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THE LORD GENERALL



All,

We have a few events coming up in the next month. Firstly on 20/21st July will be the English Heritage Multi period event in which the Lord Generals regiment makes a special appearance. We will be representing General Monk's regiment at the Battle of Dunbar. There are details regarding this event below. If you are interested and can meet the strict criteria to be part of this then please come along. Any questions just e mail me on p.eaglestone1644@btinternet.com.

The aim of this event, apart from having a good time is to secure a much larger event from English Heritage next year. This is therefore a very important event. One of the criteria for this year, which we are working on changing for the future is that there is not cross dressing. Sorry but these are not my rules but the sponsor.

Secondly the weekend of 27/28th July sees the second Major of the year, Wentworth. I appreciate that many of you will be on holiday but if you can support this event please do.

Regards,

PAUL EAGLESTONE

Lord Generall of The Armie of Parliament



SMG'S CUPS COMPETITION

"By popular demand"

THE ARMIE OF PARLIAMENT'S SMG CUP

'King of the Hill' and Musket Competition

Will be held at Newstead Abbey
August Bank Holiday Muster 2013
On Sunday starting at 6pm.

The competition will be held on the edge of the battlefield and next to the beer tent. All Parliament units welcome!

See rules in this issue of Parliament Scout!

COLONEL WILLIAM GORDON'S REGIMENT & THE SCOTS BRIGADE

WELCOME YOU TO ENGLISH HERITAGE'S
'HISTORY LIVE!'

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20-21 JULY 2013

DUNBAR 1650 - WARNING ORDER



To all our friends, Colonel William Gordon's Regiment & The Scots Brigade cordially invite you to attend and take part in this, the world's largest multi-period event. This year's event is the most important ever for the Sealed Knot. If we pull it off, we have been promised a full major next year, which means a main arena event and a relaxation of many of the restrictions that we have operated under these past few years. It is therefore essential that we put on our very best display, with as many folk as we can get to turn out, with only the very highest standards of kit and weaponry, and – most importantly – attitude.

1. WHAT WE ARE DOING : AN ARENA DISPLAY EVENT OF THE WEAPONS, DRILL AND TACTICS OF THE SCOTS AND NEW MODEL ARMIES AT THE TIME OF DUNBAR, CULMINATING IN A (POINT BASED) SKIRMISH. A LARGE JOINT SCOTS/ENGLISH LIVING HISTORY CAMP (60M X 40M). In the display arena we will be doing a drill display on Saturday and Sunday as per last year, plus a short – at point– skirmish showing an engagement from the battle of Dunbar. This will be heavily rehearsed beforehand to ensure safety (we are using sharps), but with a modicum of practice will be safe for all. 'History Live!' (<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/daysout/events/history-live/>) is a largest multi-period event in the world, with thousands of re-enactors taking part. Note there will be plenty of time for everyone attending to enjoy the rest of the weekend. N.B. as per last year, EH have asked that men and women dress to gender, so no women soldiers again this year I'm afraid. If we pull it off this year, there is a promise of a larger event next year, which means this rule will be ditched.

2. KIT STANDARDS NEED TO BE OF THE HIGHEST STANDARDS : This is English Heritage's showcase event, so we need to be at our best. I have attached a separate document on men's and women's kit. If there are any questions please shout. Four really important points:

1. Wooden buttons. Get rid of them before the weekend. Cloth or metal only.
2. Women's kit needs to be the best – no women in bonnets, no makeup and no jewellery.
3. Footwear. Authentic footwear only.
4. If you are bringing children, please note the dress regs apply to them as well. So no desert boots, cotton shirts, floppy bonnets, etc.

The attached kit list covers most other eventualities. If in doubt, ask.

3. WE WILL BE USING SHARPS ALL WEEKEND : We will be drilling, parading and putting on a (short) skirmish using sharps. All units to bring what they have, particularly polearms. Please organise to bring what you have.

5. THERE ARE TWO CAMPSITES : There are two campsites, a plastic and authentic one. Both will be open from p.m. Thursday 18th July till Monday (p.m.) 22nd July. Access is by showing your SK card, so please keep it with you all weekend. Each campsite will be clearly signposted from the village. If you are on the authentic campsite, no vehicular access will be allowed between the hours of 9.00am and 6.30pm, no exceptions. The plastic camp, which is adjacent to the event site, has showers, water and loos provided. Cars must be parked in the nominated spots, and not adjacent to tents. Again, no exceptions. Campfires are allowed in the authentic camp, but not the plastic one. If anyone is there early, make a bee-line for the wood supplies for the camp fires, as they go fast. I am aiming to get there at lunchtime Friday. Although the modern site has all the showers, etc, the authentic site is closer to all the action. They are about 15mins walk apart, which might not sound much, but after doing it a few times you will soon feel it. Most folk authentic camp.

6. WE WILL HAVE A LARGE LIVING HISTORY SITE, AND WE NEED TO FILL IT : We will be portraying a Scots & English soldiers camp both days from 9.30am till 6.00pm. This will be laid out in the regular, formal style of the time. To aid the planning of the site and activities, we need to know in advance who is coming. Booking is therefore essential. Can you get back to me asap please with what you are bringing: stevelang7@gmail.com In addition to the camp itself, there will be a performance area, where we will put on drill displays, and talks on the period. If you have a particular party piece you can put on, please let us know. The more the better as it keeps the public engaged and makes the day fly.

7. IMPORTANT INFORMATION : English Heritage have very strict rules and guidelines, which if everyone is aware of, are relatively easy to follow, as we found last year. The key ones are:

1. Only men to portray men, and women to portray women. No exceptions. If this event goes well, we are likely to be invited back in larger numbers for a full scale battle.
2. No cross-dressing around the public site. If you are in 17th century kit, it needs to be 100% authentic. This covers things like no drinking from inauthentic containers, anywhere on the public site. So, for instance, if you go to the public beer tent for a drink, it must be in an authentic tankard or the like. Having said that, they are not keen on the drinking of alcohol when the site is open, so hold your thirst back till it shuts (or sneak back to the plastic camp for a sneaky swift one!)
3. If you are asked by an EH official to do (or to stop doing) something, please comply with grace and good humour. They are just doing their job, and we are the guests.

Note, final timings will be issued on the day, as they are subject to change till the last minute. These will be posted in the LH camp.

GORDON'S WILL BE HOSTING A COCKTAIL PARTY ON THE AUTHENTIC CAMPSITE ON SATURDAY NIGHT AT 7.30PM

Those of you who have attended one of these before, and can remember it, probably weren't actually there. Please bring along a bottle of spirits or some fruit juice/mixers.

8. HOW TO GET THERE : Travelling by car: FROM THE M1 - Junction 19, take the A14 towards Kettering, then the A508 towards Market Harborough. Kelmars Hall is 500 metres along on the left. FROM MARKET HARBOROUGH/NORTHAMPTON - Kelmars Hall is situated between Market Harborough and Northampton on the A508. BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Shuttle buses will run on both Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 July from Northampton Station and from Kettering Station. Journey time is approximately ½ an hour.

9. KEY CONTACTS

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Please book in through your C.O.'s/N.C.O.'s asap please.

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10. LAST THOUGHT..... Lets have a barrel of fun, but let's do it right, and lets do it better than ANYONE else there! Any questions, just shout. STEVE LANGAN 30/06/13



BATTLE OF DUNBAR

3RD SEPTEMBER 1650

When the English parliament tried and executed King Charles in January 1649 the abolished the crown and declared England a republic. Scotland was still a separate country, albeit with the same King and his son, now Charles II was declared king of Scotland soon after his father's execution.

Charles II was in Holland at the time and true to form, tried to negotiate the best possible deal he could, which included using the Earl of Montrose in an attempt to invade Scotland via the Shetland Islands. Montrose failed and was executed in Edinburgh in May 1650. With no other choice open to him Charles agreed to accept the terms imposed by the Scottish Parliament which was heavily dominated by the Scottish Presbyterian Church (the Kirk). Charles agreed to take the Covenant, abolish Bishops and impose a Presbyterian Church in England in exchange for Scottish help in gaining the English crown. He landed in Scotland on 23 June 1650.

The English government decided to pre-empt the threat on invasion from Scotland by itself invading Scotland to deal with the matter. Fairfax, who was in charge of the New Model Army declined command of the force to be sent and Cromwell was looked upon as the natural successor, having just returned from leading the English Army in Ireland. The army raised consisted of 8 Regiments of Horse and 9 Regiments of Foote totalling some 15,000 men. Supported by the English Navy they took the eastern invasion route via Newcastle and Berwick with intention of capturing Edinburgh and defeating the Scottish forces raised against them. The troops were well organised with a corps of seasoned professional officers and supported by the fleet were looking forward to a successful campaign.

After the failed attempt to invade England during the Second Civil War the Kirk came to dominate Scotland and the army was purged of many of its experienced officers for religious and political reasons. At the time of the English invasion perhaps 6000 or so experienced men remained with the colours and the army was recruited by impressments up to around 22,000. Officers were appointed for what they were rather than what they knew, although it was led by David Leslie who had considerable experience, including fighting at Marston Moor and defeating Montrose at Philliphaugh. However like the Russian Army at the start of the Second World War he had a group of "Political Officers" around him, in the form of ministers of the Kirk, whose wishes had to be taken into account.

Leslie adopted a defensive posture as Cromwell crossed the border and refused to offer formal battle, preferring to hold a defensive line south of Edinburgh. Cromwell, unable to make a breakthrough and with his troops suffering from sickness and the effects of the Scottish weather fell back on the port of Dunbar, southeast of Edinburgh, to regain contact with the fleet and await reinforcements from England. Leslie followed up and took up strong defensive positions on the hills above Dunbar and sent a blocking force south to cut communications with England. So on the eve of the battle Leslie appeared to hold all the cards. Indeed Cromwell wrote to Haselrig at Newcastle saying "We are upon an engagement very difficult. The enemy have blocked up our way....through which we cannot get without almost a miracle.....we know not how to come that way without great difficulty; and our lying here daily consumeth our men who fall sick beyond imagination." All Leslie had to do was to continue to dominate the hills and stay on the defensive and wait for the English army to collapse. Cromwell had two realistic choices, to surrender on the best terms he could get or attempt to load the sick and the infantry onto the ships of the fleet and break out south with the cavalry, a choice similar to that forced on the Earl of Essex at Lostwithiel by Charles I during the First Civil War..

Some say the officers of the Kirk attending Leslie forced him to attack or it may have been that he himself wanted to finish the matter, in any event he moved the army off the hills to take up a position from which to attack on the following morning. The weather was poor with rain and poor visibility and the army was deploying in a much smaller area so some confusion occurred. Cromwell aware of the movement held a council of war where Lambert argued that the only possible course of action was an immediate assault on the Scottish Army before they were ready to make their own attack. This was agreed and at between 4.00 and 5.00 pm Lambert and Fleetwood led 6 Regiments of Horse supported by Monk with three regiments of Foote in a frontal assault. The Scots were surprised, many of the officers had taken shelter from the weather in local houses and many musketeers did not have their match lit so could not fire their muskets immediately. The battle was a furious one and as the sun rose, Cromwell led the remainder of the English army against the left flank of the Scottish army. This was sufficient to break the morale of the Scots and Cromwell's report after the battle stated that some 3000 Scots had been killed and 10,000 made prisoner. The remainder, mainly cavalry fled the field. The battle was both short and decisive. Cromwell claimed that only 40 or so men were casualties in the English Army and called the battle "one of the most signal mercies God hath done for England and this people".

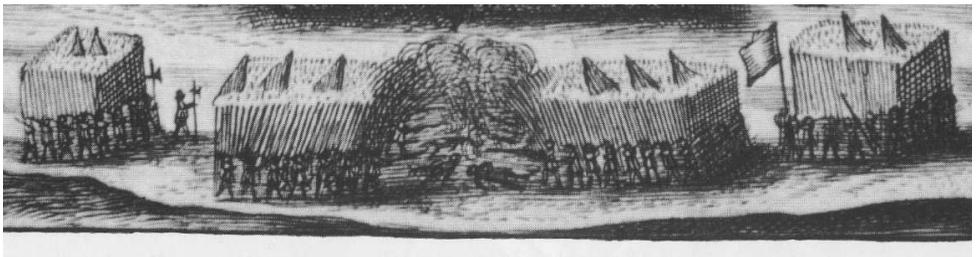
It did not mean the end of the campaign or the Third Civil War. Edinburgh was taken and the south of Scotland dominated by the English but the Scots were able to keep an army in being and following the diminution of the Kirks influence recruit those officers and men who had previously been excluded. Cromwell eventually left an opening for the Scots to invade England which led to the final defeat of Charles II at Worcester exactly a year after the defeat at Dunbar.

MONK'S REGIMENT SOLDIERS KIT LIST

Please find below our kit list for Kelmarsh 2013. We are there to represent a New Model Army Scots unit (Monk's Regiment) of the period 1644-1650. Everything needs to be of the finest quality and authenticity. If in doubt, please ask, but this list below gives you all you need to know. Regimental officers word is final, and there will be no compromise on standards of authenticity. The following list is a guide:

IDEALLY GREY OR DARK COLOUR WOOLLEN BREECHES *. Either open or closed. High waisted, and only ever reaching to just below the knee. Do NOT allow your breeches to hang down your calves. **BELTS ***. Narrow (less than 1") leather with preferably iron or brass buckles. Thick leather belts to be avoided. **RED, VARIOUS SHADES ACCEPTED. MONKS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE HAD GREEN FACINGS HOWEVER THIS IS NOT AN ISSUE AT THIS EVENT.** Buttoned with same coloured cloth (preferred) or plain metal buttons. Should always be buttoned from the top. And an even better – and more authentic – look is to wear a doublet or singlet under your soldier's coat. Soldier's coats should be worn with turned back cuffs. **OFF-WHITE LINEN SHIRT ***. Ideally not cotton, ever! Plain, with or without a collar, and no lace edges unless you are an officer. No lace up the front efforts either – ever! **HOSE *** Various colours but not bright ones such as reds or yellows. It didn't happen unless you were a clown! and/or grey knitted woollen (no football style socks or white fisherman socks, ever!). These should be tied up with dull thin woollen braid, leather or piece of slow-match. Hose should be knitted or cut from cloth. **LATCHET SHOES *** (brown preferred. Black was posher). Closed or open, take your pick. Startups are acceptable. Boots should only be worn by officers. **KNITTED AND FELTED WOOLLEN ENGLISH BONNETS *** –NO SCOTS BONNETS EVER! Wide brimmed felt hats, Montero's and Monmouth's are acceptable. **GLOVES*** – plain leather, brown or natural, simple cut (no welders gloves). **BAGS** All troops to look as if they are on campaign and a long way from home so are encouraged to carry sausage bags and blankets.

Weaponry & Armour : MUSKETS – Matchlock and Flintlock acceptable. No carbines for either. All musketeers must wear bandoliers, even if these are not filled. All musketeers must have a powder flask that conforms to SK safety rules. If in doubt, ask. Musketeers should carry filled water bottles, again for safety reasons. **SWORDS – PIKE** – A basic pikeman's hanger, no basket hilts. **SWORDS – MUSKET** – Either simple pikeman's hanger. **HELMETS** – Should be blackened, and can be worn by both pikemen and musketeers at this period. **PIKES** – These will be supplied by the regiment. **ARMOUR** – Armour should be blackened. Worn only by officers and pikemen. **BUFFCOATS** – Only worn by officers.



MONK'S REGIMENT WOMEN'S KIT LIST

General Points : The guidelines below will be the very minimum kit standards for the LH camp at Kelmarsh. As the guys have to wear full kit, heat is no excuse not to be correctly dressed. Absolutely no makeup (this includes mascara) or jewellery.

CLOTHING SHOULD BE PLAIN - no lace or embroidery on clothing unless playing nobility and the rest of your kit is very high status. Off white linen is encouraged - All clothing should be muted in colour - brown, green, grey etc. Hair should be tucked into a coif and completely covered up. **HEADWEAR :** No bare heads! Linen coifs to be worn by all women at all times. Statute type woollen hat maybe worn as long as worn over a coif - This must be worn forward on the head. Black felt hats were worn but were not that common. Absolutely no Scots bonnets. Period straw hats are acceptable, as long as worn over a linen coif. **UNDER GARMENTS :** Linen shifts - worn long and always past the elbows (Shifts were often interchangeable with mens shirts) **STAYS :** Worn as an undergarment - not on display (it would be like walking about in your bra!) Made with Linen and stiffened. **SKIRTS** Full woollen/linen skirts - no split fronts please. **UNDERSKIRTS** can either be wool or linen **Bodice :** Wool or heavy linen. **BODICES** - Early style ladies jackets with close fitting sleeves are more authentic for the Thirty Years War but a tabbed fuller sleeved bodice is acceptable. Should be worn over stays - preferably with sleeves (yes I know it's going to be hot - hopefully!) Front fastening. The silk type sleeveless style corsets are not authentic so please do not wear them on the parade if at all possible. All in one bodice with split front skirts are also not authentic so do not wear them either - it's an SKism! **SOCKS/HOSE :** Either knitted or cut from woollen cloth **SHOES :** 17th century style shoes - No desert boots **ACCOUTREMENTS :** Linen neck kerchiefs can be worn. Aprons can either be a large square of linen tucked into your skirt or tied at the back - No bib or gathers please. Woollen material can be worn as a shawl type garment (not Crochet). Cloaks were generally worn with separate hoods - hopefully not needed! Small belts can be worn but must be discreet - absolutely no belts to be worn over the bodice. Personal things such as pouches can be worn from the waist. Any baskets etc must be period not modern.



'SERGEANT MAJORS CUP - KING OF THE HILL'

PIKE PUSH COMPETITION RULES.

1. THE COMPETITION WILL BE UMPIRED BY 1 SENIOR UMPIRE AND TWO LINE UMPIRES.
2. UNITS CAN BE RECRUITED FROM A SINGLE REGIMENT OR BRIGADE. A UNIT WILL BE MADE UP OF 1 OFFICER WITH HALF PIKE, HALBERD OR PARTIZAN AND 11 PIKEMEN WITH FULL PIKES. ALL PIKES MUST BE AT LEAST 12' LONG
3. EACH UNIT WILL BE INSPECTED BEFORE THE COMPETITION FOR AUTHENTIC APPEARANCE. FOOTWARE SHOULD BE AS PER SK DRESS REGULATIONS. NO SPECIAL BOOTS SUCH AS HIKING BOOTS. ARMOUR MAY BE WORN. HELMETS MUST BE WORN
4. EACH TEAM IS ALLOWED 1 SUBSTITUTE WHO CAN ONLY BE SWAPPED IN CASE OF INJURY. THE PIKEMAN SUBSTITUTED CANNOT RETURN TO THE COMPETITION. ANYTEAM USING MORE SUBSTITUTES THAN THIS OR ABUSING THE RULES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.
5. THE UNITS WILL START OUTSIDE THE CIRCLE FACING EACH OTHER. THE SENIOR UMPIRE WILL CALL THE UNITS TOGETHER SLOWLY AND IN A CONTROLLED FASHION AND THE UNITS WILL ENGAGE IN THE CENTRE OF THE RING.
6. UNITS MUST NOT RUN AT EACH OTHER - FIRST INCIDENT OF THIS WILL BE A YELLOW CARD, SECOND INCIDENT WILL MEAN DISQUALIFICATION - SENIOR UMPIRES DECISION IS FINAL.
7. THE UNIT WHO PUSHES AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF THE OPPOSITION OUTSIDE THE RING (i.e. A PART OF A FOOT COUNTS), WINS. IF A PIKEMAN SPLITS FROM THE BLOCK AND MOVES OUTSIDE OF THE CIRCLE THEN THAT IS COUNTED AS A LOSS; BUT COMBAT BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS DOES NOT COUNT AND THE UMPIRES HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMOVE PIKEMEN FROM THE FIGHT IF THIS OCCURS.
8. IF A PUSH GOES ON FOR TOO LONG THE UMPIRE HAS THE DISCRETION TO STOP THE PUSH AND IT WILL NOT COUNT.
9. THE SENIOR UMPIRE'S DECISION IS FINAL. ANY CHEATING OR BAD ATTITUDE WILL RESULT IN A PENALTY. THIS MAY BE THE REMOVAL OF A TEAM MEMBER FOR ONE PUSH, OR THE LOSS OF ONE VICTORY POINT, OR WHATEVER THE UMPIRE AWARDS.
10. BEST OUT OF THREE VALID PUSHES.

SERGEANT MAJORS CUP - MUSKET COMPETITION

THE AIM OF THIS COMPETITION IS TO REWARD AUTHENTICITY AS WELL AS SAFE AND FAST FIRING PERFORMANCE. THE COMPETITION WILL BE UMPIRED BY ONE SENIOR UMPIRE AND TWO SECONDARY UMPIRES. ONE UMPIRE WILL KEEP TIMES WITH A STOP WATCH.

1) UNITS CAN BE RECRUITED FROM A SINGLE REGIMENT OR BRIGADE. A UNIT WILL BE MADE UP OF 1 NON FIRING OFFICER AND 6 MATCHLOCK ARMED MUSKETEERS. UP TO THREE OF THESE MATCHLOCKS MAY BE SUBSTITUTED WITH FLINTLOCKS. TO CONFIRM 1 OFFICER AND 6 MUSKETEERS.

2) THE UNIT WILL BE INSPECTED BY THE UMPIRES BEFORE THE COMPETITION FOR AUTHENTIC DRESS AND EQUIPMENT. A TEAM WILL BE AWARDED MARKS OUT OF THREE, THREE BEING THE BEST MARK. EACH MARK AWARDED WILL DEDUCT 10 SECONDS OFF OF THE FIRING TIME. FOR EXAMPLE A UNITS WHOSE MATCHLOCK MUSKETS USE RESTS AND BANDOLIER OF CHARGES WILL GAIN POINTS AND THUS GAIN DEDUCTIONS FROM THEIR TIME.

3) ONCE ALL THE UNITS HAVE BEEN INSPECTED THE FIRST TEAM, DRAWN BY LOT WILL TAKE UP A SAFE FIRING POSITION UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THE UMPIRES. WHEN THE UMPIRES ARE HAPPY THEY WILL TELL THE OFFICER TO BEGIN WHEN READY.

4) THE OFFICER WILL NOW COMMAND HIS UNIT TO MAKE READY. ON THIS COMMAND THE STOP WATCH WILL START.

5) THE OFFICER WILL WAIT UNTIL ALL HIS MUSKETEERS HAVE MADE READY AND COME TO THE READY POSITION.

6) WHEN THE UNIT HAS DONE THIS THE OFFICER WILL GIVE THE ORDER TO 'CHECK YOUR SCOURING STICKS' THEN 'PRESENT' THEN 'GIVE FIRE' WHEN THE MUSKET HAVE ALL FIRED THE OFFICER CAN GIVE THE ORDER TO MAKE READY AND REPEAT THE PROCESS. THIS OCCURS THREE TIMES. WHEN THE LAST VOLLEY HAS FIRED THE WATCH IS STOPPED.

7) ANY SHOUTING BY ANY MEMBER OF THE UNIT OTHER THAN THE OFFICER WILL SUFFER A TIME PENALTY OF 5 SECONDS PER SHOUT. NOTE THIS INCLUDES THE SHOUTING OF AYE TO THE CHECK YOU SCOURING STICKS COMMAND.

8) IF A WEAPON MISFIRES THE MUSKETEER RETIRES TO THE REAR UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF AN UMPIRE TO SORT OUT SAFE UNLOADING. A 10 SECOND PANALTY WILL BE AWARDED FOR EVERY MUSKETEER WHO MISFIRES.

9) PENALTIES MAY BE APPLIED AT THE UMPIRES' DISCRETION FOR BREACHES OF SK SAFETY PROCEDURES. EG TESTING THE MATCH BY PULLING THE TRIGGER MAY RESULT IN A 10 SECOND PENALTY.

10) CRISP VOLLEYS WILL BE REWARDED WITH A 10 SECOND TIME DEDUCTION. VERY WRAGGED WILL BE PENALISED WITH A 10 SECOND ADDITION.

11) AT THE END THE TIME WITH ANY DEDUCTIONS AND OR ADDITIONS IS ADDED UP. THE TEAM WITH SHORTEST TIME IS THE WINNER.



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