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## Reding's senior boys capture Halton title

### Royals reach OFSAA championships

By **STEVE LeBLANC***The Champion*

Bishop Reding's senior boys soccer squad has already secured one championship jewel this spring — and will be hoping to add a couple more to their crown in the coming week.

The Royals' Halton title triumph over Oakville's Loyola Hawks Tuesday earned them passage to next weekend's OFSAA championships.

This'll be the school's first ever trip to the provincial showcase — which will be preceded by today's Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference (GHAC) finals against Hamilton's St. Thomas Moore.

The OFSAA tune-up game — which is not a do-or-die situation, as both teams have already qualified for provincials — is slated to begin at 3 p.m. at Burlington's Sherwood Park.

"We set our goals high this season and right now we're living up to them," said veteran forward Onel Martino.

His comments follow Tuesday's win over the Hawks. Martino scored in the opening half and again in the dying moments of play to knock off Loyola 2-0.

Remarked Martino, "Guys like Kyle Grant and myself have been capitalizing on

our chances in the playoffs, something we weren't doing earlier in the year."

The Royals battled Loyola to a scoreless stalemate during the regular season, but left no room for doubt as to who the region's top team was at Sherwood Park Tuesday.

They moved the ball better during the chilly, rain-soaked afternoon and pressured well at key points in the game.

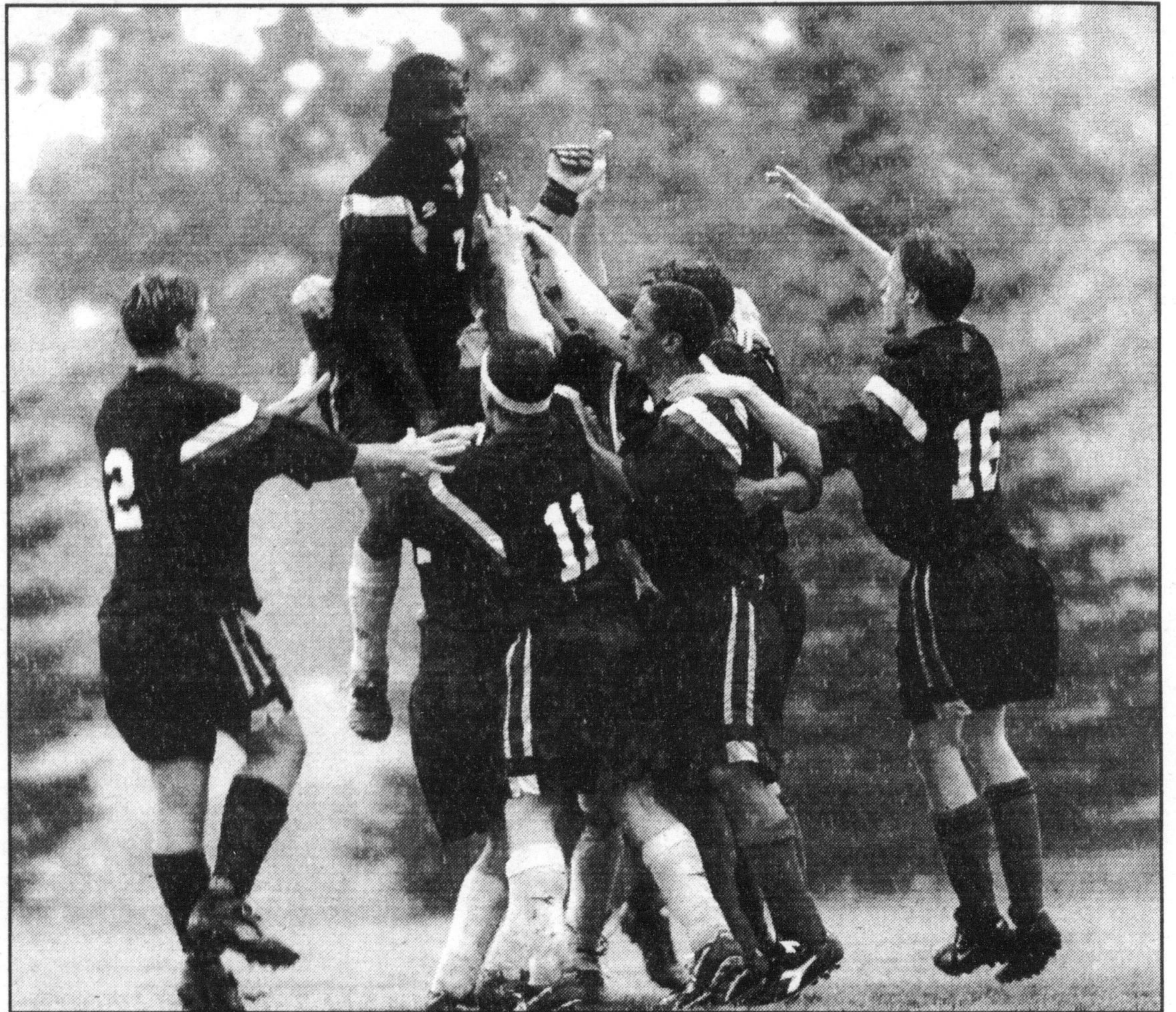
"We really took the play to them. The guys played great, offensively and defensively," said co-coach Gord McCarles.

Goalkeeper Allen Lourenco — who last year backstopped the juniors to regional gold — handled the ball in expert fashion to record his 14th shutout in two years. Also offering impressive efforts were Chris Casa and Bruce Milligan.

Martino's two goals brought his playoff scoring total to five. He also provided the heroics in semifinal action last Friday, making the lone deposit in a 1-0 whitewash of Burlington's Nelson Lords.

A total of seven seniors were part of both championship squads, this year and last. Joining Lourenco and Milligan in that department are Marc Borelli, Frank Fazio, Matt Stockton, Connor Sweeney and Paul Szafer.

The provincial championships will be held May 31 to June 2 at Hamilton's Bishop Ryan Secondary School.



## Marlins grab five gold medals at Spring Fling

The Milton Marlin Swim Club recently returned from Brampton's Cobra Spring Fling Invitational with seven gold medals.

Leading this hefty haul was David Dimitrov, who bested all nine and 10-year-old boys in the 50-metre freestyle, 50m backstroke and 100m individual medley.

Four other locals delivered one gold medal showing apiece — including 11 and 12-year-old boys competitor Karl Zearth, who won the 100m freestyle. He also struck silver in the 200m freestyle.

Age class teammate James Bramley turned back all challengers in the 200m backstroke while Victoria Poole was tops in the nine and 10-year-old girls' 50m freestyle.

Her efforts in the 100m individual medley were good enough for the bronze.

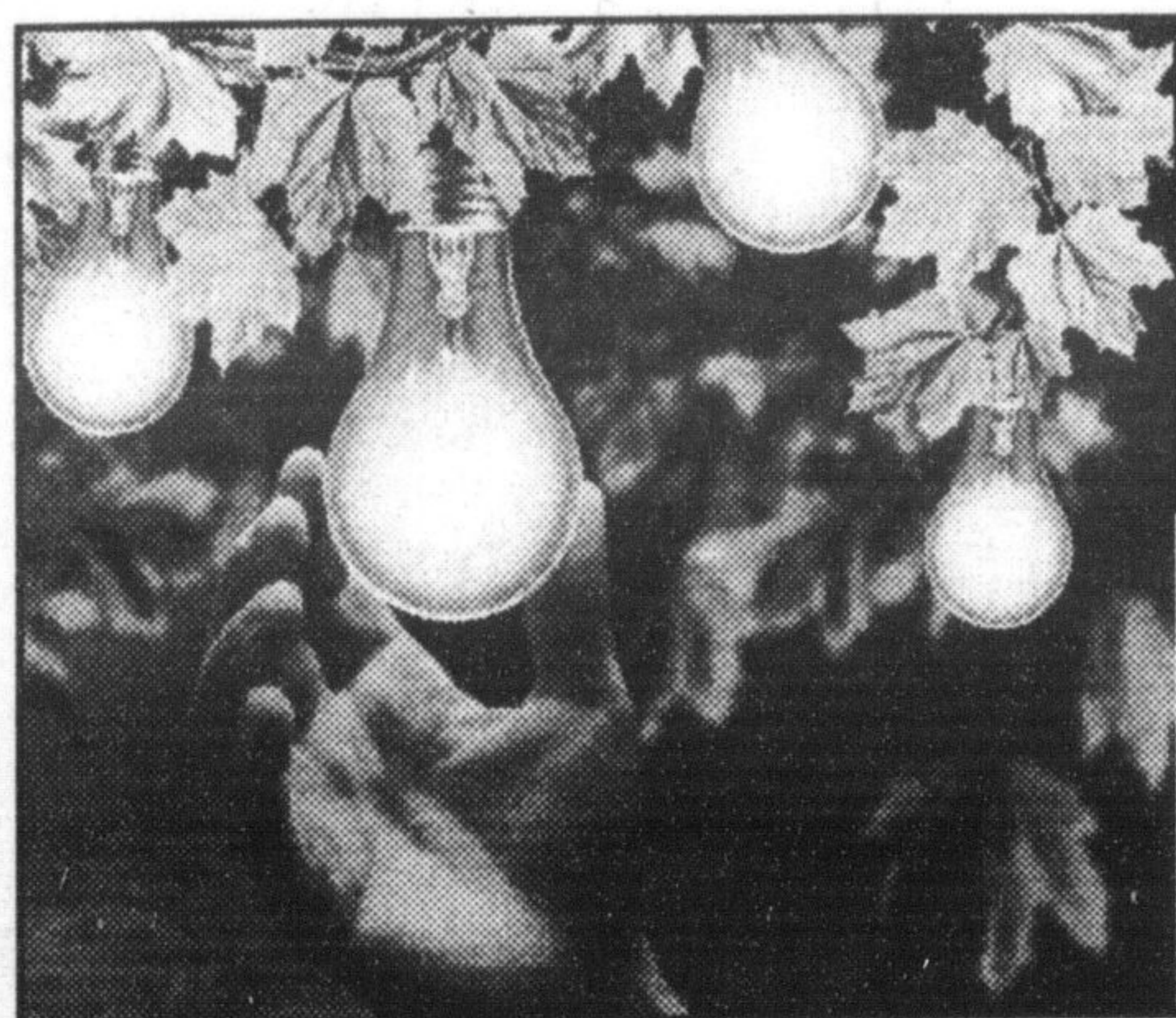
Christopher Reid's golden performance was reserved for the butterfly, which over 100 metres he prevailed among the nine and 10 year old boys.

Meanwhile, Valarie Burke was runner-up in the 11 and 12-year-old girls' 100m butterfly.



Bishop Reding's Onel Martino races past a Loyola defender (at left) and is later mobbed by his teammates (above) after scoring his first of two goals in a 2-0 whitewash of the Oakville school in the regional championships at Burlington's Sherwood Park Tuesday. BR plays St. Thomas Moore in the GHAC finals today and then goes on to OFSAA next weekend.

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