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THE GREAT RIVER RACE & TWICKENHAM RIVERSIDE REGATTA

WITH RHYTHM FORCE MUSIC SPECTACULAR Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 Sept 2011 Supported by the RFU and Richmond Council

From its debut in 1988, the Great River Race is now established in the sporting calendar with an intriguing mix of colour, spectacle, intense competition and casual fun, it combines all the ingredients that made London's other marathon such a success.

Starting at London Docklands, it runs through London's many historic landmarks, to finish, after 21 miles of rowing, at Ham riverside opposite Twickenham's Orleans Gardens from 4.15pm.

The Great River Race attracts both the true racer and the leisure rower and, as The London River Marathon, is doing for rowing what the Road Marathon did for running.

With entries of well over 300 boats, carrying some 2,400 competitors and attracting tens of thousand of spectators, the Great River Race has become the biggest and most prestigious event of its kind in Europe.

This year this great family event has now been enhanced by the Twickenham Riverside Regatta, providing two days of river events, riverside fun, live music, kids entertainment, crafts and charity stalls from Twickenham pool site along the embankment to Orleans Gardens. This culminates on both nights in the Rhythm Force music spectacular.

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RHYTHM FORCE ON THE RIVERSIDE BIG MARQUEE MUSIC SPECTACULAR

Orleans Gardens, Twickenham Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 Sept 2011

A musical showcase with the British Army's finest musicians featuring Rock, Pop, Soul, Jazz and Celtic sounds joined by some great covers bands and the stunning Army Big Band

6.45-10.45pm - 5 bands each night only £13 (limited to 1,000 each night) see page 5

For tickets and information - www.twickenhamalive.com

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SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

Annual sponsorship and financial commitments

- Richmond upon Thames Council Match Day Street Cleansing and Mobile Toilets
- Richmond upon Thames Council Match Day Traffic Management and Twickenham Event Zone
- Free Event Day Shuttle Buses
- 21 Local Schools in Twickenham, Whitton and Hounslow
- Richmond upon Thames Primary Schools' Sports Day
- Strawberry Hill Music & Fun Day
- Richmond AID Advice and Information on Disability
- Richmond Borough in Bloom flower baskets in Twickenham
- St Margarets Summer Fair
- Crown Road Summer Fair
- St Margarets Christmas Fair
- Whitton Business Association
- Whitton Christmas Fun Day
- Whitton St George's Day
- Homelink Day Respite Care Centre Whitton
- Rhythm Force Kneller Hall
- Richmond Concert Society
- Twickenham Gardening Association
- Twickenham Operatic Society
- Ivybridge Estate Summer Fun Day
- Ivybridge Residents Christmas Party
- Whitton PHAB Club
- Whitton Restroom for Senior Citizens
- Isleworth Public Hall

Recent Community Support

- St Margarets Traders
- Sacred Heart School Teddington
- Twickenham Festival
- Junior Diabetes Research

RFU Community Relations

If you would like information on the RFU in the Community or comment on event day matters, contact Fraser Cullen, RFU Community Relations Manager, RFU, Rugby House, 200 Whitton Road, Twickenham TW2 7BA.

020 8831 6533 or frasercullen@rfu.com

Latest event info: www.rfu.com/TwickenhamStadium

Photos: www.leothephotographer.co.uk Fraser Cullen, Getty Images.

A NEW STATION FOR TWICKENHAM



Richmond Council is considering a planning application by Solum Regeneration for redeveloping Twickenham Station. Solum is a joint venture between the station owners Network Rail and their developer partner Kier Property.

The RFU is not part of this arrangement. However, the RFU, as a significant local employer and major contributor to the local economy, believes that after two years of negotiation and amended plans, the current scheme is the best and only option for Twickenham.

The RFU's only involvement at this stage is the management of supporters on match days and related facilities such





as toilets and disabled access. Working with the authorities who support us on match days, we are confident that the proposed new station will provide significant improvements.

The Rugby World Cup, the world's third biggest sporting event, coming to Twickenham in 2015, is projected to generate over £2billion for the UK economy, this is also an important consideration.

Over 90% of the station's five million users each year are commuters and the general public. Less than 10% are rugby supporters. However, supporters attending events at Twickenham Stadium generate tens of millions of pounds for the rail operators and local businesses every year.

There is no Plan B

At the current time there is no alternative scheme being considered for Twickenham Station, and it is unlikely that there will be in the short term.

If the station does receive planning consent, the RFU will be working with Richmond Council, Solum, Network Rail and South West Trains to ensure Twickenham really benefits.

This is a step towards regenerating Twickenham town centre.

RUGBY POST AVAILABLE FROM THE RUGBY STORE AND AT WWW.RFU.COM

The RFU's community magazine Rugby Post is distributed to over 30,000 homes and businesses local to Twickenham Stadium.

The magazine is published three or four times a year and contains information on RFU community relations activities, stadium events, event day information and the residents' ticket ballots. If you do not receive it regularly, copies are available from Rugby House, the Rugby Store in York Street, Twickenham, some libraries and www.rfu.com/News/Newsletters



LOCAL RESIDENTS' TICKETS BALLOT

TO BUY TICKETS FOR RBS 6 NATIONS MATCHES

For each major England match, 200 pairs of tickets are available to residents living in postcodes TW1, TW2, TW3 2 and TW7 7.

To enter for the chance to buy a pair of tickets complete the form opposite. Choose only **ONE** of the matches listed opposite and tick the box. Send the application form to Fraser Cullen, RFU Ballots, Rugby House, 200 Whitton Road, Twickenham TW2 7BA. Closing date is Friday 25th November 2011. Only one application per address. Tickets £65 & £56 each. Only applications on this form or copy of it are valid. Payment by card is subject to 5% transaction fee.

The RFU may use your personal data to send you occasional information by post from the RFU, its subsidiaries or associated companies about tickets or special offers to events at Twickenham Stadium.



Please tick ONE box only
England v Wales Sat 25 February
England v Ireland Sat 17 March
PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY

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Name		
Postcode	Tel	

Successful applicants will be notified by 9 December.

If you do not want to receive by electronic mail any information about tickets or special offers from the RFU, its subsidiaries, or associated companies please tick here

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WELFTH NIGHT IN TWICKENHAM

The Richmond Shakespeare Society is a highlyrespected amateur dramatic society based at the Mary Wallace Theatre by the riverside in Twickenham.

Founded in 1934 to perform Shakespeare's plays annually in the open air, they have grown to have a programme of eight productions a year by vastly differing playwrights of all eras, from ancient Greece to the modern day.

This year's open air show was Twelfth Night, one of Shakespeare's most enduring and best loved comedies, set in the enchanting fountain gardens of York House on Twickenham riverside and sponsored by the RFU. Another fabulous production blessed by fine weather over the week long show at the end of July, in a picnic in the park style, was the perfect summer evening's entertainment.

Owing to the packed audiences we would advise booking early next year for one of the highlights of the summer in Twickenham - www.richmondshakespeare.org.uk









THE GREAT RIVER RACE & SAT 17 & SUN 18 SEPTEMBER TWICKENHAM RIVERSIDE REGATTA











A FUN PACKED WEEKEND FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Supported by the RFU, Richmond Council and eBay

THE GREAT RIVER RACE

Saturday 17 September 2011

21 miles from Docklands to finish at Ham Riverside via Richmond and Twickenham

Colour, Spectacle, Competition and Lots of Fun on the Riverside from 1.00pm to 7pm

- Over 300 boats, 2,400 competitors
- Tens of thousands of spectators on the riverside at Richmond &Twickenham
- Combines all the ingredients that made London's other marathon such a success

FREE events with Peterkin the Jester and Dutch Band Tartouffe. PLUS: Ferret Racing, Donkey Rides, Falcons, Tomahawk and Axe throwing, Try your hand at Musketry, Archery and Popinjay, Airbrush Tattooing, Face Painting, Refreshments and Beer Tent open from 1.00, live music at Ham Riverside.

- Free ferry from St Helena Pier to Ham starting at 12.00
- Hammerton's Ferry running to convey you to and from the Twickenham festivities and Rhythm Force.

For information, hospitality ashore/afloat, advertise in programme/finish screen - contact:

Stuart Wolff - 0208 398 9057 Stuart@greatriverrace.co.uk www.greatriverrace.co.uk

TWICKENHAM RIVERSIDE REGATTA

Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 Sept Featuring

Rhythm Force on the Riverside & Charlie Shore's Regatta
A weekend of river related activities and fun on Twickenham Riverside

Saturday 17th September

10.00-13.00 Charlie Shore's Regatta – Embankment

10.00-18.00 Stalls – Embankment

11.00-18.30 Children's Fairground – Orleans Gardens

13.00-13.30 Regatta Prize giving – Finish Line

13.30-18.30 Music stage – Champions Wharf/Embankment

16.00-18.30 **River Race Finish** – Orleans Gardens

18.45-22.45 Rhythm Force 2011 – Orleans Gardens

Sunday 18th September

11.00-18.00 Stand Up Paddleboarding Races & Displays – Embankment

11.00-18.00 Stalls - Embankment

11.00-18.30 **Children's Fairground** – Orleans Gardens

13.00-18.30 Music stage – Champions Wharf/Embankment

16.00-16.30 **Paddleboarding Prize giving** – Finish Line

17.00-17.30 Raffle Draw - Champions Wharf

18.45-22.45 Rhythm Force 2011 - Orleans Gardens

For information www.twickenhamalive.com

SUPPORTING LOCAL AND BRITISH FORCES CHARITIES

Supported by The Rugby Football Union and Richmond Council

RHYTHM FORCE 2011

BIG MARQUEE ROCK & POP SPECTACULAR ORLEANS GARDENS, TWICKENHAM RIVERSIDE

CORPS OF ARMY MUSIC WITH

THE ARMY'S FINEST ROCK, POP, SOUL & JAZZ BANDS AND SPECIAL GUESTS – THE BLUE MEANIES and SKALECTRIX

Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 Sept 6.45pm-10.45pm



RHYTHM FORCE was launched in 2006 to showcase the Corps of Army Music's contemporary musical talent. The RFU has agreed to sponsor the highly popular event as part of the Great River Race and Twickenham Riverside Regatta Weekend on 17th and 18th September.

The Corps is delighted to have this opportunity to continue to develop its contemporary music, rock and pop bands. They hope that their loyal fans will continue to support

them until their return to traditional home Kneller Hall.

Each night there will be three of the best army contemporary groups and one special guest group. Both concerts will finish with the superb Army Big Band.

The concerts will maintain the picnic and party atmosphere inside the big riverside marquee. We do hope you will join us for what is sure to be two very special concerts on a special weekend in Twickenham.

Information on Rhythm Force 2011 is available at www.army.mod.uk/music and in Rugby Post at www.rfu.com/News/Newsletters Tickets are £13 (booking fees may apply) limited to 1000 each night – so hurry.

For further information and how to buy tickets www.twickenhamalive.com

RFU MUSIC & FUN DAY RAISES

An estimated 10,000 people attended the annual Strawberry Hill Music & Fun Day organised by the Rugby Football Union on a glorious sunny day in June.

As well as providing the community with a fun day out in the delightful gardens of Strawberry Hill House, the event raised £10,000 towards the restoration of the 18th century house.

Horace Walpole's little gothic castle of Strawberry Hill in Twickenham is the most important and influential of the early gothic revival of the 18th century. The renovation of the house is almost complete. For tours of this wonderful house see www.strawberryhillhouse.org.uk

Throughout the day the large crowd enjoyed live music, an array of craft and food stalls and lots of children's activities. The bands many with local connections, included the hugely popular Skalectrix, Robin Bibi Band, Nark Drool & The Shudders, Leaf Hound, Learn to Swim and special guests The Mustangs.

Thanks to event supporters Kevin@cleanacoverltd.co.uk, Carl at www.ctspro.co.uk and biggest of all to Ingrid van der Weide for event management.





















\$10,000 FOR STRAWBERRY HILL























STRAWBERRY HILL MUSIC DAY 2012

Owing to the RFU's involvement in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations next June, the Strawberry Hill Music Day may have to be postponed until 2013.

The Jubilee celebrations are being considered for Twickenham

Riverside and will have much of the live music and family fun activities that have made Strawberry Hill so popular. Further information will be available in the next Rugby Post, at www.twickenhamalive.com or from frasercullen@rfu.com.

For Twickenham community events see www.twickenhamalive.com

CHRISTMAS IN ST MARGARETS AND WHITTON

St Margaret Christmas Fair, Sunday 4th December (TBC), 11am – 5pm Whitton Christmas Bonanza, Thursday 24th November, 3pm – 8pm

St Margarets Christmas Fair, Sun 4 Dec (TBC) see www.mystmargarets.com

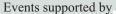
Organised by the St Margarets Traders Association to help bring together the community and support local schools and charities. Attractions include children's show, funfair, stalls, games, competitions, street entertainers and live music. Local churches will lead the carol singing around the Christmas tree with mince pies and mulled wine. Father Christmas has also agreed to visit - www.mystmargarets.com.





Whitton Christmas Bonanza, Thurs 24 Nov

Organised by the Whitton Business Association. The High Street will be closed to traffic from 3pm to 8pm. See the new Whitton Christmas tree, fun and games, carol singing, bands and music, children's entertainment, stalls and 'switch on' with Father Christmas at 6pm – www.whittontowncentre.co.uk







HOMELINK CHARITY BALL – A GREAT NIGHT OUT FABULOUS VENUE & SUPPORTING A SPECIAL LOCAL CHARITY

The Live Room, Twickenham Stadium Saturday 12th November

Drinks Reception RFU's Rose Suite 7pm – Dinner 8pm Tickets £60 include pre-dinner drink, 3 course meal and wine

Dancing to the Rock n' Roll sounds of Nark Drool & The Shudders
Raffle and Auction – including tickets to England's RBS 6 Nations matches.

Dress code: Lounge Suit or Black Tie.

For tickets: Jane Gater 020 8894 4834 / janegater@blueyonder.co.uk
To advertise in the programme: Brian Jones 020 8941 1422 /
brianmj7@hotmail.com

Homelink is a day respite centre in Whitton, supporting local carers of any age who give help and care to a partner, relative, friend or neighbour.

Homelink is supported by the Rugby Football Union

www.homelinkdaycare.co.uk



FUN ACTIVITIES, TRAINING AND AUTOGRAPHS





Some 3,000 England fans were at Twickenham Stadium on 9th August, to see the England squad training.

The day started at 1.30pm with adults and children joining in the free rugby activities including coaching clinics run by the Rugby Football Union's community rugby coaches and fun inflatables to practice their skills.

After the activities, the highlight was watching training then an autograph session with the senior England squad.



PEEL2SAVE – THE ULTIMATE FUNDRAISER BENEFITTING LOCAL BUSINESSES AND SUPPORTING COMMUNITY GROUPS, SCHOOLS AND CHARITIES



WIN TICKETS TO RBS 6 NATIONS

ENGLAND v WALES Sat 25 Feb 2012 or

ENGLAND VIRELAND

Sat 17 March 2012

Every local school, charity or organisation that signs up to Peel2Save Twickenham before Mon 28 November, will be entered into a draw to win one of three pairs of tickets to

RBS 6 Nations matches

The Peel2Save Twickenham fundraising voucher card provides businesses in the Twickenham area with free advertising and marketing, while supporting fundraising for local schools, charities and community organisations. All at no cost to them.

The Peel2Save voucher card is sold by the participating local organisations. The card costs £10 but has around £300 worth of special offers and discounts to restaurants, cafes, bars, leisure facilities and businesses. The vouchers are valid for a year so can be used by local people as and when they wish.

For every card sold, £5 goes directly to the participating school, charity or organisation for their cause.

These vouchers serve to raise awareness of the participating businesses, bring new customers to them as well as raise much needed funds for local community organisations.

Peel2Save Twickenham is a fabulous and viable community initiative where everyone's a winner! Sponsored by the local community information website **www.Guide2Richmond.com**, and is supported by the Rugby Football Union.

For information contact Patríona Briggs on 07756 638 979

Email: Patriona@Guide2Richmond.com
Web: www.Guide2Richmond.com

Twitter: @G2Richmond



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Book a free day at Virgin Active Twickenham and you'll discover exactly what it's like to be part of a world class club with state-of-the-art equipment, a fabulous pool, and an amazing range of classes. In fact, taking better care of yourself has never been so attractive. So find out how to rediscover your Oomph!

Book your free day by calling 0208 843 7810.









RFU EDUCATION **PARTNERSHIP**

RFU **SUPPORTING** LOCAL **SCHOOLS**

The aim of the RFU's Education Partnership is to provide real benefits for 21 schools in our local community and to contribute to the health and wellbeing of local children. This involves 15 schools from the Borough of Richmond upon Thames and six from Hounslow Borough.

Each school receives an annual financial grant for sports and leisure and an invitation to visit The World Rugby Museum & Stadium Tour free of charge. There is also the opportunity for schools to apply to a special projects fund for initiatives covering sport, leisure, creative and environment.

The RFU also sponsors Richmond upon Thames Primary Schools' Borough Sports Day.

RICHMOND UPON THAMES PRIMARY SCHOOLS SPORTS DAY





Children from 34 Richmond upon Thames primary schools competed at the St Mary's **University College sports ground** in Twickenham in the 46th annual borough sports day on Wednesday July 6th.

More than 500 young competitors took to the track throughout the day in this annual athletics event.

The sports day has been sponsored by the Rugby Football Union since 1929

WHITTON'S FIRST AND

ONLY RUGBY CLUB IS

OF ALL LEVELS (18+)

RFC

CONTACT:

when Twickenham Rugby Ground was the venue for the Twickenham schools sports day. In 1965 the sports day for the first time involved all primary schools in the new borough

The overall winner was St Edmunds RC School from Whitton. Teddington's Sacred Heart and Collis schools were also rewarded for their success. The Mayor of Richmond upon Thames, Cllr Clare Head, presented the trophies.





PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS

TWICKENHAM

Archdeacon Cambridge's CE School Orleans Infant School St Mary's CE School

St Stephen's CE Junior School Trafalgar Infant School

Trafalgar Junior School

Orleans Park School

Waldegrave School for Girls

WHITTON

Bishop Perrin CE School Chase Bridge School Heathfield Infant School Heathfield Junior School

Nelson School

St Edmunds RC School Twickenham Academy

HOUNSLOW

The Heathland School

ISLEWORTH

Ivybridge Primary School Worple Primary School St Mary's RC School Isleworth Blue CE School

Gumley House Convent School

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EVENT DAY CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE



The Event Day Controlled Parking Zone (Zone R) is operated by the London Boroughs of Richmond upon Thames and Hounslow.

The aim of Zone R is to provide parking for local residents and their visitors and to deter stadium visitors from parking in local roads.

How Zone R works

The date of each event and the hours of operation are displayed on signs at entry points to Zone R which includes the HM and C Zones.

Outside the hours of operation, there is no restriction on parking in marked bays or on yellow lines, unless indicated by time plates. However, this does not apply to the HM and C Zones where restrictions apply.

Residents within Zone R must display their Residents' Permits on event days. The permits are FREE and valid in any residents' bay within Zone R when operational on event days.

Permits are issued by post and application forms can be obtained by Richmond Borough residents from 020 8744 2131 between 9.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Saturday. Hounslow Borough residents can call 020 8583 6666 between 8.45am and 4.15pm Monday to Friday.

Visitors' permits are also available free of charge. For further information please call the telephone numbers listed above.

Blue disabled badge holders can park free in residents' bays and for up to three hours on single yellow lines, providing there are no restrictions.

Event day parking information: www.richmond.gov.uk/parking www.hounslow.gov.uk

PARKING ZONE SCHEDULE 2011/12

Hours of operation 10am- 6pm or as advised on Event Day signs in roads close to the stadium.

Saturday 3 September

Saturday 26 November TBC

Tuesday 27 December

Saturday 25 February

Saturday 17 March

Saturday 28 April

Saturday 12 / Sunday13 May

Saturday or Sunday 20 May TBC

Saturday 26 May

Sunday 27 May TBC

The Boroughs of Richmond upon Thames and Hounslow are responsible for the implementation and enforcement of the Event Day Controlled Parking Zone.

Event Day Parking Helplines Richmond Council 020 8744 0462 Hounslow Council 07852 310713

EVENT DAY TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES



TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES LINE ON EVENT DAYS PHONE 020 8831 6604 OR www.twitter.com/lbrut In the interests of public safety, the police can authorise road closures before and after events.

The roads that can be affected are Rugby Road, Whitton Road, London Road and to support traffic dispersal after major events, access to the A316 from Hospital Bridge Road.

As a guide, road closures will be implemented for events attended by more than 25,000 or at the discretion of police should public safety become an issue. Normally the closures will be from half an hour, up to two hours for capacity events.

Twickenham Police have an event day information line on 020 8831 6604. This has a recorded message about road closures on the event day. At other times call 020 8247 7193. Information on the day also available at www.twitter.com/lbrut

The Egerton Road barrier is open during road closures.

RFU EVENT DAY SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE

To encourage supporters to use public transport, the RFU provides up to 33 double deck buses running between the stadium and Richmond before and after matches and concerts.

The service operates from the A316 near Old Deer Car Park and close to Richmond Station for three hours prior to kick off. There is a charge of 50p.

For two hours after matches buses to Richmond/Hounslow East station are free.





EVENTS FROM SEPTEMBER 2011 TO MAY 2012

2011		Time	Est. Att.	Tickets
SEPTEM Sat 3	BER Aviva Premiership Rugby London Dou London Irish v Harlequins / Saracens v Lon		4.30pm 55,000	BUY TICKETS
NOVEM	BER			
Sat 26	Barbarians v Australia England Women v New Zealand Black Ferns	2.30pm (finish 4.00pm) s 4.45pm	50,000	BUY TICKETS
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Sat 3	The Heroes Rugby Challenge Supporte Northern Hemisphere v Southern Hemisphere		TBC	BUY TICKETS
Thurs 8	The Nomura Varsity Match Oxford University v Cambridge University	2.00pm	30,000	BUY TICKETS
Tue 27	Aviva Premiership Big Game 4 Harlequins v Saracens	4.30pm TBC	75,000	BUY TICKETS
2012				
FEBRUA	RY	1		
Sat 25	RBS 6 Nations ENGLAND v WALES	4.00pm	82,000	Available by Ballot Aug/Sept Rugby Post
MARCH Sat 17	RBS 6 Nations ENGLAND v IRELAND	5.00pm	82,000	Available by Ballot Aug/Sept Rugby Post
Wed 28	British Unversities' & Colleges' Finals Women's Final / Men's Final	TBC	3,000	W.
APRIL				
Wed 4	Daily Mail RBS Schools' Day	TBC	7,000	
Sat 28	Army v Navy for the Babcock Trophy Combined Services U23 v Oxbridge U23	3.00pm 12.00noon	60,000	
MAY				
Sat 5	RFU Cup Finals & National U20 Final	TBC	5,000	
Sat 12 & Sun 13	Emirates Airline London 7s	TBC TBC	50,000 60,000	
Sat 19 or Sun 20	Heineken Cup Final	TBC	82,000	
Sat 26	Aviva Premiership Rugby Final	TBC	82,000	
Sun 27	ENGLAND v BARBARIANS Bill Beaumont Cup Final County Championship Shield Final	TBC	50,000	

NB. Events subject to change/others may be added. TBC: To Be Confirmed. Rugby Post: www.rfu.com/News/Newsletters
For latest information www.rfu.com/TwickenhamStadium RFU Ticket Office: 0871 222 2017 / tickets@rfu.com / www.rfu.com
BUY TICKETS Tickets when available: www.rfu.com/tickets and www.ticketmaster.co.uk or 0844 847 2492

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