herbert, K. Hill, Brett Billingham, J. Lugsdin.
9.36: Peter Barton, M. Moses, John Ruggiero, D. Fazio.
9.44: Warren Young, D. Murphy, Mark Alderdice, G. Brennan.
9.52: Bill Britten, G. Martin, Tony Bloomfield, K. Mulhall.
10.00: Steven Darmody, B. Taylor, Andrew Henderson, G. Jarrett.
10.08: Michael Cahill, M. Tatt, Simon Gore, D. Hunt.
10.16: Frank Conallin, J. Adams, Alan Johnston, K. Anderson.
10.24: Bill Dunk, C. Warren, Neil Ulmer, J. Sparks.
- 10.32: Garry Merrick, D. Stanton, Bill Swaby, R. Gerathy.
10.40: Vaughan Somers, K. Trimble, David Gannon, C. Clifford.
10.48: De Ray Simon, F. Baker, Greg White, Reg Hyde.
10.56: Rob McNaughton, A. Rhodes, Russell Swanson, J. Bliss.
11.04: Gary Tozer, G. Spindler, Wayne Thomas, R. Smith.
11.12: Chris Tickner, A. Wilson, Richard Streiner, G. Dodds.
11.20: Len Korn, J. Sweeney, Rick L'Estrange, H. Brett.
11.28: Peter Fowler, J. Tuckett, Allan Schenk, N. Williams.
11.36: Bruce Smith, G. Stevenson, Scott Tasker, N. McComb.
11.44: Ian Baker-Finch, A. Walton, Mike Mills, F. Foley.
11.52: Tim Moore, T. Hobba, Paul Joseph, R. Wardman.
12.00: David Armstrong, J. Hemphill, Steven Bann, D. Fondacaro.
12.08: Peter Jackson, M. McKay, John Greenhill, Wal Mulholland.
12.16: Dale Lynch, D. Edwards, Greg Engall, L. Steele.
12.24: Robert Colbert, H. Simpson, Barry Hore, T. Gerathy.
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