

THE POACHERS

Bottesford Town v Rossington Main
Saturday 22nd March 2025



Match Sponsor:





Who we are:

League History:

Lincolnshire League: 1974-2000; Central Midlands League: 2000-2007; NCEL 2007-

Honours:

**Central Midlands League: Supreme Div - 2006/07;
Lincolnshire League: Champions - 1989/90 1990/91
1991/92; League Cup Winners - 1986/87 1988/89
1989/90.**

Players Progressing:

**Mark Wilson (Manchester United),
Sam Slocum (Scunthorpe United).**

Main club sponsor:



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Who we are:

Manager: Leigh Herrick

Assistant Manager: Daniel Fish

Physio: Jackie Mumby

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Chairman's Notes

We welcome Rossington Main to the Barrett Steel Stadium here today for our final home league game of the season. We are both safe and so hopefully we will be able to watch open attractive football as we have nothing to lose.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the management, the players, committee members, helpers and fans for your efforts this year, it's been a rollercoaster at times. My wife certainly sees a difference in me if we have won or lost. Leigh, John and Dan have pushed on, Jackie always there to help out with injuries, to John, Jason, Steve, Curtis, Tony, Paul, Phil, Sam, Pauline, Pete and Suzie, thank you for everything you do.

On the pitch Aris takes the headlines with his goals but one man doesn't make a side so hats off to the rest of the squad for making my weekends fulfilled.

3 games after today and our objective was top 10 and that is still achievable. It's all a learning curve and with this nucleus of good people at the club we can go on to bigger and better next year.

Thank to our small army of fans, let's hope we can build this up to greater levels next year, It's been a blast.

One last time Up the Botty
Howard

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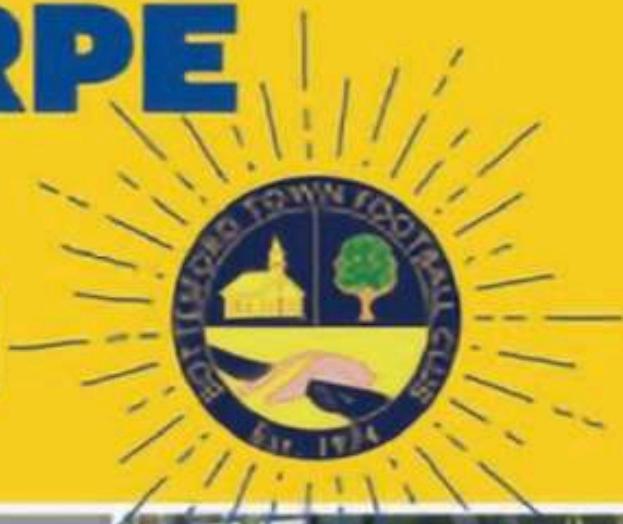


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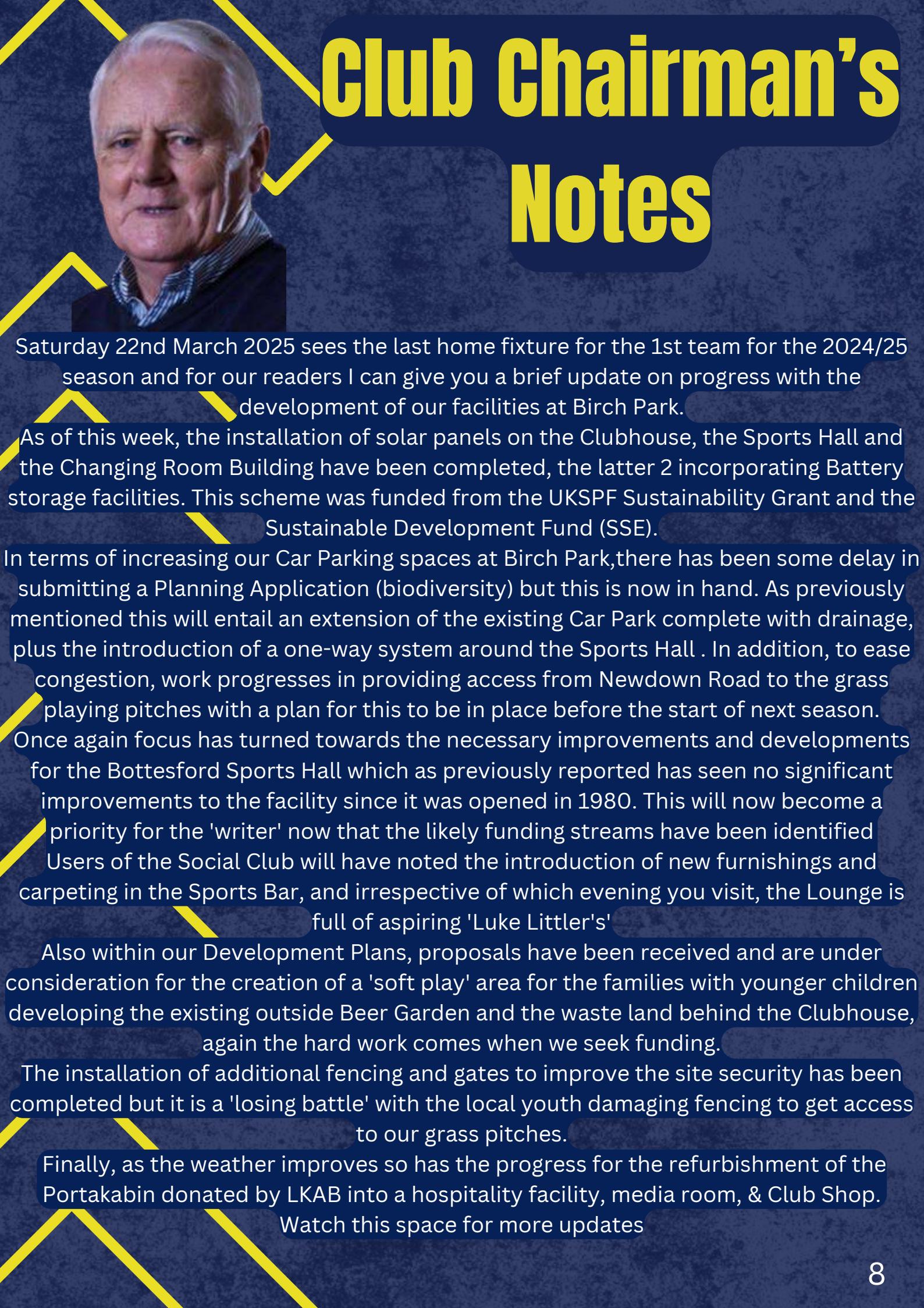
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Club Chairman's Notes

Saturday 22nd March 2025 sees the last home fixture for the 1st team for the 2024/25 season and for our readers I can give you a brief update on progress with the development of our facilities at Birch Park.

As of this week, the installation of solar panels on the Clubhouse, the Sports Hall and the Changing Room Building have been completed, the latter 2 incorporating Battery storage facilities. This scheme was funded from the UKSPF Sustainability Grant and the Sustainable Development Fund (SSE).

In terms of increasing our Car Parking spaces at Birch Park, there has been some delay in submitting a Planning Application (biodiversity) but this is now in hand. As previously mentioned this will entail an extension of the existing Car Park complete with drainage, plus the introduction of a one-way system around the Sports Hall. In addition, to ease congestion, work progresses in providing access from Newdown Road to the grass playing pitches with a plan for this to be in place before the start of next season. Once again focus has turned towards the necessary improvements and developments for the Bottesford Sports Hall which as previously reported has seen no significant improvements to the facility since it was opened in 1980. This will now become a priority for the 'writer' now that the likely funding streams have been identified. Users of the Social Club will have noted the introduction of new furnishings and carpeting in the Sports Bar, and irrespective of which evening you visit, the Lounge is full of aspiring 'Luke Littler's'

Also within our Development Plans, proposals have been received and are under consideration for the creation of a 'soft play' area for the families with younger children developing the existing outside Beer Garden and the waste land behind the Clubhouse, again the hard work comes when we seek funding.

The installation of additional fencing and gates to improve the site security has been completed but it is a 'losing battle' with the local youth damaging fencing to get access to our grass pitches.

Finally, as the weather improves so has the progress for the refurbishment of the Portakabin donated by LKAB into a hospitality facility, media room, & Club Shop.

Watch this space for more updates

Commercial Update

Today we welcome all associated with Rossington main fc - hope they enjoy their day with us

Special thanks to Tom of TGM media for sponsoring the game

This season has flown by and this being our final home game of the season

The football club has lots of progressive plans ie new sponsors cabin being fitted out / mark Crossley sports do April 25th over 220 tickets sold / golf day at Holme hall August 8th - plus many more on the horizon

Enjoy the game

Regards Jason



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Meet the Players!

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Graeme Anderson

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Graeme is in his 2nd season at Bottesford Town after transferring from former HPL Champions Hedon Rangers. A young energetic and confident goalkeeper that is going to really benefit from the guidance of Leigh Herrick at the football club this season.



Luke Bullement

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Luke is a young full back in his 2nd season at the football club. Known to manager Mike Thompson after training with the Bridlington Town team historically and been around the Hall Road Rangers set up in the last few seasons. He has experience of the NCEL with HRR and will be looking to make his mark this season.



Mason Chaffer

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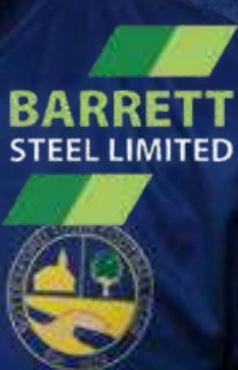
Wise beyond his years Mason, at just 18 is a superb talent and one that plays the game the right way. Mason is a centre half with outstanding passing ability and always wanting to get the team on the front foot with his midfield splitting distribution. Having won the national colleges cup last season Mason wants to progress further this season in his first season at Bottesford Town.



Sam Swinn

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Sam comes into the club this season having spent the majority of the last few seasons at Lincoln United. Sam came in this pre season and really made the centre half position his own from day one with his commanding but cool approach to his roles and responsibilities. A great right foot gives us distribution into great areas. Sam will captain the team this season, his maturity certainly defying his young age.



Blake Gregory

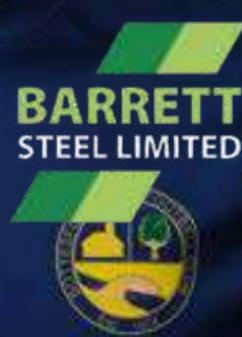


Blake is the first product of our successful JPL U18s team in his 2nd season making the mid season step up to 1st team football. He is versatile playing left back, left midfield and central midfield so far this season. Blake is currently studying at Bishop Burton College and is another of the team that is working under the coaching of close associates with manager Mike Thompson and therefore we can continue to track his development. Blake has settled in so well for a 17 year old and will be one to watch in the coming years.



Eddie Rogerson

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Eddie is another that has followed manager Mike Thompson from Bridlington Town. Eddie is an experienced centre midfielder who dictates play from a holding role. Eddie has experience at this level and steps 3 and 4 with North Ferriby, Bridlington Town, Grimsby Borough and Barton Town.



Josh Eccles



Another player brought to the club last year by the gaffer. Josh has experience in the league with Barton Town but has also won all there is to win in Hull with the very successful Chalk Lane FC side.

Josh is all energy, box to box midfielder with great passing ability, he is happy with the ball under pressure. He will bring bundles of energy to this season's midfield.



Charlie Dunkerley

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Charlie was a part of Mike Thompson's uber successful spell at Beverley Town and knows what it takes to win! He's a versatile midfielder that can play a number of positions across the midfield and even at Right Back. Charlie has experience at the level and higher with Barton Town, North Ferriby and is a product of the Hull City Academy.



Luke Ayris

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Tony Reeve



Luke is a product of the clubs youth system having been here for the mainstay of his footballing career.

Luke is has great speed and a real eye for goal from the wide areas. Luke floats into pockets of space that can really hurt opposition players and when he faces players up in the final third his end product is almost always on point.



Lewis Smith



Lewis is a striker who has previously been involved at both Lincoln United and Louth Town. A big strong and commanding striker who is hard to handle in full flow, Lewis will bring a new dimension to our attacking capabilities this season.



Aris Cunha

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Aris is another new arrival to the club this season having impressed in pre season. Residing in Hull, Aris has been away from the area for some time and played in development squads as well as playing for Ilkeston Town last season. A strong tall striker with great heading capability we are looking forward to working with Aris this season.



Jonny Nyantou

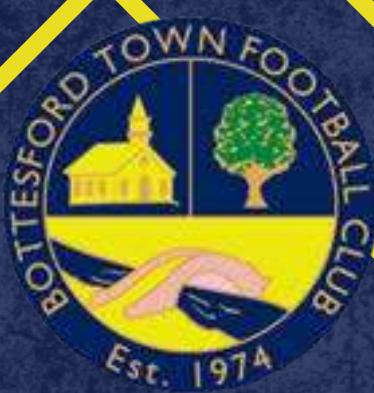
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Mike Thompson is delighted to welcome Jonny back to the football club this season. Jonny is no stranger to the Bottesford faithful having played for the club 2 seasons ago and last season having a year away with Doncaster City. Jonny has electric pace, an eye for goal and the ability to play anywhere across a front 4! Jonny fits into the changing room well and we are so happy to have him back in the blue and yellow.



Club History

The Club was formed in 1974 and played their football in the Lincolnshire League. The original base was at the Dolphin pub, with the football being played at Fred Gough School. The Club moved to its current Birch Park home in 1983.

The senior side experienced a successful period during the early 90's winning a number of Cup competitions and the Lincolnshire League in

three successive seasons, In 2000 the 1st team entered the Central Midlands League gaining promotion in 2005 to Division 1 in the Northern Counties East Football League. In 2016 they won the 'play-off' final to gain promotion to the Premier League where they have played for the last 5 seasons. The Club has for many years supported the local Scunthorpe and District adult Football Leagues, The year 2000 saw the amalgamation of the Junior and Senior Clubs clearly demonstrating that players starting with the Club at the age of 6 could be encouraged to stay with the Club for their progress in football.

The Club today has 25 teams both boys and girls playing mini-soccer in the local Saturday Kalson League, 11 a-side teams in the Sunday Kalson League, Youth football being played in the Junior Premier League, & the Lincolnshire Intermediate League, and a Development Squad playing in the Central Midlands Football League. A newly formed Veterans team who will play in the Humber Veterans League In 2018 a new addition to the Club was the introduction of the DSActive team for individuals who are Downs Syndrome, the team has grown from strength to strength and they now perform in the Ability Counts League.

Exciting times lay ahead with our next development focusing on a number of improvements for the Bottesford Sports Hall

The Club's proudest achievement was in 2003 when they became a FA Charter Standard Community Club, being one of the first Clubs in the Country at that time to get the achievement. The Club had to work very hard to meet all of the FA criteria and is now reaping the benefits and rewards. In 2009, the Club achieved the distinction of being awarded by the Lincolnshire Football Association as the FA Charter Standard Club of the year, a reward for the efforts of the members of the Club. This massive involvement in 'grass roots football' and its development has seen the provision of enhanced facilities to support the same, with the introduction of a magnificent Changing Room & Meeting Room facility in 2009 for the use of all those who play their sport at Birch Park. Developments continued in 2019 with the aid of grant support from both the North Lincolnshire and Bottesford Town Councils together with the Football Foundation, with the addition of a new tractor and grass cutting maintenance equipment plus the replacement of the floodlights for the main pitch with a modern LED installation which was designed for the future provision of a new Stadia Facility incorporating a 3G playing surface.

2020 also saw through the efforts of number of volunteers & sponsors, a new Catering Facility to serve the needs of everybody who visits Birch Park.

Proudly, the Club today is able to announce that after many years of preparation and with the financial support from predominantly the Football Foundation, the North Lincolnshire Council and the S.S.E. Sustainable Community Fund, together with other supporting groups, the new £1.5m Barrett Steel Stadium facility was officially opened in July 2023.



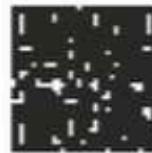
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