



# 2024 MIAMI VOLLEYBALL

Match 4-5 // vs Indiana and Texas // Sept. 6 and Sept. 7

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## RESULTS/SCHEDULE

Overall 3-0 | ACC 0-0  
Home 0-0 | Away 1-0 | Neutral 2-0

### August

30	vs. Rutgers^	ESPN+	W, 3-1
31	vs. Colorado^	ESPN+	W, 3-0

### September

1	at UNT^	ESPN+	W, 3-0
6	vs. Indiana%		7 p.m.
7	at Texas%	SECN+	5 p.m.
13	at Ohio State\$		7 p.m.
14	vs. Wright State\$		2 p.m.
15	vs. Buffalo\$		11 a.m.
19	Arkansas#	ACCNX	6 p.m.
20	Texas Tech#	ACCNX	6 p.m.
21	FIU#	ACCNX	3 p.m.
25	at Florida State*	ACCN	7 p.m.
28	Florida State*	ACCNX	5 p.m.

### October

4	at Virginia Tech*	ACCNX	6 p.m.
6	at Virginia*	ACCNX	1 p.m.
11	Notre Dame*	ACCNX	7 p.m.
13	Louisville*	ACCNX	1 p.m.
18	at Syracuse*	ACCNX	6 p.m.
20	at Boston College*	ACCNX	1 p.m.
25	at Duke*	ACCNX	6:30 p.m.
27	at UNC*	ACCNX	1 p.m.

### November

1	Stanford*	ACCNX	7 p.m.
3	California*	ACCNX	1 p.m.
8	NC State*	ACCNX	7 p.m.
10	Wake Forest*	ACCN	12 p.m.
15	at SMU*	ACCNX	8 p.m.
17	at Pitt*	ACCNX	1 p.m.
22	Clemson*	ACCNX	7 p.m.
24	at Georgia Tech*	ACCNX	1 p.m.
27	at NC State	ACCNX	2 p.m.
29	Duke*	ACCNX	3 p.m.

### BOLD CAPS - home game

\* - ACC game

^ - UNT Invitational

% - Texas Invitational

\$ - Sports Imports Classic

# - 305 Challenge

\*All times Eastern and subject to change\*

## THE MATCHUP

### Miami Hurricanes (3-0, 0-0 ACC)

Head Coach: Jose "Keno" Gandara

Season at UM: 12th

Miami Record: 198-117 (.629)

Career Record: 198-117 (.629)



### Indiana Hoosiers (3-0, 0-0 Big Ten)

Head Coach: Steve Aird

Season at IU: 11th

Record at IU: 83-99 (.456)

Career Record: 138-173 (.444)



### Texas Longhorns (1-1, 0-0 SEC)

Head Coach: Jerritt Elliott

Season at UT: 24th

UT Record: 590-115 (.837)

Career Record: 640-127 (.834)



## ALL-TIME SERIES

Miami vs. Indiana: 5-2

Miami vs. Texas: 0-1

## HEAD-TO-HEAD

Miami		Indiana	Texas
.326	Attack %	.271	.223
148	Kills	167	116
14.80	Kills/Set	13.92	12.89
141	Assists	155	112
14.10	Assists/Set	12.92	12.44
132	Digs	148	162
13.20	Digs/Set	12.33	18.00
17.5	Blocks	21	20.5
1.75	Blocks/Set	1.75	2.28
30	Service Aces	26	11

## STAT LEADERS

Kills	Flormarie Heredia Colon	42
	Grace Lopez	31
	Ava Carney	29
Assists	Ariana Rodriguez	108
Digs	Grace Lopez	28
	Flormarie Heredia Colon	27
	Naylani Feliciano	17
Blocks	Bianka Lulic	8
	Flormarie Heredia Colon	6
	Dalia Wilson/Grace Lopez	5
Aces	Grace Lopez	12
	Flormarie Heredia Colon	6

## QUICK HITS

### WEEKEND RECAP

• Miami went 3-0 at the UNT Invitational, taking down Rutgers, Colorado and North Texas. Junior Flormarie Heredia Colon earned Most Outstanding Player after leading the team with 42 kills, while recoding 27 digs, six blocks, six aces and 51.5 points.

• Sophomores Grace Lopez and Ava Carney, a transfer from Wake Forest, claimed a spot on the All-Tournament team. Lopez wrapped up the weekend with 31 kills, 28 digs, 12 aces and five blocks, while Carney notched 29 kills, 10 digs, and two blocks.

• After competing in the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, Ariana Rodriguez removed her redshirt and made her Miami debut with 108 assists, 14 digs, four aces and four blocks.

• Miami has also added two other transfers this season: Paula Guersching (Hawaii) and Dalia Wilson (Kansas State)

- Guersching appeared in five sets and tallied 15 kills, 19.0 points, six digs and four aces.

- Wilson saw action in all 10 sets, notching 17 kills, 20.0 points and five blocks.

• Between liberos Naylani Feliciano and Yaidaliz Rosado, the pair totaled 29 digs, with Rosado starting the first match vs. Rutgers and Feliciano starting against Colorado and UNT.

# MIAMI HURRICANES ROSTER



## NUMERICAL

#	NAME	POS.	HT.	CL.	HOMETOWN / HS / LAST SCHOOL
1	Ava Carney	OH	6-2	So.	Butler Pa. / Commonwealth Charter Academy
2	Naylani Feliciano	L	5-7	Jr.	Plano, Texas / Plano Senior
3	Sienna Sobotta	L	5-4	Fr.	Solana Beach, Calif. / Torrey Pines High School
4	Ashley Carr	MB	6-0	Sr.	Glenview, Ill. / Glenview South
6	Ariana Rodriguez	S	5-10	R-Fr.	New York, N.Y. / Poly Prep Country Day School
7	Yaidaliz Rosado	DS	5-8	Sr.	Morovis, P.R. / Piaget Bilingual Academy
8	Milana Moisis	L	5-5	Jr.	Waukegan, Ill. / Carmel Catholic
9	Bianka Lulic	MH	6-5	R-Fr.	San Diego, Calif. / La Jolla Country Day High School
10	Flormarie Heredia Colon	OH	6-0	Jr.	Santo Domingo, D.R. / Central Pointe Christian Academy (Fla.)
11	Alanys Viera	S	5-5	Sr.	Longwood, Fla. / Lyman
12	Taylor Polivka	S	5-11	So.	Keller, Texas / Keller High School
13	Marla Valentin	OH	5-10	Fr.	Guaynabo, Puerto Rico / Baldwin School of Puerto Rico
14	Dalia Wilson	MB	6-4	Jr.	Manisa, Turkey
15	Nyah Anderson	OH	6-0	Sr.	San Antonio, Texas / Ronald Reagan
18	Paula Guerschling	OH	6-1	Sr.	Schwalbach am Taunus, Germany / TG Bad Soden
20	Semrit Nijjar	OH	6-3	Jr.	Vancouver, British Columbia / Mount St. Mary Academy (N.J.)
23	Grace Lopez	OPP	6-1	So.	Aguada, P.R. / Froebel Bilingual School

## COACHING STAFF

**Head Coach:** Jose "Keno" Gandara (UC Santa Barbara '90, 12th season)

**Assistant Coach:** Jillian Hadder (UMass Lowell '11, Ninth season)

**Assistant Coach:** Eric Johnson (Springfield College '16, Second season)

**Assistant Coach:** Taylor van der Biezen (Marist College '19, First season)

**Director of Operations:** Natalia Gaby Huaroto-Luque (SMU '18, Fifth season)

**Volunteer Technical Coordinator:** Luis Serra (UMiami (Curr.), Third season)

## AVCA COACHES POLL

1. Texas (51)	2. Nebraska (10)	3. Pittsburgh	4. Louisville	5. Stanford
6. Wisconsin	7. Penn State	8. Purdue	9. Kentucky	10. Florida
11. Creighton	12. Oregon	13. Kansas	14. BYU	15. Florida State
16. Arizona State	17. Tennessee	18. Minnesota	19. Georgia Tech	20. USC
21. Arkansas	22. Dayton	23. Baylor	24. Marquette	25. UCLA

**Others receiving votes and listed on two or more ballots:** Georgia 88; Western Kentucky 68; TCU 62; Houston 41; Ohio State 30; Hawai'i 28; **Miami (FL) 23**; Washington State 23; Auburn 20; SMU 12; Missouri 11; Indiana 10; Washington 10; UNLV 4

## ACC PRESEASON RANKINGS

1. Pittsburgh (13)	2. Stanford (3)	3. Louisville (2)	4. Georgia Tech	5. FSU
6. SMU	<b>7. Miami</b>	8. NC State	9. Duke	10. UNC
11. Wake Forest	12. California	13. Notre Dame	14. Clemson	15. Boston Coll.
16. Virginia	17. Virginia Tech	18. Syracuse		



# HEAD COACH JOSE "KENO" GANDARA

*12TH SEASON | UC SANTA BARBARA, 1990*

Career Record: 198-117 | UM Record: 198-117 | ACC Record: 125-79

## GANDARA'S CAREER

Assistant Coach (Men's team)	
1992-1994	UCSB
Assistant Coach (Women's team)	
1994-	UCSB
Associate Coach	
--	UNLV
Assistant Coach	
2005-2013	Washington
Head Coach	
2013-Pres.	Miami

## EDUCATION

UC Santa Barbara, 1990

## NCAA APPEARANCES

2005 - Washington - Champions  
 2006 - Washington - Final Four  
 2013 - Miami - First Round  
 2014 - Miami - Second Round  
 2015 - Miami - First Round  
 2017 - Miami - Second Round  
 2021 - Miami - Second Round  
 2022 - Miami - First Round  
 2023 - Miami - Second Round

## PLAYING CAREER

UC Santa Barbara, 1987-90

## PLAYING ACCOLADES

First Team All-American, 1989  
 Second Team All-American, 1988  
 Two-time All-Conference Selection  
 Played in 1988 National Championship  
 Inducted into UCSB Hall of Fame  
 Has represented the U.S. and Puerto Rico international teams

Jose "Keno" Gandara accepted the position of head volleyball coach at the University of Miami on March 20, 2013, becoming the second head coach since the program returned in 2001.

Gandara wrapped up the 2023 season with the Hurricanes by making three consecutive NCAA tournament appearances. Most recently, the team finished 18-12, highlighted by two top-ranked victories over Georgia Tech. Miami concluded the season with an AVCA All-American in Grace Lopez, two AVCA All-Region accolades in Lopez and Savannah Vach and five total All-ACC accolades; Lopez First Team and All-Freshman), Vach (First Team) and Leao and Flormarie Heredia Colon (Second Team). Over the summer, Gandara was also inducted into the Puerto Rico Sports Hall of Fame for his playing and coaching efforts.

The Puerto Rico native locked in his first decade at the U by notching a 19-11 record and 10 sweeps in 2022. Miami concluded the season with a 12-6 conference record for fourth place, as well as claiming three individual All-Region honors in Angela Grive, Janice Leao and Savannah Vach and four All-ACC accolades; Leao (First Team), Vach and Grive (Second Team) and Flormarie Heredia Colon (Freshman Team).

In Gandara's ninth season at the helm in 2021, Miami returned to the postseason for the first time since 2017 and fifth time under his direction. The Canes advance to the second round of the tournament in the Gainesville Region, ultimately falling to site host Florida. UM finished the season 25-5 overall, with 15 wins coming by way of sweep, and 15-3 in conference play on its way to a second-place finish in the ACC, all program bests under Gandara and the most wins in a season since 2012 when the team posted 26. The Hurricanes finished the year ranked 14th in the RPI and 25th in the AVCA Division I Coaches Poll.

Individually, the Canes saw success with Gandara's leadership as Savannah Vach, Janice Leao and Angela Grive earned regional recognition. Vach and Leao earned AVCA East All-Region, while Grive was an all-region honorable mention. Leao also garnered AVCA All-American Honorable Mention. Vach added to her resume with All-ACC First Team, while teammates Grive, Leao and Priscilla Hernandez were tabbed All-ACC Second Team. Peyman Yardimci tallied a strong freshman campaign to earn a spot on the All-ACC Freshman Team. The trio of Grive, Yardimci and Hernandez rounded out the Canes awards as all three garnered ACC All-Academic Team honors.

The Hurricanes returned the NCAA Championship in 2017 for the fourth time in five seasons under Gandara's leadership. Miami won its first postseason match since 2014, defeating the College of Charleston in the opening round of the tournament in a Gainesville, Fla. The Canes fell to No. 2 Florida in four sets in an exciting second round matchup to close the season 22-6 and finish with their best winning percentage since 2012.

Senior outside hitter Olga Strantzali was named ACC Player of the Year and AVCA East Coast Region Player of the Year. Strantzali was joined by redshirt junior setter Haley Templeton on the All-ACC First Team and AVCA All-East Coast Region team. Strantzali and Templeton topped off a memorable season with AVCA All-America Honorable Mention recognition. The Canes both started and finished the campaign strong, winning the first nine matches and the seven contests prior to falling to second-seeded Florida. Miami topped the ACC in service aces with 1.71 per set and finished the season in the top three of two additional categories – hitting percentage (second with .246) and kills (tied for third with 13.64 per set).

In 2016, Gandara led a resilient Miami squad that proved to rise to the occasion when it stepped into an opponent's gym. The 2016 Hurricanes won 11 matches away from Coral Gables, picking up big road wins at Notre Dame and Louisville. Junior outside hitter Olga Strantzali developed into one of the best players in the country, receiving AVCA All-America honorable mention and earned AVCA All-East Coast Region and First Team All-ACC honors. Strantzali and freshman setter Hannah Sorensen were named to the All-ACC Academic Team in recognition of their success on the court and in the classroom.

Gandara led the Hurricanes to three straight NCAA Tournaments in his first three seasons at the helm of the Miami volleyball program. The Canes were selected to the 2015 NCAA Tournament, where they faced Iowa State in a first round match in Madison, Wis. The Canes finished the season 21-10 and 14-6 in the ACC, while Miami's 21 wins marked the second consecutive 20-win season under Gandara's leadership. The Hurricanes saw seniors Alexis Mourning and Taylor Scott, as well as sophomores Olga Strantzali and Haley Templeton, named to the 2015 All-ACC Second Team with Strantzali and Templeton also earning AVCA All-East Coast Region Honorable Mention.

Miami reached the NCAA Tournament for the sixth consecutive season in 2014 and seventh time in program history. The Hurricanes, who finished the season 22-9, defeated UCF in five sets in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The victory was Gandara's first NCAA Tournament win as a head coach. Miami's 22 wins also gave Gandara his first 20-win season at the helm of the program.

The Canes reached the second round of the NCAA Tournament before falling to No. 8 Florida in four sets. But Gandara helped develop several players to reach unprecedented levels of success.

Senior outside hitter Savannah Leaf was named 2014 ACC Player of the Year and a second team AVCA All-American, while freshman Haley Templeton earned ACC Freshman of the Year honors. Leaf was joined by senior middle blocker Emani Sims on the All-ACC First Team, while Templeton was picked for the All-ACC Second Team and the All-ACC Freshman Team. The accolades continued for the trio as Leaf and Sims were named AVCA East Coast All-Region selections and Templeton was tabbed as the AVCA East Coast Region Freshman of the Year.

The 2013 season was filled with firsts for Gandara. He secured his first win as a NCAA head coach on Aug. 30, when Miami defeated Austin Peay, 3-1. Gandara collected his first home win when Miami beat LSU in five sets on Sept. 14. The first-year head coach tallied his first ACC win when the Canes defeated Boston College in five sets on Sept. 28. Gandara also guided the Canes to their fifth straight NCAA Tournament appearance and first under his tutelage.

The Hurricanes dropped their first-round match against Oregon in three sets, but 2013 was still a successful first season under Gandara. Miami had four players earn All-ACC distinction, including Savannah Leaf and Emani Sims (first team), Alexis Mourning (second team) and Ryan Shaffer (third team). The Canes defeated No. 12 North Carolina at home and earned one of the coveted 64 spots in the NCAA Tournament.

Gandara came to Miami after spending eight years as an assistant at the University of Washington. He previously served as an assistant at UNLV and his alma mater, UC Santa Barbara.

Gandara is a highly respected teacher who has played and coached at the top levels of college and professional volleyball. Keno assisted former Washington head coach Jim McLaughlin with all aspects of coaching, including opponent scouting and contributing to the Huskies' defensive package. The Huskies won a National Championship in Keno's first year on staff, 2005, and reached the 2006 Final Four.

Gandara began his coaching career at UCSB in 1992 as an assistant with the men's team and was an assistant with the women's team in 1994. He also spent one season as a head coach/player with the San Juan Volleyball club in the Puerto Rico Professional League.

A San Juan, Puerto Rico, native, Gandara graduated from UC Santa Barbara in 1990 after a successful volleyball career with the Gauchos as a middle blocker. Gandara was a first team All-America selection in 1989 and second team selection in 1988 after leading UCSB to the national title match. He was also a two-time all-conference honoree. Gandara has also been inducted into the UCSB Hall of Fame. He also represented both the United States and Puerto Rico in international competition as a member of their respective national volleyball teams.

Gandara is married to Stephanie Cox who was a standout setter at UCSB and played on the AVP Tour. The couple welcomed their first child, a son named Lucas, in April 2011.



## 2024 OVERALL STATS



### 2024-25 Miami (FL) Women's Volleyball Combined Team Statistics All games

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#### Game Records

Overall	Conference	Home	Away	Neutral
3 - 0	0 - 0	0 - 0	1 - 0	2 - 0

#### Team Box Score

			Attack					Set		Serve			Dig			Blocking						
##	Player	SP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SE	SA/S	RE	DIG	DIG/S	BS	BA	TOT/S	BLK/S	BE	BHE	PTS
1	Carney, Ava	7	29	4.14	9	63	.317	1	0.14	0	1	0.00	3	10	1.43	0	2	2	0.29	2	0	30.0
2	Feliciano, Naylani	9	0	0.00	0	1	.000	4	0.44	1	3	0.11	1	17	1.89	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	1.0
4	Carr, Ashley	2	2	1.00	2	6	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	1	1	0.50	0	0	2.5
6	Rodriguez, Ariana	10	0	0.00	1	6	-.167	108	10.80	4	5	0.40	0	14	1.40	1	3	4	0.40	0	0	6.5
7	Rosado, Yaidaliz	8	0	0.00	0	0	.000	5	0.63	3	0	0.38	2	12	1.50	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	3.0
8	Moisio, Milana	8	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	1	0.00	0	7	0.88	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
9	Lulić, Biana	8	11	1.38	0	20	.550	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	8	8	1.00	1	0	15.0
10	Heredia Colon, Flormarie	10	42	4.20	13	85	.341	1	0.10	6	11	0.60	3	27	2.70	1	5	6	0.60	0	0	51.5
11	Viera, Alanys	4	1	0.25	0	2	.500	17	4.25	0	0	0.00	0	7	1.75	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	1.0
14	Wilson, Dalia	10	17	1.70	7	31	.323	3	0.30	0	0	0.00	0	4	0.40	1	4	5	0.50	0	0	20.0
18	Guersching, Paula	5	15	3.00	6	27	.333	0	0.00	4	0	0.80	1	6	1.20	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	19.0
23	Lopez, Grace	10	31	3.10	10	66	.318	2	0.20	12	6	1.20	0	28	2.80	1	4	5	0.50	0	0	46.0
MIAMI (FL)		10	148	14.80	48	307	.326	141	14.10	30	27	3.00	12	132	13.20	4	27	17.5	1.75	3	0	195.5
Opponents		10	100	10.00	45	302	.182	92	9.20	12	24	1.20	30	93	9.30	2	28	16	1.60	0	2	128.0

#### Team statistics

	UM	OPP
ATTACK		
Kills	148	100
Errors	48	45
Total Attacks	307	302
Attack Pct	.326	.182
Kills/Set	14.80	10.00
SET		
Assists	141	92
Attempts	319	313
Assist Pct	.442	.294
Assists/Set	14.10	9.20
SERVE		
Aces	30	12
Errors	27	24
Attempts	247	195
Serve Pct	.891	.877
Aces/Set	3.00	1.20
SERVE RECEPTIONS		
Errors	12	30
Errors/Set	1.20	3.00
Attempts	171	220
Reception Pct	.930	.986
DEFENSE		
Digs	132	93
Digs/Set	13.20	9.30
BLOCKING		
Block solo	4	2
Block Assist	27	28
Total Blocks	17.5	16
Blocks/Set	1.75	1.60
Block Errors	3	0
Ball handling errors	0	2
ATTENDANCE		
Total	0	1414
Dates/Avg Per Date	0/0	1/1414
Neutral Site #/Avg	2/411	-
Current win streak	0	-
Home win streak	0	-

#### Team Results

Date	Opponent	Score	Score-by-set	Att.
08/30/2024	vs Rutgers	W 3-1	28-26,23-25,25-19,25-10	821
08/31/2024	vs Colorado	W 3-0	25-22,25-11,25-11	0
09/01/2024	at North Texas	W 3-0	25-22,25-20,26-24	1414



# 2024 PHOTO ROSTER



**1**  
**Ava Carney**  
OH | 6-2 | So.  
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**2**  
**Naylani Feliciano**  
L | 5-7 | Jr.  
[@naylanifeliciano](#)



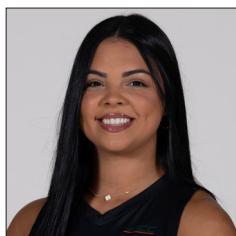
**3**  
**Sienna Sobotta**  
L | 5-4 | Fr.  
[@siennasobotta](#)



**4**  
**Ashley Carr**  
MB | 6-0 | Sr.  
[@ash13carr](#)



**6**  
**Ariana Rodriguez**  
S | 5-10 | R-Fr.  
[@aarianarodriguez](#)



**7**  
**Yaidaliz Rosado**  
DS | 5-8 | Sr.  
[@yaidaliz002](#)



**8**  
**Milana Moisis**  
L | 5-5 | Jr.  
[@milanamoisis](#)



**9**  
**Bianka Lulic**  
MH | 6-5 | R-Fr.  
[@bibilulic](#)



**10**  
**Flormarie Heredia Colon**  
OH | 6-0 | Jr.  
[@flormarie\\_hc](#)



**11**  
**Alanys Viera**  
S | 5-5 | Sr.  
[@alanysviera](#)



**12**  
**Taylor Polivka**  
S | 5-11 | So.  
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**13**  
**Marla Valentin**  
OH | 6-0 | Fr.  
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**14**  
**Dalia Wilson**  
MB | 6-4 | Jr.  
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**15**  
**Nyah Anderson**  
OH | 6-0 | Sr.  
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**18**  
**Paula Guerschling**  
OH | 6-1 | Sr.  
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**20**  
**Semrit Nijjar**  
OH | 6-3 | Jr.  
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**23**  
**Grace Lopez**  
OPP | 6-1 | So.  
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**Head Coach**  
**Jose 'Keno' Gandara**  
12th Season  
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**Associate Head Coach**  
**Jill Hadder**  
8th Season  
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**Assistant Coach**  
**Eric Johnson**  
2nd Season  
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**Assistant Coach**  
**Taylor van der Biezen**  
1st Season  
[@vanderbiezen](#)



**Director of Operations**  
**Gaby Huaroto-Luque**  
5th Season  
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