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IMPORTANT DATES

2025 OFFSEASON

APRIL 19

Stanley Cup Playoffs Begin

APRIL 23

U-18 World Championships – Frisco & Allen, TX

MAY 9

World Hockey Championships – Stockholm, SE & Herring, DK

MAY 22

CHL Memorial Cup – Rimouski, QC

JUNE 1

NHL Scouting Combine – Buffalo, NY

JUNE 23

Completion of Stanley Cup Playoffs

JUNE 25

Deadline for RFA Qualifying Offers

JUNE 27

NHL Draft – Los Angeles, CA

JULY 1

NHL Free Agency

JULY 5

Player-Elected Arbitration Notification Deadline

JULY 20

Salary Arbitration Hearings Begin

AUGUST 11

Hlinka Gretzky Cup – Brno, CZ & Trencin, SK

SEPTEMBER 10

Opening Day of NHL Rookie Camp

SEPTEMBER 17

Opening Day of NHL Training Camp



OFFER SHEETS

WHAT IS AN OFFER SHEET?

An offer sheet is a contract offer made by one NHL team to a Restricted Free Agent (RFA) on another team. If the player signs the offer sheet, the original team has seven days to match the offer and retain the player. If the team declines, the player joins the new team, and compensation (draft picks) is sent to the original team.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible to sign or receive an offer sheet, a player must:

- Be a Restricted Free Agent (RFA)
- Have received a Qualifying Offer from their current team
- Have not signed an extension or contract
- Be on an NHL Standard Player Contract (not AHL-only, or on an ELC without service)

KEY DATES & TIMING

- **June 30:** Deadline for teams to tender qualifying offers to RFAs
- **July 1:** Free agency opens; eligible RFAs may receive offer sheets
- **7-day clock starts** if an RFA signs an offer sheet
- **July 1:** Training Camp: Period when offer sheets can occur

COMPENSATION (2024-2025 ESTIMATE)

Compensation is based on the average annual value (AAV) of the offer sheet contract.

\$1,540,739 OR BELOW
No compensation

\$1,540,740 – \$2,343,471
3rd-round pick

\$2,343,472 – \$4,686,941
2nd-round pick

\$4,686,942 – \$7,030,409
1st + 3rd-round picks

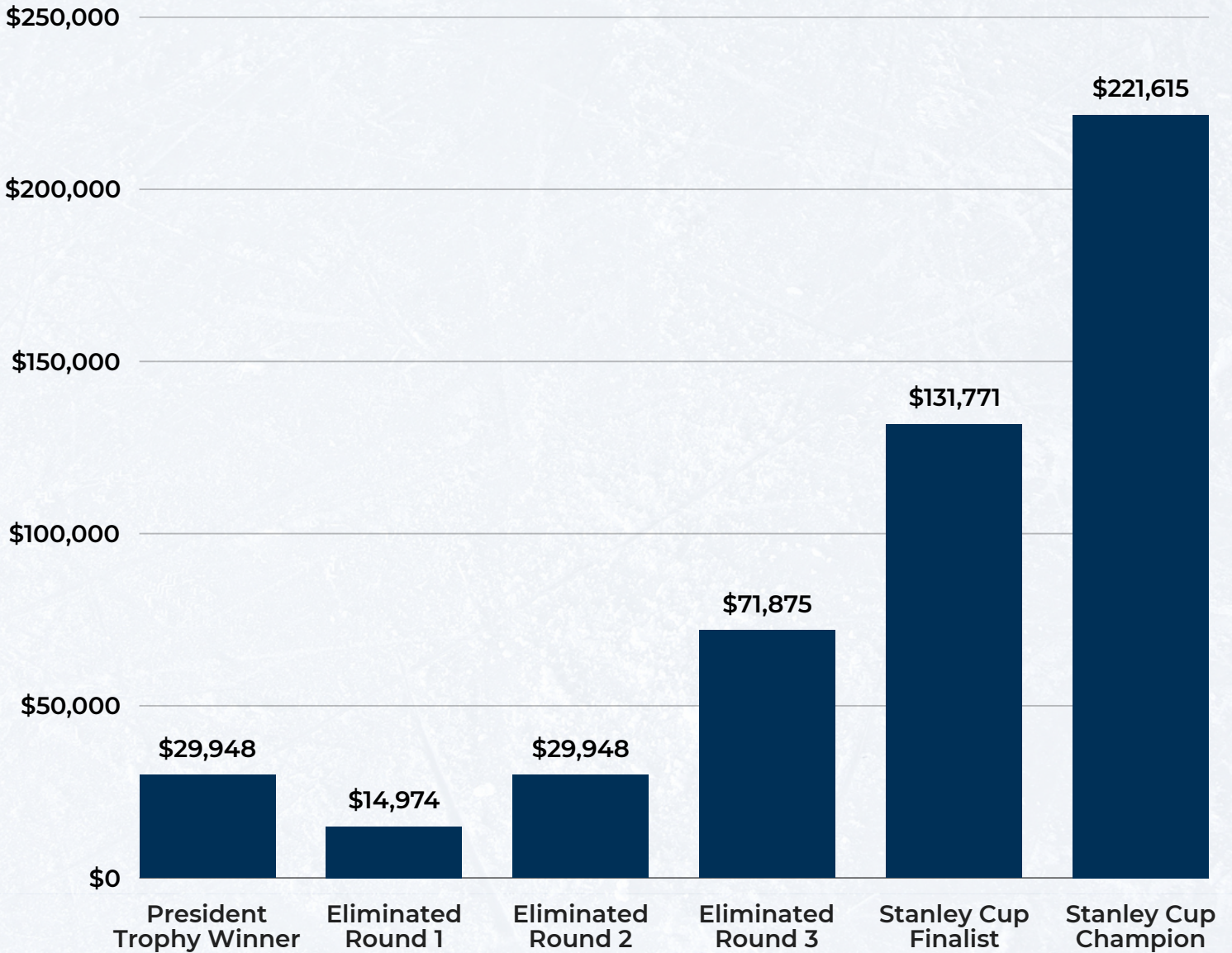
\$7,030,410 – \$9,373,877
1st + 2nd + 3rd-round picks

\$9,373,878 – \$11,717,346
2 1st-round picks + 2nd + 3rd

OVER \$11,717,346
4 1st-round picks

Note: The illustrated pick compensation is based off the 2024 amounts. The 2025 amounts will be released in June.

PLAYOFF BONUSES



Note 1: Teams are awarded a pool of money and will be responsible to divide funds as they see fit. CPAA assumes 30 players will receive an equal share.

Note 2: Figures are estimated based on previous season percentages. Overall playoff fund increased from \$22M to \$23M for the 2024-25 NHL postseason.

Note 3: Figures illustrated are gross of employment and tax deductions.



NOTABLE FREE AGENTS

UFAs

Name	Age	Current AAV
Marner, Mitchell	27	\$10,903,000
Duchene, Matt	34	\$3,000,000
Tavares, John	34	\$11,000,000
Grandlund, Mikael	33	\$5,000,000
Ehlers, Nikolaj	29	\$6,000,000
Donato, Ryan	29	\$2,000,000
Kane, Patrick	36	\$4,000,000
Nelson, Brock	33	\$6,000,000
Bennett, Sam	28	\$4,425,000
Marchand, Brand	36	\$6,125,000
Boeser, Brock	28	\$6,650,000
Giroux, Claude	37	\$6,500,000
Benn, Jamie	35	\$9,500,000
Palmieri, Kyle	34	\$5,000,000
Suter, Pius	28	\$1,600,000
Hall, Taylor	33	\$6,000,000
Grzelcyk, Matt	31	\$2,750,000
Dadonov, Evgenii	36	\$2,250,000
Smith, Reilly	34	\$5,000,000
Roslovic, Jack	28	\$2,800,000
Drouin, Jonathan	30	\$2,500,000
Kuzmenko, Andrei	29	\$5,500,000
van Riemsdyk, James	35	\$900,000
Johansson, Marcus	34	\$2,000,000
Provorov, Ivan	28	\$6,750,000
Ekblad, Aaron	29	\$7,500,000

RFAs with ARB

Name	Age	Current AAV
Bouchard, Evan	25	\$390,000
Vilardi, Gabriel	25	\$3,437,000
Geekie, Morgan	26	\$2,000,000
McLeod, Ryan	25	\$2,100,000
Voronkov, Dmitri	24	\$925,000
Holmstrom, Simon	23	\$850,000
Kakko, Kaapo	24	\$2,400,000
Zetterlund, Favian	25	\$1,450,000
Dobson, Noah	25	\$4,000,000
Byram, Bowen	23	\$4,850,000
Cates, Noah	26	\$2,625,000
Frost, Morgan	25	\$2,100,000

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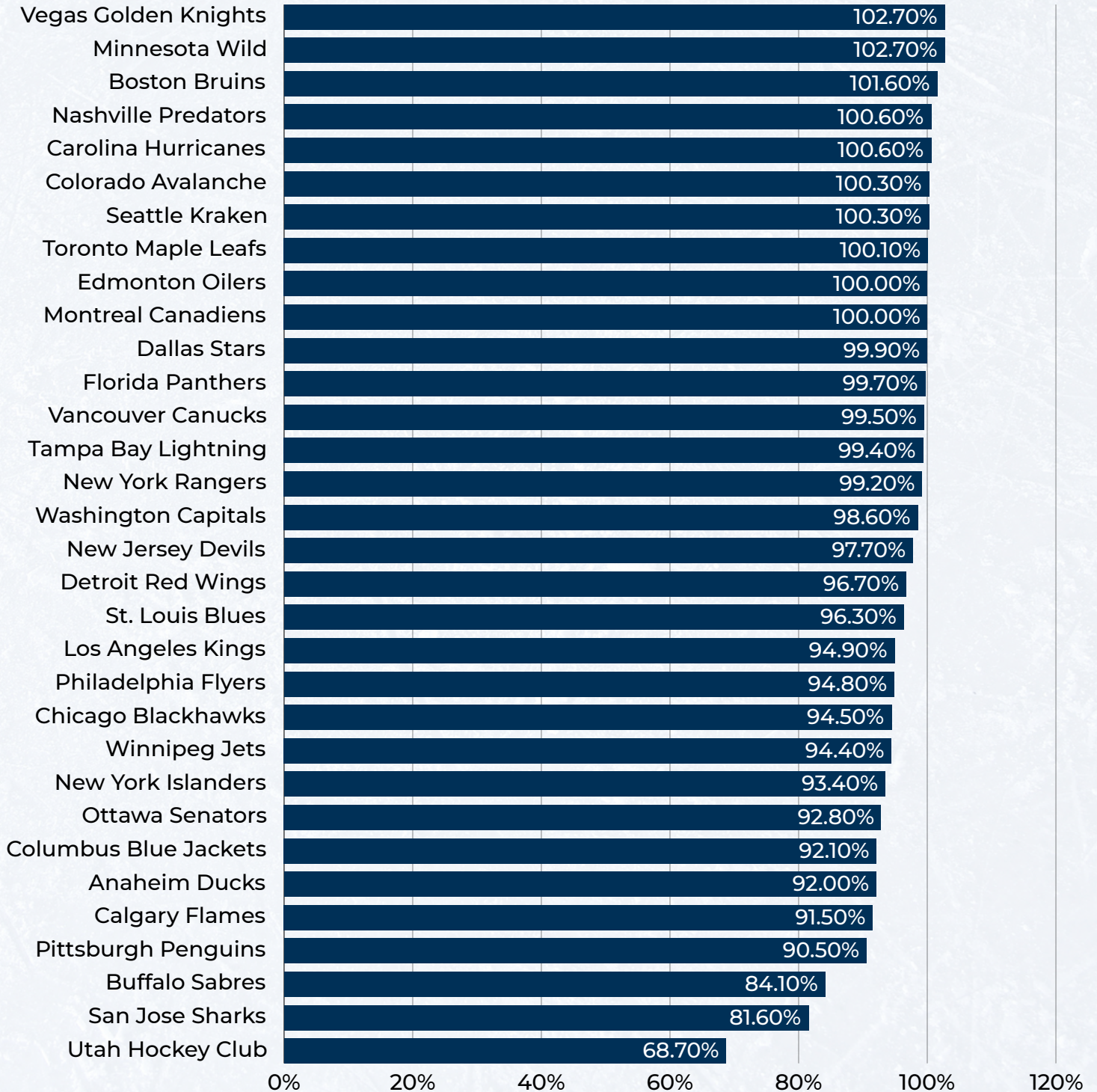
Name	Age	Current AAV
Peterka, John-Jason	23	\$855,834
Rossi, Marco	23	\$863,334
Knies, Matthew	22	\$925,000
McTavish, Mason	22	\$894,167
Coronato, Matt	22	\$925,000
Cuyllle, Will	23	\$828,333
Hughes, Luke	21	\$925,000
Foerster, Tyson	23	\$863,334
Laferriere, Alex	23	\$875,000

Note: Players arranged by total points in 2024-2025 season.



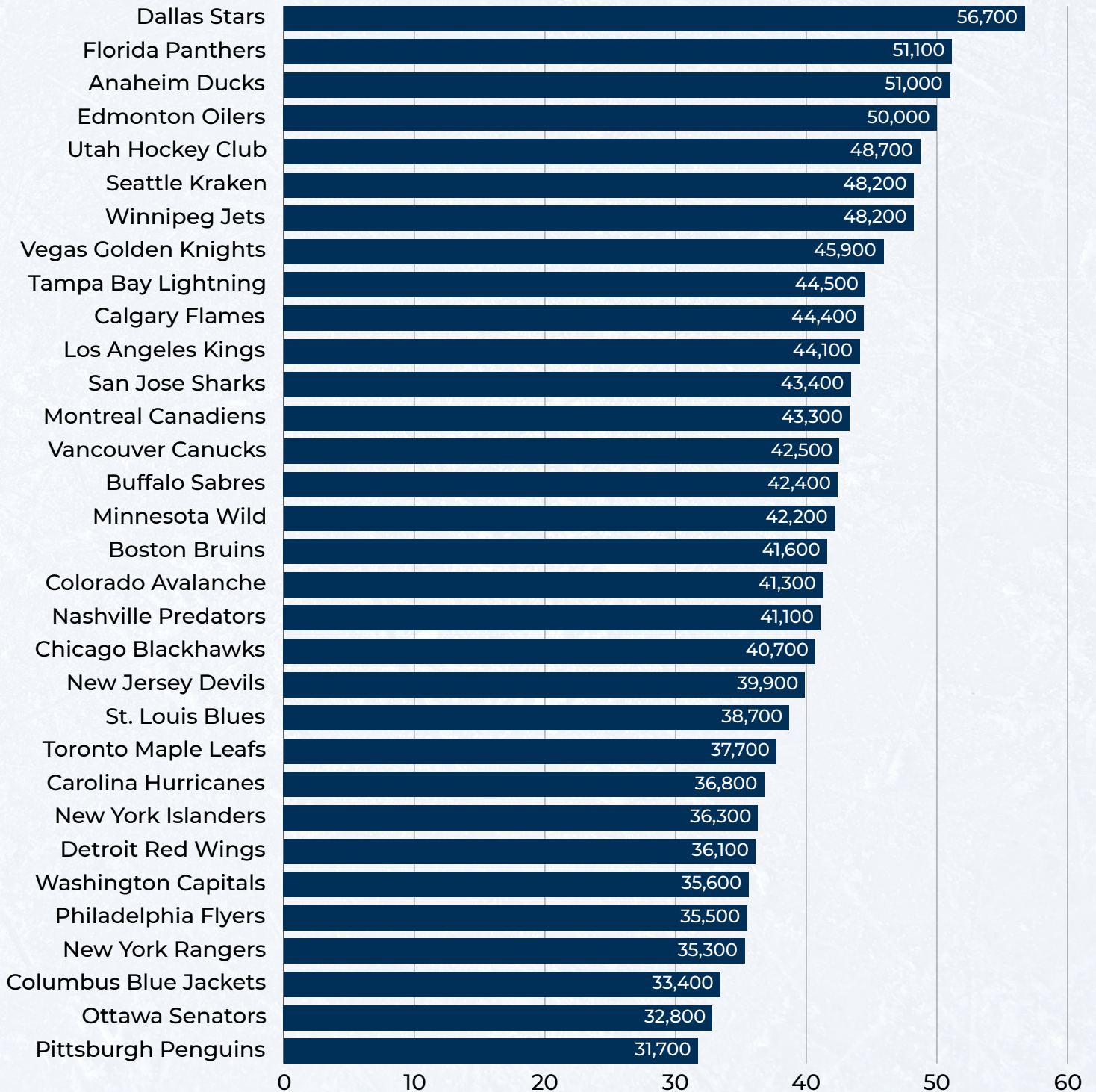
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ATTENDANCE REPORT



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