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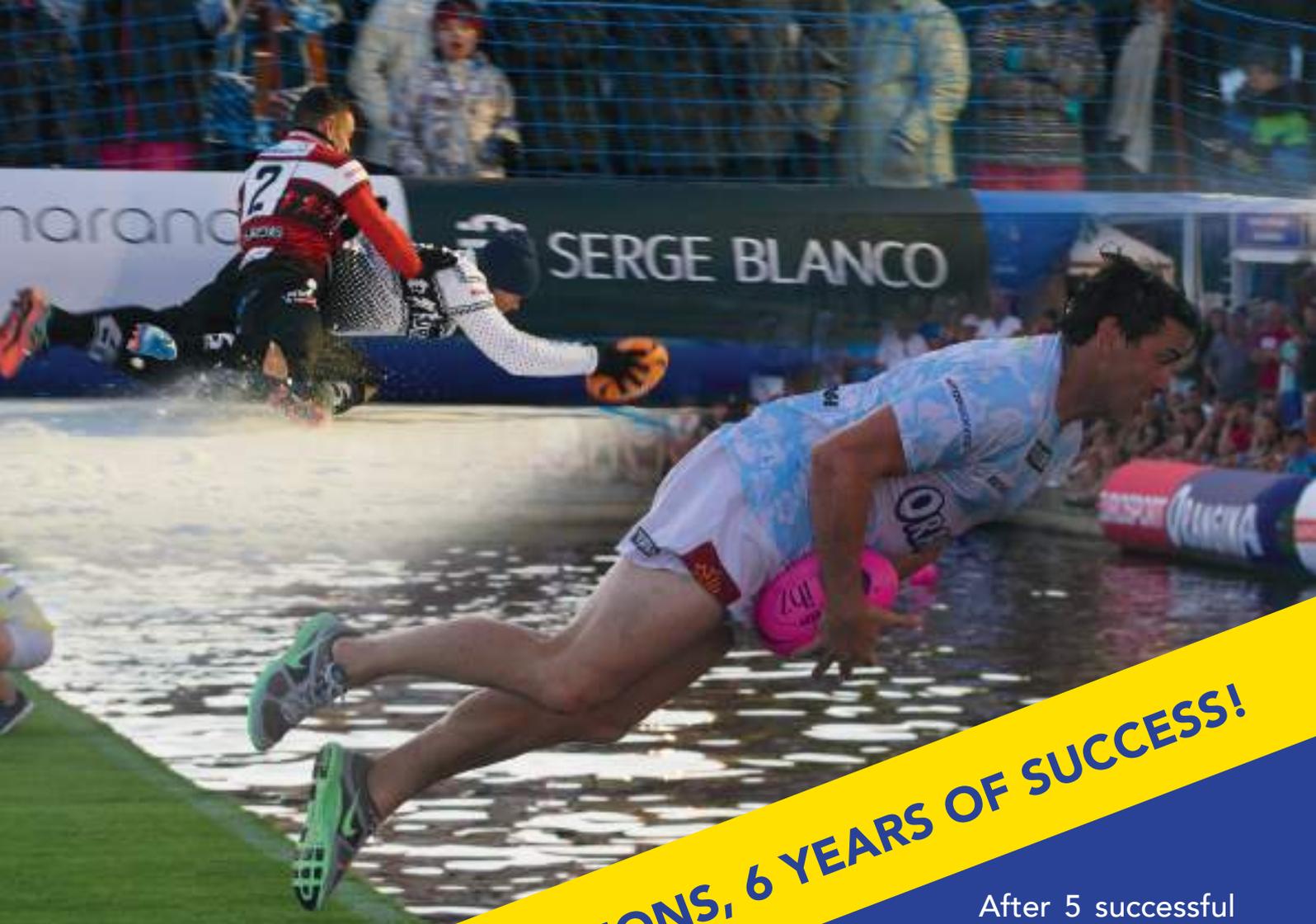
The «Tournoi des 6 Stations Orangina» (Orangina 6 Stations Tournament) was launched in 2013 by former French international Yann Delaigue and his partner Stéphane Rouault. This rugby 7 tournament on snow moves from ski resort to ski resort with its six teams. Each one of them, composed of 5 former internationals and 5 amateurs, defends the colors of a station and offers each evening a unique show to the skiers of the French Alps.

Under the seal of conviviality and at the rhythm of the 3<sup>rd</sup> halftimes, the most famous snow rugby tournament mixes sport, humor and gastronomy.

A real rugby celebration, the event takes place during the week of rest of the Six Nations Tournament and, from 12 to 18 February 2018, travels through the resorts of Savoie and Haute-Savoie: Val Thorens, Les Menuires, Valmorel, La Clusaz, Châtel and Megève.

A national and international event where curious and rugby fans have the opportunity to rub shoulders with French, English or Scottish legends such as Dimitri Yachvili, Imanol Harinordoquy, Olivier Magne, Serge Betsen, Christophe Dominici, Mike Tindall, Rory Lawson and many others !





# A TOURNAMENT, 6 STATIONS, 6 YEARS OF SUCCESS!

After 5 successful «mountain» editions, the «Tournoi des 6 Stations Orangina» is well-tried and it is «at sea» that the organizers have imagined a summer version this year. For the first time rugby players walked on water and it was in Occitania!



A floating platform near the beach, 24 rugby stars representing 6 seaside resorts: this is the Mediterranean version of the «Tournoi des 6 Stations Orangina».

A brand new concept of rugby on water, unheard of, where former internationals must get wet and dive to score a try.

A real show that will come back this summer!

Dates and resorts to be announced on

<http://tournoides6stations.com/ete/>





## INTERVIEW

«The concept of the tournament itself is remarkable! It's an exceptional organization to move as many players from station to station each day. We play in the snow, sometimes at minus 7 ° C and after having partied the night before!

The pace is hard to hold but it helps to strengthen our ties and smooth the level of players on the field, the chemistry takes right away and we give it all. Congratulations to Yann Delaigue and Stéphane Rouault for federating us around rugby and the mountains!»

**Christophe Dominici,  
former winger of the XV of France**

More than ever, amateur and ex-international players gather around rugby to celebrate the week of «rest» of the 6 Nations Tournament between the intensity of the matches and the joy of the 3<sup>rd</sup> halftime!

«For me as an amateur player, I felt privileged to play alongside the former pro players who made me live so many emotions behind my TV screen! During the tournament, we quickly weave friendly ties with the pros even if during the first evening we can be impressed.

They put us very quickly at ease and the week then becomes a pure week of pleasure, sport and celebration of course.

I remember mostly simple moments without artifice because even if I am amateur and they are pros, we share the same passion for this sport and the same desire to have fun.»

**Sébastien,  
amateur player**

**INTERVIEW**





## ORANGINA SHAKES THE «TOURNOI DES 6 STATIONS» FOR THE 6<sup>TH</sup> CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Orangina, brand of Orangina Suntory France has been the undisputed leader in sparkling fruit drinks for more than 80 years! With its unique and secret recipe for almost a century, Orangina is one of the favorite brands of French people aged 7 to 77 years. (2014 Toluna study)



This year again, the shaken fruit beverage is the major partner of the sixth edition of the most frosty sporting event of the winter: **the «Tournoi des 6 Stations Orangina».**

### **A meeting at the top between the small round bottle and the oval ball.**

Synonym of team spirit and solidarity, rugby is enriched with the grain of madness of Orangina to offer for a week, thrills and unexpected snowy moments! A week between strike, mouthguard and après-ski placed under the sign of conviviality and fun!

### **A frosty partnership**

The association of a snow rugby competition and the French brand of fruit drinks seems so natural because it's the perfect embodiment of Orangina's philosophy: Shake the World! In a few words, shake the conventions, shake the codes and create the surprise while having fun!





This year, the «Tournoi des 6 Stations Orangina» has the honor of expanding its ranks by recruiting a culinary ambassador:

**JUAN ARBELAEZ.**

Delighted by the unique and festive atmosphere of the «Tournoi des 6 Stations Orangina», the Chef will introduce rugby players to his own playground: cooking!

## THE CULINARY RENDEZVOUS WITH JUAN ARBELAEZ

For the Colombian Chef, the «Tournoi des 6 Stations Orangina» is above all «the promise of a very enriching human adventure. In the kitchen as in rugby, there are a lot of things that are alike. To succeed and be in the light, you have to almost put your life aside, there is a physical part that is huge! But happiness when a customer comes to thank us, it's crazy! A bit like when you win a match and the fans cheer. Just like high-level athletes, in the kitchen, it's rigor, continuity and precision that matter!»

### And why rugby then?

*«In the world of cooking, I am a little « hybrid», I am at the same time very good friends with starred Chefs but also with others less known, in Parisian bistros for example. With the «Tournoi des 6 Stations Orangina», it's the opportunity to live new experiences and meet new chefs and why not, to find a new inspiration? In any case, during the event, the goal is really to create unforgettable moments around sports and cooking!»*

*«I'm also very close to Chris Masoe, Joe Rokocoko and the entire Racing 92 team but also to the Stade Français team or even more «older» rugby players such as Olivier Magne or Christian Califano!»*



## DRINKS SIDE

The «T6S» is known for its famous Orangina-based cocktails. Conceived with a master hand by the professionals of the bar team Flair Event, cocktails are to be enjoyed in the resorts of Savoie and Haute-Savoie throughout the tournament.

Jérôme Corbinais, their creator, unveils the recipe for two signature cocktails of the event:



### THE HAND-OFF:

4 cl of 7-year-old Havana Rum, 1.5 cl of triple sec, 1 cl of orgeat syrup, 2 cl of passion fruit puree, 1/2 lime and 12 cl of Orangina Fruity and fresh / MAI TAI revisited by Flair Event

### THE PROP:

5 cl of Whiskey Ballantines, 2 cl of vermouth rosso, 1.5 cl of homemade Orangina syrup and a few drops of Angostura Manhattan revisited. Vintage Cocktail (1874) with a touch of novelty brought by Orangina syrup home made by the Flair Event Team.



## CELEBRATING WOMEN IN 2018

During this 6<sup>th</sup> edition, the «Tournoi des 6 Stations Orangina» dedicates February 14, Valentine's Day, to the fairer sex. The players of the French Women's Team, as well as the LOU Rugby, Stade Français and Racing 92, join the tournament family.

They will compete exclusively in Valmorel opening matches: a first for each of them. Before marking her first tries in the snow, Fanny Horta, international French rugby 7, enters the tournament with enthusiasm and passion:

« It will be a great experience for me! Snow rugby is not something I'm used to doing, but I'm sure it will be in a good spirit. For me, it is above all a way of having fun, promoting rugby and meeting friends around our passion. »



After 5 years of snowy career, Skibee has retired internationally! Come and meet the all-new mascot of the «Tournoi des 6 Stations Orangina», which will be at the heart of the event's animation. Muscular in the image of rugby and crazy as «Daffy Duck» is «Ducky», the muscular duck, who will ensure the show in the village and on the field between games!

## A MASCOT AT THE TOP!





# THE TEAMS



During the week, the 6 teams representing the 6 stations of the Tournament compete for 3 games per night. At the end of the week, all the teams will have faced each other, leaving the finals to determine the winner.



Unveiled at the press conference of the «Tournoi des 6 Stations Orangina», the teams change every year and welcome four new international players for the 2018 edition:

**Ono HITOSHI**  
**98 caps**

From the height of its 1m92 and 106kg, the Japanese lock nicknamed «Kin-Chan» («Iron Man») will take its first steps on the French snow with the team of Les Menuires. Will Ono adapt his game to the mountain air? Answer the 12th of February.



**Takuro MIUCHI**  
**48 caps**

The legendary captain of the Japanese team at the 2003 and 2007 World Cups will be put to the test during the winter version of the 6 Stations Tournament. For his first, he will play alongside the formidable British Mike Tindall and Iain Balshaw on the Megève team!



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**Rory LAWSON**  
**31 caps**

The newly «retired» Scottish scrum-half joins the ranks of the «Tournoi des 6 Stations Orangina» this year. Rory played in the national team from 2006 to 2012, a track record enough to qualify as an asset on the field... but what about the snow?



**Julien PEYRELONGUE**  
**6 caps**

The French team fly-half and winner of the VI Nations Tournament in 2004, Julien discovers the «T6S» with confidence and motivation. The former Biarritz Olympique player is the new recruit of Valmorel and will be surrounded by two «giants» of the tournament: Simon Shaw and Rémy Martin!



**SERGE BETSEN**



**JEROME THION**



**JACQUES BOUSSUGE**



**PATRICE TEISSEIRE**

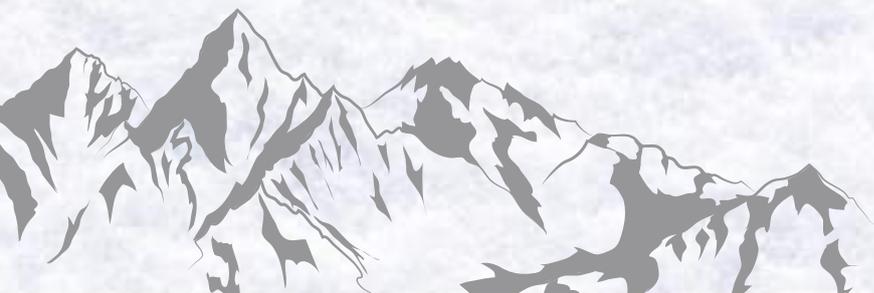


**LEE MEARS**



***Val Thorens***





**IMANOL HARINORDOQUY**



**DAMIEN TRAILLE**



**BRIAN LIEBENBERG**



**OLLY BARKLEY**



**HITOSHI ONO**

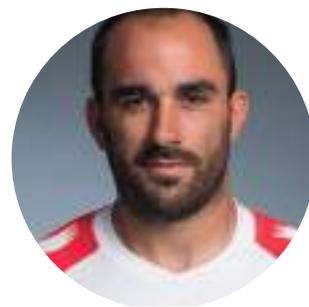


**friendlyMenuires**





**REMY MARTIN**



**JULIEN PEYRELONGUE**



**SIMON SHAW**



**PIERRE BONDOUY**

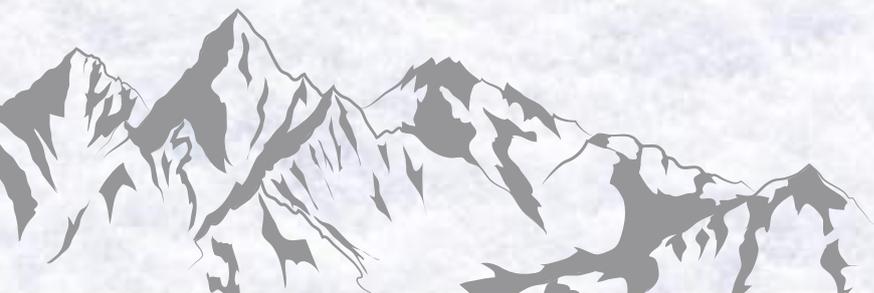


**LAURENT LEFLAMAND**



**VALMOREL**





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**RORY LAWSON**



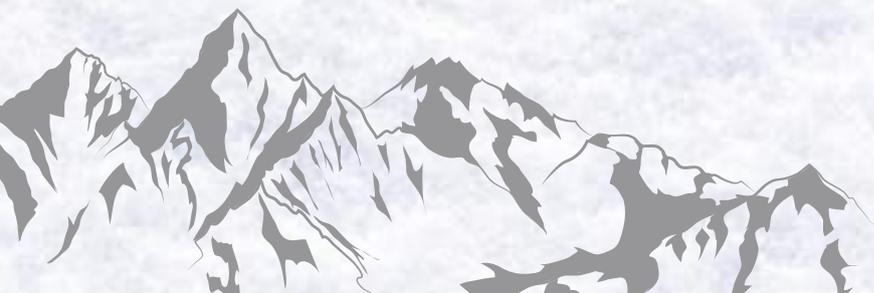
**JEAN CHRISTOPHE REPON**



# La Clusaz

French Alps





**CHRISTOPHE DOMINICI**



**LIONEL FAURE**



**FRANCK COMBA**



**JEAN-BAPTISTE GOBELET**



**THIERRY LOUVET**

**châtel**  
Portes du  **Soleil**





**DIMITRI YACHVILI**



**MIKE TINDALL**



**IAIN BALSHAW**



**CHRISTIAN CALIFANO**



**TAKURO MIUCHI**



**megève**



## Playing time

16 minutes (2 x 8 minutes), changing ends after the halftime break.

## Field size

Limited by inflatable structures, the playing surface is 50 x 40m, plus 5 meters setback for safety reasons.

## Matches organization

Each station team plays 1 match against another station.

After 5 days in 5 different stations, all the teams will have met.

The outcome of the first 5 days will determine a ranking.

The last day being the day of the finals the 6<sup>th</sup> meets the 5<sup>th</sup>, the 4<sup>th</sup> meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 2<sup>nd</sup> meets the 1<sup>st</sup> to define the champion station.

Each station will see «its» team play at home!

## Final ranking:

1<sup>st</sup>, second, third place and... wooden spoon for the last team!



With the same rules as Rugby 7, the «Tournoi des 6 Stations Orangina» is accessible to most:

- 6 teams each representing a station.
- 10 players including 5 former internationals and 5 amateurs.
- The equipment of the players is adapted to the winter climatic conditions (technical clothing and crampons).

## Points :

Win: 3 points; Null: 1 point;  
Defeat: 0 point.

# RULES OF THE GAME



## PROGRAM OF THE FESTIVITIES

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**A day = a theme!**



### **VAL THORENS / February 12<sup>th</sup>**

The resort opens its doors to welcome the return of the «Tournoi des 6 Stations Orangina» in this year 2018. The perfect opportunity to launch the festivities.

### **LES MENUIRES / February 13<sup>th</sup>**

An Asia-themed second day, specifically Japan, which will host the next Rugby World Cup: the opportunity to eat sushi, to sing with the players at the top of their lungs in fiery karaoke and to don kimonos for the meeting with another culture.

### **VALMOREL / February 14<sup>th</sup>**

For this very special Valentine's Day we will find the women of the French Team, LOU Rugby, Racing 92 and Stade Français on snow and they can't wait!

### **LA CLUSAZ / February 15<sup>th</sup>**

The resort of La Clusaz hosts the tournament in a curiously «summer» party atmosphere! Palm trees and straw hats will be «de rigueur» for a good game of «snow pétanque».

### **CHÂTEL / February 16<sup>th</sup>**

What an honor for our rugby men, dressed in vintage clothing, to be received in Châtel on the occasion of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the resort!

### **MEGÈVE / February 18<sup>th</sup>**

This February 18<sup>th</sup>, Megève receives the finals of the «Tournoi des 6 Stations Orangina». For the first time, the resort of the «Pays du Mont-Blanc» promises to do things big.

# PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

## 9am

Opening of the village (animations, distribution of goodies, official shop, information, etc.)

## 11am

Arrival of the players and signing session in the village.

## 12am

Lunch with the players, media and partners.

## 6pm

Snow Rugby Initiation supervised by Brian Liebenberg and other international players - registrations at the Welcome Tent of the Tournament.

## 6:30pm

Start of the matches of the «Tournoi des 6 Stations Orangina». 3 matches of 16 minutes.

## 7:30pm

End of the sport day and start of the 3<sup>rd</sup> halftime.



## Where to watch the matches?

Each day, Christophe Dominici, Dimitri Yachvili, Yann Delaigue and their teammates animate the social networks, comment on the matches and take the floor to bring the public closer to the action!

To find the best moments of the «Tournoi des 6 Stations Orangina» visit the website [www.tournoides6stations.com](http://www.tournoides6stations.com)



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## THE TOURNAMENT:

Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>: Val Thorens

Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>: Les Ménuires

Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>: Valmorel

Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>: La Clusaz

Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>: Châtel

Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>: Day off

Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>: Megève

The Final will be broadcast in full on Eurosport 1 for this 6<sup>th</sup> edition.



# RUGBY FOR KIDS



As in previous years, Brian Liebenberg offers an animation dedicated to children. Accompanied by former pro players, he tackles rugby on snow from a playful educational angle with a very particular balloon: the PLAYBVII (pronounced playball)! Result of a reflection on the learning and the democratization of the game, the PLAYBVII is divided into 6 distinct zones which make it easy to learn the basic techniques of rugby.

Meet the former South African international player every day before the matches, from 6pm to 6.30pm to learn about snow rugby!



**SERGE BETSEN  
ACADEMY**

**THE «TOURNOI DES 6 STATIONS ORANGINA» SUPPORTS THIS  
WINTER TWO CHARITIES DEAR TO THE HEART OF ITS PLAYERS.**



In more than 10 years, the Serge Betsen Academy has opened five centers in Cameroon based on the following triptych: Rugby - Education - Health.

Rugby training is provided weekly by educators trained in the techniques and pedagogies taught in our rugby schools in France. School support sessions are organized and led by teachers.

Finally, a clinic is regularly open and information campaigns are conducted by doctors from surrounding clinics for children and parents. 500 children are supported daily.

On the occasion of the first edition of the Tournoi des 6 Stations, Val Thorens met Serge Betsen and was sensitive to the cause defended by his association. From there a partnership was born and since then Val Thorens leads actions in favor of the Serge Betsen Academy.





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**FRENCH FLAIR**

The «Rugby French Flair» charity, created in 2010, uses rugby to socially help young people from disadvantaged neighborhoods throughout the world, while introducing them to the sport.

With more than 50 former internationals (Yann Delaigue, Francis and Emile Ntamack, Erik Bonneval, Cédric Desbrosse, Yannick Jauzion, Franck Comba, David Auradou, ...), the association uses its networks in the media and companies, to raise funds and collect in France and in the countries visited equipments which are allocated to organizations which, in the field, take care of these young people.

Thus, the objective is to offer these children, often orphans, values and an activity to help them face the violence that constitutes their daily life (trafficking, prostitution, recruitment in armed groups, ...), all this in a context of extreme poverty. These operations are conducted in collaboration with the economic, sports and political leaders on site and in France.

Rugby French Flair has already traveled to Colombia, Mexico, Brazil, Panama, Madagascar and Mayotte, and, while operating in new countries, also returned to areas already visited, to ensure the sustainability of the actions undertaken.



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