

New split looms for black tennis



FORTUIN: "Let them go."

THE failure by the South Western Transvaal Tennis Association (SWTTA) to appear before the Tennis Association of South Africa (Tasa) last month seems to be leading to yet another split in local black tennis.

This is how the whole trouble between the SWTTA and Tasa is seen by Adam Fortuin (the president of Tasa.)

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come," said Fortuin.

The trouble between SWTTA and Tasa started last year when the Kagiso based tennis association received a large sponsorship from a well-known insurance company.

Soon thereafter, the SWTTA announced that they would stage a tournament in which white players would be allowed. That did not go well with Tasa, the mother body of South African black tennis, who then asked SWTTA to explain why they

wanted to invite whites to their (SWTTA) tournament.

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Selling T-shirts for tennis

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THE South Western Transvaal Tennis Union (SWTTU) were given R2 000 in sponsorship to purchase T-shirts for the Tennis Association of South Africa's (Tasa) week-long national championships at Lenasia Tennis Courts from Monday, December 31.

The money came from the local Lenasia Bus Service and about R3 000 is expected to be raised from the sale of the T-shirts.

The tournament — which is the sixth annual event — is jointly hosted by SWTTU and the South Eastern Transvaal Tennis Association (Setta).

It opens with a biennial general meeting on December 30 and the matches start on December 31. After a break on January 1, it resumes on January 2 and continues until January 6.

More than 200 players from Natal, Eastern Cape, Western Cape, Border, Orange Free State and the Transvaal are expected to take part.

One of the tournament organisers, Muhammed Sheik, praised the bus company for responding "positively to the appeal for assistance".

On presenting the cheque, LBS manager, Ambelal Lala, congratulated the SWTTU for making "real efforts" in promoting junior tennis and encouraging young people to play such a fine sport.

"We sincerely believe that the youth must be given the opportunity to participate in healthy activities, support for these activities should be the responsibility of

adults," he said.

"It is with great pleasure that we present this cheque and hope that in this way, we have made some contribution towards the development of tennis at an early age." The bus manager wished all participants in the championships well and said his company was grateful for getting the opportunity to sponsor tennis.

Sheik disclosed that big financial houses, including two insurance companies and another bus company, were unable to sponsor them despite long and exhaustive negotiations with them.

One of the insurance companies changed its mind when it had to allocate the money to various aspects of the competition.

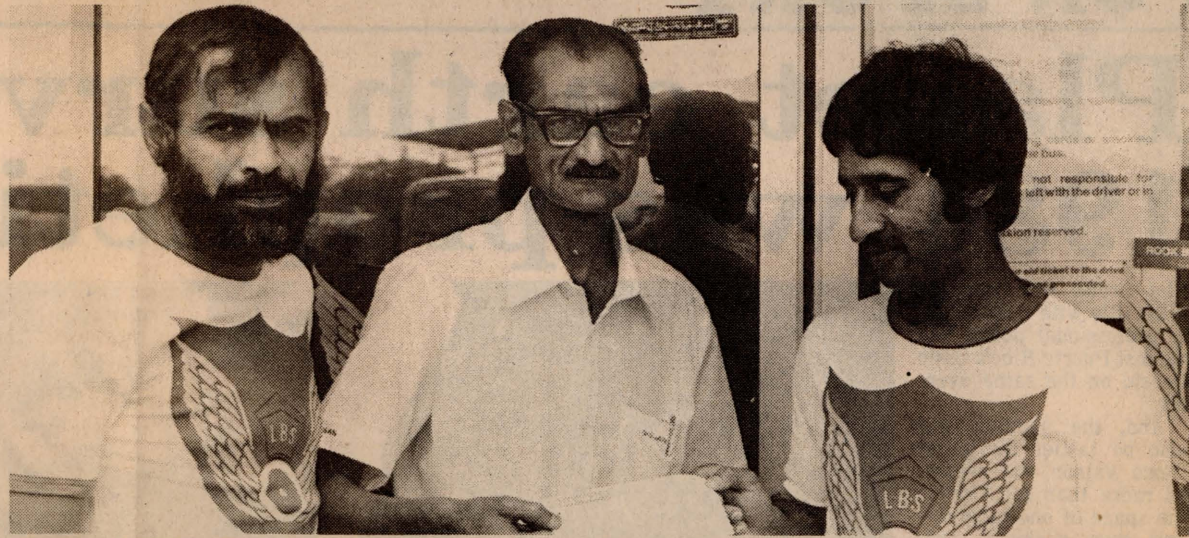
Another company merged with a new group and the promise fell through, he said.

On the matter of the bus company, Sheik said it could be possible that they may be future sponsors since they had donated a large sum of money to Operation Hunger.

Commenting on accommodation, Sheik said they found that hotel accommodation had proved expensive for the players, particularly scholars who had no source of income.

He thanked the Lenasia community for making available three houses which would be of "great help" in accommodating a large number of players.

On the number of entries, Sheik said they were hoping to get top people playing quality tennis rather than a number of players with a low standard.



Smiling SWTTU officials Iqbal Mahomed, left, and Ismail Moola, right, with the Lenasia Bus Service manager, Ambelal Lala, during the sponsorship presentation. The tennis union received a generous sponsorship from the bus company.

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URGENT TALKS ON TASA SPLIT

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THE South Western Transvaal Tennis Union executive meets in Kagiso on Wednesday to consider withdrawing from the Sacos-affiliated Tennis Association of South Africa (Tasa).

This follows the increasingly strained relationship between the two bodies.

The Union has not been taking part in Tasa tournaments recently, and failed to attend a hearing by Tasa in Bloemfontein last month.

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"Pro" Magodiela told CP his Union was "extremely dissatisfied" with Tasa.

"Tasa practices racial discrimination, and we don't think it's in our

interests to continue with them," he said.

"We have realised that they serve only the interests of Indians and Coloureds, and do not really have the interests of blacks at heart."

Magodiela also accused "certain Indian members of the Union" of practising racial discrimination.

"They always refuse to attend meetings in the black townships. Blacks are expected to go to Indian and Coloured areas," he said.

"Many of us feel that in view of what has been happening, we should revive the old

Black body, the SA National Lawn Tennis Union, and this will be considered at the meeting," Magokiela said.

Tasa secretary Manicum Pather said it would be unwise for the Union to revive "a racial body". "There is little to be gained from it at a time when everybody is striving for a united non-racial front to oppose racial organisations," he said.

He added: "We are disappointed that they didn't attend the Bloemfontein hearing, but they still have a chance to put their case at a meeting in Durban in January."

Fatima wins table tennis title and signals a new era

WHEN Fatima Patel won the Lenasia-based Southern Transvaal Table Tennis Association's championship's women title, it signalled the beginning of a new era.

It meant the end to an eight-year history of the STTTA where only males dominated this sport.

This Lenasia woman led a strong contingent of female players, from the juniors upwards. They did not disgrace themselves. In fact, their performances were a marvel to watch.

A large number of table tennis players, more than 120, took part in this annual event, which was spread over a number of days at the Lenasia Extension 3 Recreation Centre.

The biggest shock of the entire tournament came when defending champions, Dilip Patidar of Gama was toppled. His conqueror was Johny Edwards of Arsenals.

In a tense and exciting final, Edwards overcame a determined effort from Patidar and ran out 21-17,

21-16 and 21-13 winner.

Third place went to C Edwards who defeated Mohan Hira in an exciting four-setter, 21-10, 21-19, 23-25 and 21-18.

The semi-encounter between Gama teammates, Patidar and Raju Patel, was perhaps the most exciting match of the entire tournament. After being two games down and trailing 12-18 in the third set, Patidar came back strongly to take the game 22-20.

After that determined effort, the defending champion completely demoralised Raju.

In the other competitions, the new singles champions, Johny Edwards teamed up with C Edwards to beat Dilip Patidar and Raju Patel in the senior doubles final.

Other results: R Ebrahim defeated C Edwards in the junior section. T Hawk beat A Tara in the junior plate, D Brownly and R Ebrahim overcame C Edwards and F Steenkamp in the junior doubles final and Sovab Patel annexed the juvenile section.

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THE South Western Transvaal Tennis Union (SWTTU) has embarked on a major scheme.

It has literally "taken the bull by the horns" by embarking on a vigorous coaching programme for juniors — the stars of the future.

This is not the first time the SWTTU has embarked on a similar programme. Their latest venture, which began in May this year, is different.

"Such clinics did not reap the necessary results simply because these coaching clinics were conducted at lengthy intervals," commented Jerry Waja, the SWTTU's director of coaching.

"However, this year it will be different. Under a young and dedicated management, the SWTTU has ambitious plans, with the coaching programme held at weekly intervals over an eight-month period."

A professional coach and South Africa's leading tennis player, Cavin Bergman, is the man conducting these clinics every Saturday, between 12 noon and 3pm.

Coaching is provided at three levels — beginners, intermediate and advanced.

When the programme started four months ago, there were 61 aspirant players, of which 45 were beginners. The rest were in the intermediate class, most of whom have progressed to the advance stage.

Jerry Waja said there are now 50 players between the ages of eight and 16 in the beginner's section. This augurs well for the future.

In the same age group, there are 24 players in the intermediate and eight in the advance levels now.

"It can, therefore, be seen there is a tremendous amount of enthusiasm being generated," the director of coaching said. "Enquiries have been coming in

at a fast rate, with figures running over 100 for the beginners course.

"It must be conceded that one coach for so many players will prove disastrous."

Mr Waja said this coaching programme would cost the SWTTU R2 000, funded entirely by their adult membership.

"To cater for all the enthusiastic young people, we require at least two qualified coaches," he said. "Calculating this at six hours a week, the SWTTU would need at least R4 500.

"We wrote to many companies to sponsor this event, which can only benefit the players. Sad to say, none of them were prepared to support this scheme.

"Now, we have no alternative but to appeal to the public and businesses in Lenasia for assistance," Jerry Waja explained.

"We are not looking for talent. It is

there. All we are doing is maturing this talent, thereby moving forward.

"At the same time, we appeal to the parents of the children being coached to be present at these clinics. They can gauge the progress of their child as well as assisting the SWTTU to move ahead constructively."

The SWTTU has already acquired a ball-throwing machine, a valuable device without which effective result orientated coaching is not possible.

Apart from the coaching scheme, the SWTTU scored another scoop. The Sacos-affiliated Tennis Association of South Africa has chosen Lenasia for its national open championships, from December 31, 1984 to January 6, 1985.

With this type of enthusiasm, the SWTTU with its management of Younus Waja (president), Aziz Essop (secretary),

Mohamed Khan, Ismail Moolla and Jerry Waja, one can look forward to a

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SWTTU's Bergman draws more girls into the game

It was a great tennis year

By GABU TUGWANA

ONE of the best events ever to happen to tennis this year, was the big recruitment of girls to the game by the South Western Transvaal Tennis Union (SWTTU) coach, Cavan Bergman.

Recently, several tournaments had to cancel the women's singles or mixed doubles due to the poor entry from the female folk. In singles, officials were forced to stage a round-robin competition, with the winner determined by the points scored during the games.

Qualified coach and the South African national, Transvaal and Western Province singles champ, Bergman made great strides in the non-racial tennis ranks by calling for the introduction of "ball-girls".

He said it was time more "ball-girls" instead of ball-boys were assigned at national tournament in order to foster interest of playing tennis among the female-folk from an early age.

SWTTU, which hosts this year's Tennis Association of South Africa (Tasa) national tournament at Lenasia from December 31, intends practising this policy during the championships.

Bergman's six-months of junior coaching on Saturdays at Lenasia appear to have been a great success, considering that he started with a class of 25 and by the end of October, he had 100 pupils.

For Tasa this was the year of the junior players, particularly in the Western Cape and Boland. A big cheer for coaches throughout the Tasa units! There is no doubt that these will dominate future Open

events.

In the Santa ranks, juniors also showed some marked improvement. Officials ascribe this to their policy of matching blacks against white players. While there was fewer activity in the townships — perhaps due to educational and general political situation — Transvaal Santa units could have done better!

Here's a brief account highlighting tennis activities this year in the Tasa ranks and SA National Tennis Association (Santa):

● February 20: Transvaal Tennis Board (TTB) led by Muhammed Sheikh from the Eastern Transvaal Tennis Association (Setta) revives SWTTU and Southern Transvaal Tennis Association (STTA). The South Eastern Transvaal Transvaal Association (Setta) indicates willingness to waive the right to host the national tourney in favour of SWTTU.

● Feb 25: Setta's Sheikh elected TTB president, the post previously occupied by Phineas Xulu who had to resign due to his involvement in the Vosloorus Town Council.

Other TTB officials voted are: vice-president Younaid Waja (SWTTU), secretary Yusuf Bhayat (Setta), recording-secretary Antipas Sahlapelo (Northern Tvl Tennis Union), treasurer Herman Waghmarae (Setta).

● Feb 25: Revived SWTTU holds a three-week closed tournament. A star is uncovered in Cedric Lepere of Ennerdale who won the singles. Sixty players entered from Ennerdale, Lenasia and Azaadville.

● Mar 10: The convenor of the four-man commission inquiring into the administration of the Soweto Tennis Cen-



Kenneth Ramaboa in happier times.



Phineas Xulu in happier times

tre, Legau Mathabathe, announces their findings after about 10 months of investigation. Alleged irregularities in the administration were uncovered.

The Centre's chairman and acting treasurer Kenneth Ramaboa instructed to bank an outstanding R465.01 before March 16 and produce a receipt as proof at the next AGM.

The new Jabavu Centre Committee delegated to decide what action to take against the catering committee which was alleged to be involved in maladministration. Other members of the Commission were: secretary Ernest Poee, members Carl Rabatho and Humphrey Radebe.

● Also on March 10, proposed election of a new Centre office were disrupted by disagreeing factions. Ramaboa who was presiding, said he and his supporters believed that the 1983 paid-up members should vote while the majority of the meeting attended by about 60 people, preferred that the 1984 paid-up members should vote.

● March 14: Santa's SWTTU threw the R10 000 Easter championships open to all races and invites Lesotho and Swaziland players.

● March 21: STTA gives notice for an AGM scheduled for April 1 at the Centre. Outgoing office: chairman Joel Ramasike, vice-chairman Major Ngase, secretary Kenneth Ramaboa, assistant-secretary Ernest Poee, treasurer Herman Mokoena, match-secretary Mica Nhlapo, organising-secretary Xola Nuse, committee-members Lucky Poee and Mzamo Payi.

● March 24: Players hold an Annual General Meeting of the Centre committee, depose absent chairman/treasurer Ramaboa, bringing an end to his executive which had held office since 1982.

New officials: chairman Legau Mathabathe, vice-chairman Ernest

Pooe, secretary Xola Nuse, assistant-secretary Vic Mngqibisa, treasurer Jeff Velelo, committee-members Lucky Poee, Amos Magodiele, Humphrey Radebe, Mongezi Ningiza and M Themba.

● March 26: Six-months of "quiet" organising resulted in the formation of the SWTTU for the two units' players to be able to get permission to feature in Tasa events because the SWTTU and STTA executive had been suspended by the motherbody.

● April 1: STTA elections bring a change of faces in the office. Chairman Joel Ramasike is unseated by assistant-secretary Ernest Poee while organising secretary Xola Nuse replaces Poee, match-secretary Mica Nhlapo replaced absent secretary Ramaboa while Herman Mokoena takes Nhlapo's post.

Other officials were: treasurer Victor Mngqibisa, organising secretary Major Ngqase, committee-members Humphrey Radebe and Monde Ningiza.

● April 9: Ramaboa announces the formation of a rival committee to run the Centre, saying it was done at a meeting held the previous day. He names himself chairman, Joel Ramasike vice-chairman, Ethel Radebe secretary, Carl Rabatho assistant-secretary, Lazarus Lee treasurer, Elizabeth Mogoai, Herman Mokoena, John Nobanda, Joseph Modiko and Miriam Chochoe as committee-members.

● But during the inter-race Easter tournament organised by the SWTTU, three of these officials, Chochoe, Mogoai and Nobanda distanced themselves from Ramaboa's group.

● April 15: Mathabathe and his group wins control of the Centre from the Ramaboa group. It is also revealed that Ramaboa had not yet banked the outstanding R465.01 in accordance to the resolution taken in

the March general meeting.

● April 21: SWTTU throws Ramaboa out of the Easter Open for an alleged racial slur and an alleged attempt to influence other players. Ramaboa denies the allegations, saying it stems from a grudge by an unnamed STTA member who wanted to settle a personal score with him.

● April 23: Soweto lasses Mirriam Chochoe and Maureen Poee, together with Lesotho's Pascaline Katu and Mamtsoari Maruping reach the women's doubles semi-finals of the inter-race SWTTU tournament.

● On the same weekend, Raymond Anthony unseat the defending Natal Sugar Open singles champion Cavan Bergman in Durban. But the duo teamed up to retain the men's doubles title. Charmaine Carolissen retains her singles crown and with Loretta Abrahams, keep the doubles title. The mixed doubles honours were shared among four finalists — Bergman/Carolissen and Glen Samaai and Vera Du Plessis due to the time factor.

● April 29: Veteran tennis administrator of more than 20 years, Mohammed H Docrat, is elected life-president of the SWTTU. New office-bearers were president Younaid Waja, vice-president Jerry Waja, secretary Aziz Essop, assistant-secretary Ismail Moola, treasurer Mahomed Khan, committee-members Haroon Rashid Norsakha, Iqbal Mahomed, Nazir Khan, S Pillay and Nishar Sarfodeen.

● May 26: TTB's South Zone comprising South-West, Western and Southern Transvaal selects a squad for the National Junior Masters. The squad is to be trained by Bergman.

● May 29: The Northern Transvaal's Putco Open is completed at Attridgeville with Anthony dethroning the defending champ Bergman. Berg-

man and Anthony win the doubles, Regina Peta regains her singles title and together with Cordelia Mdluli wins the doubles.

The mixed doubles could not played due to bad light.

● June 1-3: TTB's second annual Open at Benoni. Bergman wins singles, Regina Peta (women's), Chota Vawda/Richman Mahlangu (men's doubles), Peta and Cordelia Mdluli (doubles).

● June 10: TTB's Northern Zone comprising South-Eastern, Eastern and Northern Transvaal selects a squad for the National Junior Masters. The squad is to be prepared by Anthony.

● July 2-7: National Junior Masters at Um-tata. The zoning of Tasa units injects the standard of the tournament which was played in four age groups: under-12, 14, 16, 18.

● August 19: SWTTU throws open a veteran tournament due to the previous year's poor entry.

● September 16: TTB holds an inter-unit friendly at Lenasia.

● September 30: Setta's interclub tourney. Cain Mashego and Ashley, the National Junior Masters under 14 champs show great improvement, outsting veteran players.

● September 30 & Oct 7: SWTTU's (Santa) Junior Open at Kagiso attended by only Krugersdorp players. Sports organiser Martin Mphahlwa said invited Soweto, ER and Vaal failed to turn up without any apologies.

● Oct 7: Setta's Closed tournament converted into a all-men's affair following a poor entry in the women's events.

● Oct 28: TTB's inter-unit friendly scheduled for Newlands, switched to Actonville. One of the burning issues in this meeting, is the televis-

ing of tennis competi-tions.

● That month's third Tasa annual interprovincial tournament scheduled for Kimberley is cancelled. Vandals damaged the courts and an attempt to shift the event to Port Elizabeth, Cape Town or Boland fails. The Transvaal and Natal players indicate

that they may have some transport problems to the new venues.

● In another event in October, Bergman finishes among the last six finalists for the 1984 Sacos Sportsman of the Year in Port Elizabeth. This involved all top players in various sports codes under the Sacos wing.

● Dec 8-14: Junior Tennis championships organised by the BTF at Jabavu. Some of the regular top players divert to Ellis Park to an inter-race tourney.

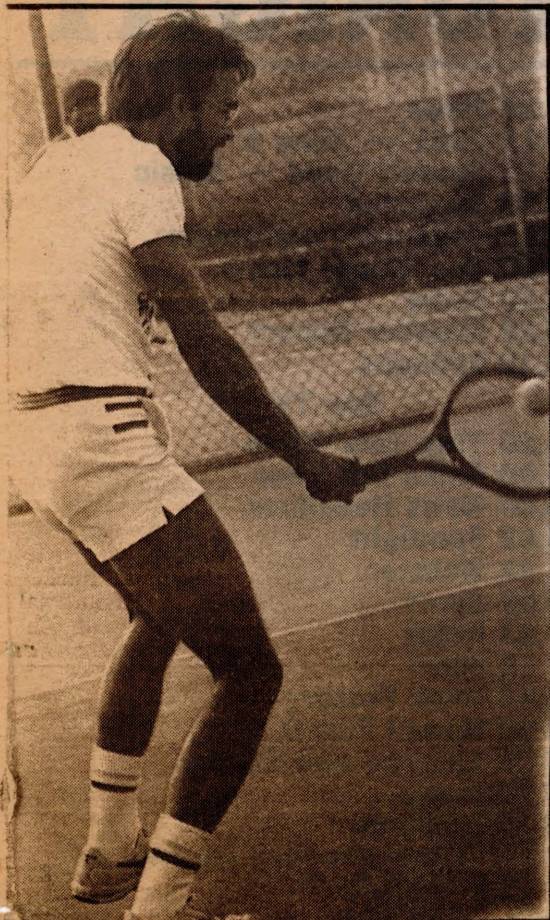
● Dec 3-9: Boland Junior Tourney. Improving standard noted.

● Dec 8-9: Combined SWTTU and WRTDA junior team play BophuthaTswana.

● Dec 10-15: Boland Open at Paarl. National Junior Under-18 champs Kenneth Goosen and Maliek Cassim (No 7), upset the No 2s Winstone Peterson and Trotski Jacobs. The Under-16 finalist Shameelah Essop (No 6) oust Brenda Accom (No 3) in another upset.

● Dec 17-23: The Western Province Open and the Under-19 tournament near Cape Town produce more shocks, engineered by juniors. An under-15 National Junior Masters player Brett Field (No 13), ousted veretan Alwyn Solomon (No 4). Unseeded young players Hilton Essop and Clive de Jonge blast Glen Adams and Clifford Rolls (No 8).

Another unseeded pair, Mechell Samaai and Shameelah Essop, reach the semifinals of the women's doubles.



Cavan Bergman who produced many young female players.

Western Tvl tennis merger stalled

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THE involvement of the Tennis Association of South Africa (Tasa) with the South African Council on Sport (Sacos) may have cost Tasa a provincial unit in the Western Transvaal.

The merger between two black tennis organisations in that area — one comprising coloureds and Indians, and the other Africans — has not been effected.

Yesterday the chairman of the Western Transvaal Tennis Union, Anver Cas-

sim, blamed the failure of the merger to Tasa's membership of the anti-apartheid Sacos.

Cassim and the Transvaal Tennis Board (TTB) earlier started merger talks with the Western Tvl Tennis Association (African) with the secretary of WTTA, Moses Kepadisa.

"Mr Kepadisa indicated to me that he was not too happy about the connection between Tasa and Sacos," said Cassim.

"But after talks with him, I expected him to raise the matter at the Transvaal meeting which he failed to attend."

Efforts to find Kepadisa yesterday drew a blank.

Yusus Bhayat, secretary of the TTB, also confirmed that Kepadisa had promised to make himself available at the last TTB meeting late last year.

"I believe he (Kepadisa) is also involved in multinational events," added Cas-

sim. This is contrary to Tasa's code of conduct as laid down by Sacos.

The WTTU, according to Cassim, was last night expected to hold a meeting wherein the merger issue would receive top priority.

The TTB is also still struggling to create a unit in the Great North.

"We don't know who to contact out there," said Bhayat.

TTB vice president Phineas Xulu said: "We have sent correspondence to Mr

Moloto on numerous occasions but failed to raise any response from him."

Moloto is a tennis administrator in that area.

The TTB is also expecting to hear from players who could not take part in the Tasa championships last December because they did not receive entry forms.

Activities in both the West and the Northern Transvaal will come under close scrutiny at the TTB meeting in Potchefstroom next month.

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