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UNITED GOSSIP

SEASONAL GREETINGS.

The Directors and Manager of the Southend United F.C. wish all their patrons a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

These good wishes are also extended to the members of the playing staff, the trainers and groundsman, the officers and members of the Supporters' Club and all those who in any way are contributing to the welfare of the Club.

The League Tourney.

There were surprising results in our Division last Saturday, some which remind us that it is still an open question of the Championship.

Two of the favourites, Luton and Millwall, fell by the wayside, and Bournemouth were held to a draw at home.

Much will depend upon the result of the Xmas programme, but we would not be surprised if there is a great levelling up by January 1st.

Walsall and Wassail.

As many people suspected, the aftermath of the Cup Ties was reflected in the meeting of our boys and Walsall. The hard games in mid-week at York and Yeovil had knocked a lot of stuffing out of the players and a heavy ground in addition soon took its toll. The lads seemed listless and slow and disinclined to run for an outside chance of securing the ball.

But for bad shooting, bad luck and Leckie's admirable goalkeeping we might have beaten the Newport figures of September 5th.

The ex-Cardiff man did certainly give a remarkable show of clever anticipation and agility, and he is to be congratulated upon keeping the score to the low, but convincing, dimensions at 3-0.

Monday's Match.

A GENTLE REMINDER.

By Monday afternoon you will be a wee bit tired of indoor life and will be longing for the open air again.

Many of you will not be back to business that day, so may we remind you that the Reserves have an important engagement with Bournemouth Reserves on that afternoon. It is important in this respect. The position of the Reserves in the Combination is becoming precarious, and special efforts must be made to improve their standing.

As good a team as the Club can field will be on view, and as a result there should be a game worth your attendance. The Reserves are much better than they were. At Portsmouth and at the Palace they barely lost, and at both places they were the superior footballers.

You may get a real surprise in the quality of the football. Chance it any-way.

The Reserves are at far-away Swansea this afternoon.

"All in" at Selhurst.

The Reserves had a stormy passage at Selhurst Park where apparently the Palace have not forgotten the Cup Tie and its sequel.

The official decision went against us by 4-3; a result that was not in agreement with the actual play. Defensive lapses were responsible for two goals, and a penalty was a surprise ruling.

Goals for us were obtained by Bushby, Kirkaldie and Joe Firth. The last was a very neatly headed one, that reflected great honour to the scorer.

Robinson was the outstanding back, and our half-line was very good indeed. Hague was strong on the holding surface and Douglas Wright clever and accurate in shooting. One drive of his incapacitated Dunn towards the end of the game. Harry Egan, Bushby and Fryar were good forwards and how Egan withstood buffetings was an example of excellent restraint.

Mr. Ned Liddell.

A TRIBUTE.

If the Luton manager should accompany his team this afternoon, we would love to give him a hearty welcome, for he deserves it.

In the re-construction period following the war, no one could have worked harder than Ned in trying to establish football in Southend.

Harassed by difficulties, financial and otherwise, Mr. Liddell faced a thankless task with great determination. We can see him now, in memory, busy with Jack Campbell using hammer and nails erecting the fencing around the football pitch at the Kursaal, with Geordie Marshall and Ernie Emery lending a hand.

Those days seem a long time ago now, but if ever the complete history of Southend United is written honourable mention must always be made to the man who now controls the Luton club and the part he played in Southend football.

Luton—the Leaders.

DOUGHTY OPPONENTS.

We have the pick of the programme for our holiday entertainment this afternoon. If we had chosen for ourselves way back in the summer months we could not have selected a more attractive game, and unless yesterday has been disastrous to either team we should witness a game worthy of the occasion.

Luton are not introducing any new men to us, they were all retained from last season but we do not remember Payne playing at the Stadium. Dolman of course keeps goal, and our old friend Mackey is in his usual place at right-back. Supporting him is Smith, the schoolmaster, who is regarded as about the best left full-back in the Third Division. The much discussed Nelson is a great personality on the Luton side and it will be interesting to watch the duels between him and our George Goddard. The two ex-Orient players, Fellows and Finlayson, have won their places by sheer merit and have held them for a long period.

Payne will naturally draw a deal of attention to himself, for a man with his record and goal-scoring prowess is not seen every day. Rich is the ex-Plymouth winger and Stephenson and Roberts, an experienced and clever wing. Ball continues as leader of the attack.

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SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

Xmas

Continuing the good wishes, the Committee hope you all had a good time yesterday and that your bright and happy times will be evident to-day.

Having to write these notes long before Xmas I cannot pass any comment on yesterday's game. I know some of you will say "Aint that a shame," nevertheless I am sad at heart over it, but even printers have homes, and hope to enjoy a meal in comfort once a year. Many years ago that was denied them as I personally can testify. This, however, is 1926, not 1836!!

To-Day

Luton are our visitors to-day. As League leaders they command the respect of all other clubs and each match to them is of the Cup Tie nature, every club making great efforts to lower their colours. In that respect we are not alone and we hope to emulate Newport in defeating the Straw Hatters! Best of luck, anyway!

Monday

Don't forget there is a match here on Monday, the Reserves after their hectic holiday return home and meet Bournemouth Reserves.

A tonic to the jaded after perhaps a strenuous Xmas festival. Maybe I shall develop that tired feeling that needs attention—and maybe not! The first team are at Bournemouth, in return for Xmas Day.

Biscuit Winner

This week's winner is Mr. W. A. Quantrell, J.P., for his account of his visit with friends to the replayed Cup Tie at York.

I have received a letter from Mr. J. W. Benyon of Kensington Road in appreciation of the Biscuit awarded last week. He says among many complimentary remarks which really make one blush and between you and me are not true, that the winner of the Biscuit next week should hand it to some Darby and Joan to whom such an award would be a treat in keeping with the "goodwill to all" spirit. With that I am in entire agreement. If there is no winner Mr. Benyon will have the privilege of nominating a couple.

Biscuits

Consisting of two tickets for The Astoria where next week there is "Dick Whittington," a pantomime innovation for Southend, and two for The Kursaal Kinema where they have their usual good programme. These are given for an idea, criticism or any notable event in connection with Southend football.

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To-Night!

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Confessions (alleged) No 18

Rex Going: "Following father's footsteps? Perhaps I am—and perhaps I'm not. You know what Dad is, don't you? Good sport? I know the answer as well as you! The Blues? Yes. I think they will—that is, of course, if they will do as I'm thinking, and incidentally, Dad—is thinking. Any old how, here's hoping!"

Rex, you're not a chip off the old block, you're half of it!!!

Biographies

In searching for a new series I have been fortunate in discovering a keen supporter in Mr. L. G. Miller, of West Road, Shoebury. This gentleman is no mean cartoonist. Together we shall explore the possibilities of bringing some of our well known supporters into the limelight and together we share the blame. You can take it from me we shall be no respecter of persons. Threats or promises? Take your choice, but for the benefit of those who know me or think they do, Mr. Miller could eat me with both hands tied behind!

Badges

Members can obtain a Badge for 6d. They are very neat and make quite nice pins for scarves. That reminds me I often see them displayed in the neighbourhood of Queen Victoria Street by some charming young ladies. One of these days—ssh! here comes the "Missus"!

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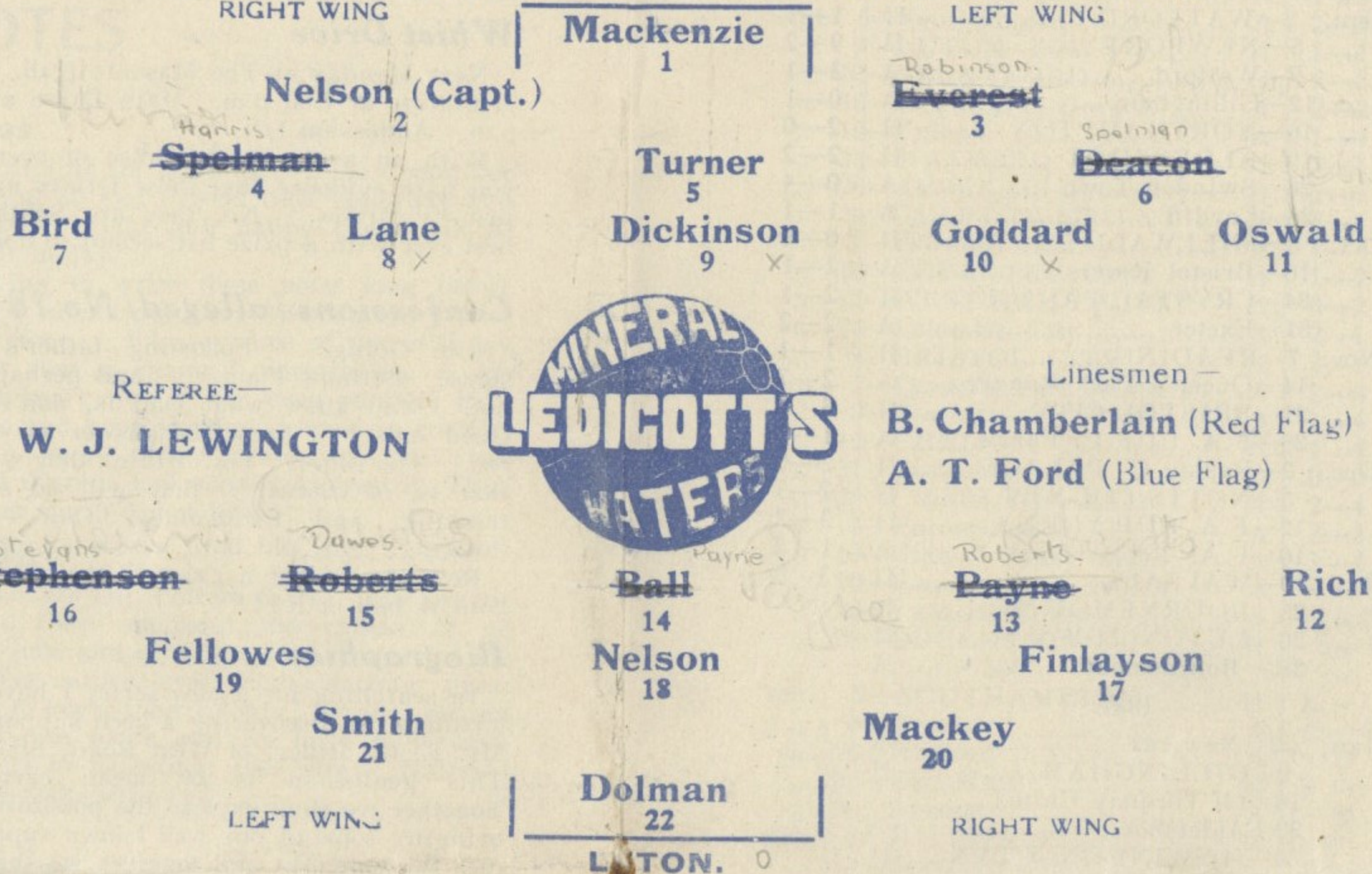
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FIRST TEAM FIXTURES.

1936.			
Date.	Opponents.	Ground.	
Aug. 29	Luton Town	A	0-1
Sept. 2	WATFORD	H	1-1
" 5	NEWPORT	H	9-2
" 9	Watford	A	3-1
" 12	Gillingham	A	0-1
" 16	NORTHAMPTON T.	H	2-0
" 19	ALDERSHOT	H	2-2
" 26	Swindon Town	A	0-4
" 28	Cardiff	A	1-1
Oct. 3	MILLWALL	H	0-0
" 10	Bristol Rovers	A	2-1
" 24	CRYSTAL PALACE	H	2-1
" 31	Exeter	A	2-2
Nov. 7	READING	H	1-1
" 14	Queen's Park Rangers	A	2-7
" 21	BRISTOL CITY	H	3-0
" 28	F.A. CUP C. Palace	A	1-1
Dec. 2	Replay C. PALACE	H	2-0
" 5	NOTTS COUNTY	H	2-3
" 12	F.A. CUP YORK C.	H	3-3
" 16	F.A. Replay York C.	A	1-2
" 19	WALSALL	H	3-0
" 25	BOURNEMOUTH	H	0-0
" 26	LUTON TOWN	H	3-0
" 28	Bournemouth	A	0-1
1937.			
Jan. 2	Newport	A	2-6
" 9	GILLINGHAM	H	0-2
" 16	(3) Torquay United	A	4-1
" 23	Aldershot	A	2-1
" 30	(4) SWINDON TOWN	H	2-0
Feb. 6	Millwall	A	2-1
" 13	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	2-3
" 20	(5) CARDIFF CITY	H	8-1
" 27	Crystal Palace	A	1-1
Mar. 6	(6) EXETER	H	2-4
" 13	Reading	A	3-2
" 20	QUEEN'S PARK R.	H	3-2
" 26	Brighton & Hove A.	A	0-1
" 27	Bristol City	A	1-0
" 29	BRIGHTON & HOVE A.	H	2-1
April 3	TORQUAY UNITED	H	0-0
" 10	S.F. Notts County	A	1-2
" 17	CLAPTON ORIENT	H	0-0
" 24	Walsall	A	0-3
May 1	(F.) Northampton Town	A	3-4

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1936.			
Date.	Opponents.	Ground.	
Aug. 29	SWANSEA TOWN	H	6-0
" 31	Luton Town	A	1-5
Sept. 5	Southampton	A	2-3
" 9	LUTON TOWN	H	1-1
" 12	BRENTFORD	H	2-3
" 16	Brighton & Hove A.	A	2-2
" 19	Fulham	A	1-4
" 23	WATFORD	H	3-1
" 26	ARSENAL (Friendly)	H	2-3
" 30	CLAPTON ORIENT	H	6-1
Oct. 3	Millwall	A	1-4
" 10	COVENTRY CITY	H	1-2
" 17	WEST HAM UNITED	H	0-2
" 24	Leicester City	A	2-1
" 31	BRISTOL CITY	H	2-1
Nov. 7	Queen's Park Rangers	A	2-4
" 9	Northampton Town	A	1-4
" 14	CHELSEA	H	1-4
" 21	Tottenham	A	0-9
" 28	CHARLTON ATH.	H	2-4
Dec. 5	Portsmouth	A	2-3
" 19	Crystal Palace	A	3-4
" 25	Bournemouth & B.A.	A	2-0
" 26	Swansea Town	A	2-0
" 28	BOURNEMOUTH	H	2-0
1937.			
Jan. 2	SOUTHAMPTON	H	2-1
" 9	Brentford	A	0-0
" 16	Watford	A	7-3
" 23	FULHAM	H	3-1
" 30	Arsenal	A	1-8
Feb. 6	MILLWALL	H	2-1
" 13	Coventry City	A	2-0
" 20	West Ham United	A	0-2
" 27	LEICESTER CITY	H	2-3
Mar. 4	Clapton Orient	A	1-0
" 6	Bristol City	A	1-0
" 13	QUEEN'S PARK R.	H	0-5
" 20	Chelsea	A	1-2
" 26	ARSENAL	H	2-2
" 27	TOTTENHAM	H	1-1
April 3	Charlton Athletic	A	0-4
" 7	NORTHAMPTON T.	H	1-1
" 10	PORTSMOUTH	H	1-1
" 17	Reading	A	0-2
" 24	CRYSTAL PALACE	H	6-0
May 1	BRIGHTON & HOVE	H	3-3

LONDON MID-WEEK LEAGUE.

	Goals						
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
SOUTHEND C.	5	4	0	1	19	6	9
Folkestone	5	4	1	0	18	13	8
Guildford City	4	1	1	2	16	9	4
Fulham	4	1	1	2	13	8	4
Luton Town	3	2	1	0	15	13	4
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	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Luton	16	12	1	8	39	27	25
Brighton	19	11	3	5	32	18	25
Watford	19	9	4	6	37	25	22
Bournemouth	18	9	4	5	28	21	22
Notts County	19	8	6	5	33	30	22
Gillingham	18	9	4	5	23	22	22
Swindon Town	18	8	5	5	39	24	21
Millwall	18	8	5	5	30	20	21
Cardiff City	18	9	3	6	28	26	21
Northampton	18	8	4	6	32	24	20
SOUTHEND U.	18	20	8	7	5	28	20
Reading	18	8	4	6	32	27	20
Queen's Pk. R.	18	7	4	7	27	24	18
Bristol R.	18	8	2	8	30	28	18
Clapton Orient	18	5	7	6	22	23	17
Crystal Palace	18	5	5	8	28	30	15
Torquay	19	5	5	9	23	32	15
Bristol City	18	5	3	10	23	38	13
Walsall	18	4	4	10	21	38	12
Exeter City	18	3	5	10	20	38	11
Aldershot	18	2	6	10	19	37	10
Newport C.	18	2	6	10	23	50	10

(Up to and including 19th December).

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GODDARD	9	BIRD	1
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F TOTTENHAM WEST HAM U.	O Q.P.R. BRISTOL C.
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LONDON COMBINATION.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Charlton Ath.	23	15	5	3	57	21	35
Arsenal	22	16	2	4	73	18	34
Coventry City	22	14	4	4	58	31	32
West Ham Utd.	21	14	3	4	63	26	31
Portsmouth	23	12	5	6	49	25	29
Brentford	23	12	3	8	43	25	27
Crystal Palace	25	9	9	7	38	43	27
Chelsea	21	11	4	6	49	46	26
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Tottenham	22	10	4	8	62	43	24
Northampton	25	8	6	11	49	57	22
Brighton	23	9	4	10	33	44	22
Watford	22	9	3	10	42	41	21
Bournemouth	21	8	4	9	25	43	20
Bristol City	22	7	5	10	33	40	19
Reading	20	8	3	9	35	47	19
Luton Town	22	7	4	11	39	46	18
Swansea Town	23	6	6	11	28	36	18
Queen's Pk. R.	22	8	1	13	30	42	17
Southampton	23	6	4	13	37	53	16
Millwall	22	7	2	13	35	56	16
SOUTHEND U.	21	5	2	14	41	62	12
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