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**Leslie Allen**

- Competed on the WTA tour for 10 years, No. 17 in the singles world rankings
- Captured the singles title at the Avon Championships of Detroit in 1981,
- Became the first African American woman to win a major pro tournament in 24 years
- Won a combined nine singles and doubles WTA titles
- French Open mixed doubles finalist
- Served on the WTA Board of Directors, representing the top-20 players
- Founder and Executive Director of the Leslie Allen Foundation,
- Helps young athletes prepare to be winners both on and off the court



**Tim Bainton**

- Founder and Executive Director of Blue Chip Sports Management, overseeing the teaching and programming for Blue Chip Tennis Academy
- Certified USTA High Performance Coach, USPTA P1, and PTR Professional, while also holding a Merit Ranking of 5A from the PTR – the youngest person in the United States to hold the designation
- USTA Mid-Atlantic Teaching Professional of the Year, Two-time USPTA Mid-Atlantic Virginia Teaching Professional of the Year, and PTR Virginia Pro of the Year
- Development of over 20 No. 1 ranked sectional juniors since 2008
- Coached with the USTA HPCE at Davis Cup, the US Open, and the ITF World Conference



**Sancha Bainton**

- England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB) Participation & Growth Board
- She is currently the Executive director - equity sales Goldman Sachs
- Formerly Sancha was a trader at the Sporting Index
- London School of Economics tennis team captain
- National level junior tennis player
- Internationally renowned speaker, Sancha is passionate about equality in sports and business. She is a passionate advocate for getting more women into tennis.
- Served as the sports editor at the London School of Economics newspaper



**Mark Beyers**

- Head coach of the University of Mississippi women's tennis team, earning ITA South Region Coach of the Year honors three times since being named to the position in 2002
- Led the Rebels to their first 20-win season since 1999 in 2018, including a run to the NCAA Sweet 16 and a final ranking of No. 8 in the nation
- Coached Arianne Hartono to the NCAA singles title in 2018, the first NCAA Champion in program history
- Helped the Rebels to their 22nd straight ITA Academic Team Award with their 3.40 grade point average
- Won the NCAA Division II Championship as the head coach of Armstrong Atlantic State, posting an overall record of 50-8 over the course of three seasons



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**Thierry Beyltiens**

- Product Innovation and Sustainability Manager at Luxilon Industries
- Instrumental in Luxilon's development into the world's leading manufacturer of performance strings for racquet sports
- Key role-player in securing 60 percent of the top 50 ATP and WTA Tour members who use Luxilon throughout their matches
- Oversees the design for new product development projects at Luxilon all the way from conceptualization to commercialization
- Responsible for identifying, tracking, and analyzing emerging trends in the industry



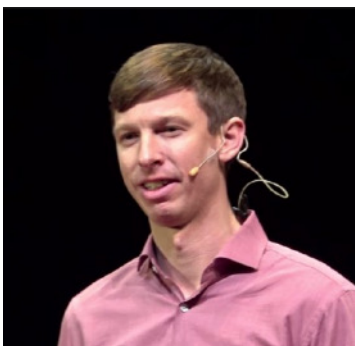
**Nick Bollettieri**

- Considered one of the greatest tennis coaches in the world, developing 10 world No. 1 ranked players, including Martina Hingis, Jelena Jankovic, Monica Seles, Maria Sharapova, Serena Williams, and Venus Williams
- Founder of the Bollettieri Tennis Academy, now known as the IMG Academy in Bradenton, Florida
- Recognized by Tennis Magazine as one of the 50 Most Influential People in Tennis
- Inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 2014 for his extensive achievements in coaching
- Author of *Bollettieri's Tennis Handbook* and *BOLLETTIERI – Changing the Game*



**Kirby Bridges**

- On-camera personality and tennis pro at Essential Tennis, also serving as the Director of Content Development
- Responsible for the growth of the online content for Essential Tennis, receiving over 26 million views and 80,000 subscribers on YouTube from 150 different countries
- Began coaching at just 13-years-of-age, working as the Director of Operations/Director of Tennis at Hampton Racquet and the Director of Adult Tennis at Lincoln Racquet Club
- Worked for the Tennis Channel while living in Los Angeles
- Earned a Bachelor's degree in Communication from the University of Nebraska at Omaha



**Eric Butorac**

- Serves as the Director of Pro Tennis Operations and Player Relations at the United States Tennis Association
- Competed in the 2014 Australian Open finals with doubles partner Raven Klaasan, knocking off the world No. 1 team of Bob and Mike Bryan
- Won both the singles and doubles NCAA Division III titles in 2003 as a member of the Gustavus Adolphus College men's tennis team
- Notched 18 ATP doubles titles through 14 years on the professional tour
- Spent eight years on the ATP Player Council, succeeding Roger Federer as President in 2014



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**Margot Carter**

- Played professionally on the tour, achieving a world doubles ranking of 451 during the course of her career
- Received a full-ride scholarship to Tennessee Tech University, checking in at No. 5 on the all-time season victories list
- Served as a coach in the Caribbean, helping two local athletes earn scholarships to play collegiately in the United States
- Founder of Spherical Yellow, a company dedicated to helping athletes achieve their goals on and off the court
- Registered USPTA and PTR coach with elite professional and professional standard qualifications



**Dr. Alexis Colvin**

- Serves as the Chief Medical Officer of the United States Tennis Association, while also acting as the medical advisor to the US Fed Cup team
- Works as an Associate Professor of Sports Medicine at the Mount Sinai Hospital in the Leni and Peter W. May Department of Orthopedic Surgery
- Spent time in Pittsburgh, working with the Pittsburgh Steelers, Pittsburgh Penguins, and the collegiate athletes at the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University
- Honored with the Arthritis Foundation's 2012 Women on the Move award, given to "extraordinary women who are balancing family life, careers, and community involvement"
- Selected as a 2009 Arthroscopy Association of North American Traveling Fellow



**Lisa Dodson**

- Acts as the Director of Tennis at Shenorock Shore Club in Rye, New York as well as serving as a teaching pro at The Saw Mill Club in Mt. Kisco
- Inventor and Founder of the ServeMaster, a revolutionary serving tool and swing trainer for tennis players
- Worked as the Director of Tennis at five different tennis clubs across California, Connecticut, Florida, and New York
- Achieved a world ranking of No. 270 as a professional in the WTA in addition to playing both basketball and tennis for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- USPTA certified Elite Professional and MTMCA L3 certified professional, while also serving on the USPTA Eastern Board from 2014-2016



**Emma Doyle**

- World-renowned motivational and activation speaker with a mission to help people discover their inner coach and live the best story of their lives
- Acted as the Australian Junior Fed Cup Captain, having a strong background in tennis as a touring professional and talent development coach
- Has delivered multiple TED Talks, including a TEDx talk entitled, "Unleashing Female Potential"
- Specializes in positive mind-set coaching, NLP (Neuro-Linguistic Program Practitioner), EI (Emotional Intelligence), and Workplace and Business Coaching
- Involved with creating gender equity in sport by engaging and empowering more female coaches and players through her work

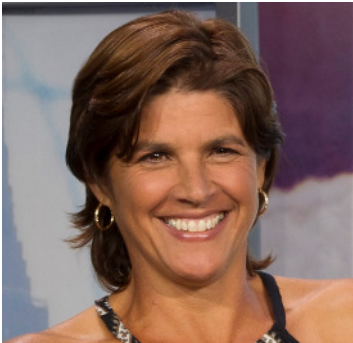


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**Lauren Embree**

- Two-time NCAA champion and five-time ITA All-American for the University of Florida women's tennis team
- Clinched the winning match point for the Florida Gators in both NCAA title victories, earning Most Valuable Player in the tournament
- Recorded a career record of 117-16 in singles and 119-25 in doubles as a member of the University of Florida, becoming the first women's tennis player in Southeastern Conference history to be named SEC Player of the Year on three occasions
- Played in the ITF Pro Circuit from 2014-2017, amassing 90 career singles wins and 60 career doubles wins
- Joined the Pepperdine women's tennis team in July 2017, helping the Waves to their sixth straight West Coast Conference Tournament title



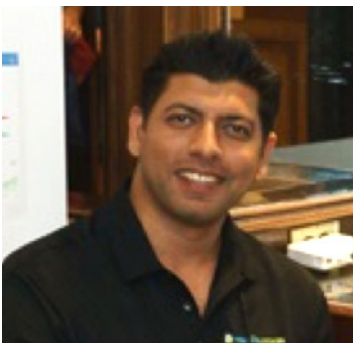
**Gigi Fernandez**

- Former world No. 1 in doubles, winning 17 Grand Slam doubles titles throughout the course of her professional career
- Represented the United States at the Olympic Games in Barcelona and Atlanta, where she won gold alongside Mary Joe Fernandez at both Games
- Named Puerto Rico's "Female Athlete of the Century" and was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame alongside doubles partner Natasha Zvereva in 2010
- Has worked with numerous top-ranked players, including former world No. 1 doubles player Rennae Stubbs, Lisa Raymond, and Samantha Stosur
- Founded Master Doubles with Gigi, a workshop hosted and taught by Gigi on fine-tuning doubles performance



**Julie Fidler**

- Served 11 years as the President of Tennis Coaches Australia – Victoria along with nine years on the TCAV Board
- Competed in the singles and doubles qualifying rounds at the Australian Open as well as the qualifying rounds of the Wimbledon doubles
- Founder of the Julie Fidler Coaching business, helping athletes to be their best on and off the court for 35 years
- Has been coaching for 41 years, earning TACM Club Professional status, USPTA International member status, and a Certificate 1V in Assessing and Training
- Coaches players with ITF World Seniors rankings of No. 3 Doubles '55, #8 Mixed '55, and No. 84 Singles '55



**Furqan Iqbal**

- Founder and CEO of Sports Analytics, LLC, which provides comprehensive mobile platforms for player development and athlete management, including Tennis Locker
- Tennis Locker is the only on-court mobile app for managing tennis programs and player development
- Instrumental in helping facility owners run more efficient tennis programs by tracking and communicating athlete progress
- Helps coaches modernize their operations, develop data-driven player development, and utilize insightful analytics
- Worked as a software developer for Envision Healthcare Corporation, American CareSource, ExxonMobil, and BenefitMall



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**Aleksandra Krunic**

- Born in Moscow, Russia and plays for Serbia
- Krunic first picked up a racquet at the age of 7. She trained at the famous Spartak Moscow club, where many grand slam champions developed their games.
- Won her first WTA title in 2018 's-Hertogenbosch with CEO Sarah Stone as her coach
- All court player who is known for being one of the fastest players on tour. Her favorite shot is the drop shot and she has a very heavy forehand.
- Recently completed her undergraduate degree in Economics
- Her tennis idols growing up were Mary Pierce and Kim Clijsters



**Dean Hollingsworth**

- Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist and Master Performance Tennis Specialist with over 25 years of experience in the field
- Serves as the Director of Fitness and Sports Performance at Club Sportif Cote-de-Liesse in Montréal, working primarily with high performance tennis players
- Creator of the Baselinepower video series, which addresses all aspects of fitness training for tennis players
- Has worked with ITF, ATP, and WTA players at all levels, including Grand Slam Champions and an Olympic gold medalist
- Focuses on speed, agility, coordination and strength as an ITPA specialist



**Kathleen Horvath**

- Competed on the WTA Tour from 1981 to 1989, winning six singles titles and peaking at No. 10 in the singles rankings
- Holds the record for the youngest player to ever compete in the US Open at just 14 years and 5 days in 1979
- Stands as the only player to ever win all four age groups in the U.S. National Clay Court Championships in consecutive years
- Defeated Martina Navratilova in the round of 16 at the French Open, Navratilova's only loss in 87 singles matches throughout the 1983 season
- Earned an MBA at the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania



**Luke Jensen**

- 1993 French Open Doubles Champion alongside brother Murphy Jensen, reaching a career-high world doubles ranking of No. 6
- Competed for the University of Southern California, earning singles All-American honors in 1986 and 1987, as well as doubles All-American honors in 1987
- Won 10 doubles titles throughout his professional career and was known as "Dual Hand Luke" for his ability to serve at 130 MPH with both hands
- Coached the Syracuse University women's tennis team from 2006-2014, amassing a career record of 106-57
- Currently serves as the Director of Racquet Sports at the prestigious West Side Tennis Club in Forest Hills, New York



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**Dr. Mark Kovacs**

- Serves as the CEO of the Kovacs Institute in Kennesaw, Georgia, offering exclusive services for elite individuals looking to optimize business, sport, and lifestyle success through assessments, online courses, and consulting services
- Currently acts as the Executive Director of the International Tennis Performance Association and as a Fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine
- Former Director of the Sport Science, Strength and Conditioning, and Coaching Education departments of the United States Tennis Association
- Published over 50 peer-reviewed scientific articles and abstracts in top journals, as well as five books, including *Dynamic Stretching and Tennis Training: Enhancing On Court Performance*
- Recipient of the Editorial Excellence Award for his work with the Strength and Conditioning Journal and was the youngest ever International Tennis Hall of Fame



**Johan Kriek**

- Two-time Grand Slam singles winner, capturing the Australian Open titles in 1981 and 1982
- Reached the quarterfinals or better in all four Grand Slams
- Won 14 singles titles and eight doubles titles throughout his professional career, reaching a career-high world ranking of No. 7
- Founder of the Johan Kriek Tennis Academy in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, where he coaches students to a winning attitude, trust, and keen insight into one's own individuality
- Co-founder of the Global Water Foundation, which raises millions of dollars to provide clean drinking water to third-world countries



**Dr. Richard Lehman**

- Celebrated orthopedic surgeon with a specialization in sports medicine, most famous for pioneering the procedure for articular cartilage reconstruction using two-phased cartilage grafts
- Currently serves as the founder and Medical Director of the U.S. Center for Sports Medicine in Kirkwood, Missouri
- Inducted into both the St. Louis Sports Hall of Fame and the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame for his work in sports medicine and orthopedic surgery
- Author of three books on tennis injuries, as well as numerous tennis articles in orthopedic and sports medicine journals
- Acted as the team physician for the Florida Panthers, Tampa Bay Lightning, St. Louis Blues, and covered four Olympic Games with USA Track and Field



**Marc Lucero**

- Regarded as one of the top junior coaches in the world, Lucero has led multiple players to No. 1 rankings in the United States and coached them to singles national championships
- Current coach of USA Fed Cup team member Shelby Rogers
- Former USTA Coach for USTA Player Development, where he was responsible for the development of assigned junior players
- Served a three-year stint as the Assistant Coach of the Princeton women's tennis team from 2004-2007
- Winner of the PTR Touring Coach of the Year at the 2018 PTR International Tennis Symposium



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**Hana Madlikova**

- Captured four Grand Slam singles titles throughout her professional career, the 1980 Australian Open, 1981 French Open, 1985 US Open, and 1987 Australian Open
- Rose to No. 3 in the singles rankings and was ranked in the world top-50 for 12 consecutive seasons from 1978-1989, seven of which were in the top-10
- Became the third woman to win Grand Slam titles on grass, clay, and hard courts
- Won the 1989 US Open doubles title alongside Martina Navratilova
- Coached Jana Novotna to the 1998 Wimbledon singles title and a career high ranking of No. 2, while also serving as the Czech Republic's Olympic and Fed Cup coach through 1996



**Kathy Martin**

- Mental health counselor and sports physiotherapist with over 30 years of experience, holding a Master's degree in Counseling and a Bachelor's degree in Physiotherapy
- Currently serves as the WTA's Senior Director of Athlete Assistance, assisting players in the areas of emotional health and safety
- Acts as a member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) expert group on harassment and abuse prevention in sport
- Worked as the Player Welfare Officer for the International Tennis Federation from 2009-2016
- Served as the Australian Fed Cup Team physiotherapist from 1994-2000, Sports Medicine Services Manager for Tennis Australia from 1998-2004, and the 2000 Australian Olympic Team Physiotherapist



**Thomas Newkirk**

- Lawyer at Newkirk Zwagerman Law Firm, P.L.C., which represents employees who have been denied equal employment, equal opportunity or who have been harassed at work based on their sex, skin color, age and other personal characteristics
- Focuses primarily on discrimination law, specifically the representation of African Americans and women in their pursuit of an equitable share of the benefits of American society
- Currently works on practice methods better suited to successfully deal with modern cases of racism, sexism, and hidden bias
- Worked extensively on sports bias law suits, including multiple cases involving Title IX
- Holds degrees from Drake University and Drake Law School in Des Moines, Iowa and was admitted before the courts of the State of Iowa in 1989



**Elizma Nortje**

- High Performance Coach and ITF Level 3 certified coach serving as the director at MAP4Tennis
- Played professionally on the WTA tour, competing in Wimbledon and the French Open
- Competed for South Africa as a Junior Springbok player, rising to the No. 1 ranking in the U14 to U18 age groups
- Worked as an ITF Junior Touring Coach, coaching and managing the U16 Junior Touring teams
- Served as the President of the Namibian Tennis Association from 1996-1999, acting as the Fed Cup Captain and Junior Fed Cup Captain





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**Dr. Liz Odera**

- Experienced practitioner in education, recreation and health, as well as over 27 years of leadership experience across various industries
- Served as the Senior Research Officer at Kenya Medical Research Institute, Director at Sadili Oval Sports Academy, the Head of Department and adjunct lecturer at Malezi College
- Founded the Girl Power Clubs Africa, a women leadership program that trains teenage girls to become agents of positive change through sport, culture, art and dance
- Acted as the project manager for Building Young Women's Leadership through Sports at the Sadili Oval Sports Academy
- Works as a tennis consultant, working with individual players to help build their game confidently to reach their goals



**Melanie Oudin**

- Winner of the 2011 US Open mixed doubles title alongside Jack Sock
- Reached the round of 16 at Wimbledon, followed by a quarterfinal appearance at the US Open in 2009
- Member of the United States Fed Cup team from 2009-2011, rising as high as No. 31 in the WTA world rankings
- Won a combined seven WTA and ITF titles throughout her nine-year career as a professional
- Famously defeated then three-time Grand Slam champion Maria Sharapova at the 2009 US Open
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**Yasemin Ozsoy**

- Currently consulting with the Kim Clijsters Tennis Academy
- Founder of Elite Tennis Management, an organization dedicated to providing tennis coaching and mentoring for all ages and levels
- Works as a Pro Coach at Koza WOS in Istanbul, while also working as an administrator, specializing in video analysis, and serving as a developmental coach
- Certified as a Club Professional and Junior Development Coach with Tennis Australia
- Competed at the Junior Elite level in tennis, playing in national tournaments, junior state pennant, and won back to back championships with her senior school team
- Earned a Bachelor of Business in Sports Management at Swinburne University of Technology



**Erica Perkins Jasper**

- Currently serves as the Chief Operating Officer of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association
- Coached at numerous NCAA women's tennis programs, including Georgia Southern, William & Mary, Michigan State, and New Mexico
- Led New Mexico to the 2015 Mountain West Conference Tournament Championship for the first time in school history, advanced to the NCAA Championships for the first time since 2006, and finished with an ITA National Ranking of No. 59
- Spent four years as the Senior Manager of Junior & Collegiate Competition and oversaw the USTA's College Tennis Programming while working for the USTA in Player Development
- Played tennis at the Washington State University and was inducted into the WSU Athletics Hall of Fame in September of 2015



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**Nicole Pratt**

- Serves as Tennis Australia's Fed Cup coach and head of women's professional tennis
- Rose to the No. 1 ranking among women's tennis players in Australia in January of 2001
- Won her first WTA title at the Hyderabad Open and reached the third round of the Australian Open in 2004
- Competed in all four Grand Slams throughout the course of her career, while claiming a combined 24 WTA and ITF titles in both singles and doubles
- Has over 10 years of experience as a commentator for Fox Sport
- Former coach of Daria Gavrilova
- WTA coach program board member
- Winner of the 2017 WTCA Flory award



**Chanda Rubin**

- Reached a career-high world No. 6 ranking in 1996 after reaching the semifinals at the Australian Open
- Won seven WTA titles and two ITF titles throughout the course of her professional career
- Captured the doubles title at the 1996 Australian Open alongside Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, rising to No. 9 in the doubles rankings
- Became the third African American woman in the Open era to reach the top ten in the WTA rankings
- Inducted into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame on June 29, 2013



**Dr. Tim Russell**

- Appointed the Chief Executive Officer of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association in 2015
- Served as a member of the national Executive Committee of the United States Tennis Association in his capacity as a Presidential Appointee through 2013 and 2014
- Inducted into the ITA's Men's Tennis Hall of Fame, the USTA Southwest Section's Tennis Hall of Fame, and the USTA Central Arizona Hall of Fame
- Acted as the Chair of the Southwest Section's Coaching Commission for 10 years, making three presentations at the USTA's National Tennis Teacher's Conferences on deliberate practice and mindfulness
- Completed a two-year term as the national delegate from the USTA's Southwest Section, following his two-year term as the Southwest Section President



**Conrad Singh**

- Acts as the Chief Operating Officer and Director of Coaching at Centercourt Sports
- Has held Head Coach & Director positions in Australia, England, Japan & China and has been involved in Professional Tennis Player Development for well over 2 decades
- Coached 2014 World Number One ITF Player, Xu Shilin, as well as many other players at Davis Cup, Federation Cup and Grand Slam Levels
- Works as a conference speaker and author in addition to being an International High Performance Tour Professional Coach
- Has presented at the ITF WWC Conferences and is an ITF World Wide Conference Presenter in addition to speaking in Australia, China, England, Japan, Mexico, Spain, and the US



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**Lauren Spencer**

- Recently completed her seventh season as the head coach of the Auburn University women's tennis program
- Has recorded 234 wins throughout her 12-year head coaching career with nine NCAA Tournament appearances
- Named the ITA Southern Region Coach of the Year in 2016 and 2017 after leading Auburn to a program-record 25 wins and a second-straight appearance at the NCAA Championships Round of 16
- Spent five seasons as head coach at Southern Methodist University where she led the program to a NCAA Sweet 16 in 2011 and their first Conference USA Tournament
- Served a two-year stint as the Conference USA Women's Tennis coaches' chairperson in addition to selected by the ITA to serve a three-year term on the Southwest Regional Committee



**Lisa Stone**

- Founder of ParentingAces, which helps educate junior tennis parents and coaches navigate junior tennis development, competition, and college recruiting
- Former chair of the Georgia Governor's Commission on Physical Fitness & Sports and President of Fit For 2, Inc.
- Has served as a go-to source for all information on junior and college tennis, connecting thousands of people to a network of other like-minded individuals
- Parlayed ParentingAces into a successful podcast with a diverse array of guests discussing player development through the juniors to college
- Brings over 25-years of experience in the tennis and fitness realm through various articles, blog posts, and alternative forms of media



**Emma Wells**

- Tennis Business Manager at All Star Tennis, working to develop junior players and mentoring junior coaches
- Served as the London Tennis Development Manager at the GLL and the Lawn Tennis Association, creating strategic partnerships and redeveloping facilities
- Acts as the national product lead for Men's and Women's Social Tennis and the national product lead for Great British Tennis Weekends
- Headed the Tennis and Coach Recruitment at the USA Sport Group, coaching children 3-18 years of age as well as conducting adult private lessons
- Worked as a Sports Supervisor at TEDGroup, where she implemented well-being classes and pre-school sports programs at 5-star resorts around the world



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