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The Cheltenham Festival returned last week after 2021's cancellation and received the warmest of welcomes from fans and industry insiders alike

It's a wrap on this year's Cheltenham Festival, the first since Covid-19 put a hold on live events, and what a welcome return it was for horseracing's showpiece event (the Grand National aside, of course).

Most pundits had high hopes for the 2022 edition of the four-day extravaganza and, at first glance, their faith was well placed.

Hungry for live horseracing after the event's 2021 hiatus, fans were eager to get a glimpse of the action in person. Over the festival's four days, record attendance levels were registered.

Among the event's crowds was David Williams, Director of Public Affairs at The Rank Group, which owns and operates the Grosvenor Casinos and Mecca Bingo brands.

Williams, who has worked with a number of gambling organisations, including Ladbrokes and Britbet, is responsible for The Rank Group's political-facing activities, including the management of regulatory frameworks and parliamentary engagement strategies.

Regarding this year's festival, he told *Gambling Insider* live at the event: "It's been the longest two years that any of us can remember; but returning to Cheltenham, for many of us, feels like coming home.

"There is nothing more life-affirming than a day in the sunshine with 70,000 other people determined to have nothing but a rattling good time."

Also in attendance was Michael Dugher, a former MP and the current CEO of the Betting and Gaming Council (BGC).

He called the success of this year's Cheltenham Festival a "timely reminder" to the UK Government, which is expected to publish a long-awaited review of the Gambling Act in May.

Dugher believes the success of the event should be taken into consideration when the Government releases its white paper on the proposed reform of gambling laws later this year.

Speaking exclusively to *Gambling Insider*, also live at the event, he commented: "This year's Cheltenham Festival has been a joy to behold, especially after last year when the crowds were, regrettably, unable to attend.

"A record crowd on the first day set the tone for one of the greatest festivals ever. It was fantastic to see thousands of people, from every background, coming together in a way that only racing can do.

"That is, to enjoy a bet, a good time and the magnificent sport that is jump racing. It's also a timely reminder to the politicians and bureaucrats, miles away back in Westminster, not to do anything to spoil people's enjoyment, or wreck this sport."

Given these concerns, subsequent comments from Chancellor Rishi Sunak will likely have given Dugher greater confidence.

Writing to the UK Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), Nadine Dorries, Sunak voiced concerns held by many within the horseracing industry.

In his letter, the Sunday Times reported that the Chancellor highlighted the particular case of Catterick racecourse, which is within his constituency of Richmond, Yorkshire.

More specifically, it is understood that Sunak explained in discussion with John Sanderson, Managing Director of the racecourse, that he contacted Dorries to "raise with them the specific questions" related to the racing industry.

Prior to Sunak's communications, Sanderson sent his own letter highlighting the possible losses of more than £60m (\$79m) a year facing the industry, if a blanket affordability check was put in place.

As previously touched on, DCMS Ministers are currently reviewing the Gambling Act, which is expected to be re-introduced with more stringent checks on what customers can afford to gamble.

The department will also look to review advertising and sponsorship in a similar form; the intention being to improve the protection of vulnerable customers.

However, the review is likely to have an impact on the Treasury and the gambling industry's current contributions of almost £3bn in tax each year.

Sanderson requested the Gambling Act review take horseracing into greater consideration. He commented: "Betting on horseracing is not simple gambling like a casino... it's a matter of using one's judgment.

"Machines, online casinos and scratchcards are just games of chance and are far more addictive to a person with a gambling-related problem. That was my message to Rishi."

On this issue, it seems, the Treasury and gambling industry have found themselves aligned. Neither party wants to see their revenue streams hit, especially given the current economic climate.

"Our members are ready, willing and able to assist in the Chancellor's post-Covid economic recovery plan," added Dugher.

GI Verdict: The Cheltenham Festival kicked off a year that will likely go down as a high point for live British sporting events, not just horseracing. But with the Gambling Act review on the horizon, will operators reap the rewards?

Affordability is perhaps the next great debate in UK gambling (and potentially US gambling some years down the line). The problem is that there isn't much open 'debate' at the moment. Those who love gambling voted with their feet at Cheltenham – 70,000 or so a day of them. At the same time, just 100 people graced the recent anti-gambling rally in London. But it is that loud minority that has been making all the noise in public and in the media recently; which side will the Government ultimately listen to?

THIS WEEK IN NUMBERS

\$23.6m

Casino to be built by Plgen Holdings in the eastern Russian territory of Primorsky



30th

Anniversary celebrated by Foxwoods Resort Casino, with the group to introduce additional food and beverage outlets, a new VIP lounge, a collectables and memorabilia store, and enhanced seating options

12

Month partnership agreed between the Moldovan Football Federation and Starlizard Integrity Services



9

Honduran Soccer League clubs partnering with Betcris

\$1bn

February 2022 sports betting handle for Mississippi



US ROUND-UP: NEW YORK, RICHMOND, AGA & MORE

▶ With the hugely successful launch of online sports betting in **New York** taking up much of the gaming news cycle in recent months, it's no surprise that whispers of a regulated iGaming market have begun to emerge. Speaking to *Gaming America*, New York State Senator Joseph Addabbo, Jr. said: "Building upon the success of mobile sports betting in New York, we see that there is an appetite to launch a regulated and safe form of iGaming or online casino using a mobile device."

The **United States Football League** (USFL) has become the latest organisation to partner with the **American Gaming Association's** (AGA) drive to raise awareness about responsible gambling. The USFL is the fourth attempt at launching a new American football league, with this latest edition owned and financed by Fox Sports. The broadcaster is said to have committed approximately \$200m to the project over a three-year period. Launching on 16 April, the new league will feature eight teams, with the entire inaugural season held in Alabama.

The city of **Richmond** has been granted permission by its city circuit court to hold a second referendum for the proposed One Casino and Resort this November. According to an order signed by Judge Reilly Marchant, the same budget proposal voters rejected last fall will be on the ballot again this year. The proposed budget for the project totals \$565m. The Richmond City Council and Mayor Levar Stoney called for another referendum earlier in the year. The council met in January and voted to hold another casino referendum.

DraftKings' brand-new retail sportsbook, at the home of the **Chicago Cubs**, is now under construction and expected to open in time for the 2023 baseball season. The project, which was officially given the green light by the Commission on Chicago Landmarks in August 2021, will take place at Wrigley Field. The

three-storey building, one of the first across the US to be physically attached to a ballpark, will be open year-round and is set to feature an open-air rooftop deck.

Allegations of sexual misconduct against **Barstool** Founder Dave Portnoy have not dissuaded **Penn National Gaming** from an ongoing pursuit to acquire the media company. Penn still plans to assume full ownership of Barstool next year, after taking a 36% stake in Barstool two years ago, according to Chief Executive Jay Snowden. He said the company stands by Portnoy and still believes in the importance of Barstool's media appeal for Penn's future success in sports betting and digital media.

And as **New York** enters its third month of live and regulated online sports betting, the race to be the state's biggest sportsbook has seemingly settled into a pattern. Flutter-owned sports betting giant **FanDuel** has sustained its lead in terms of market share, with a 42.6% and 47.6% handle and revenue share respectively. However, Caesars' impressive start has kept the gaming stalwart in the lead for year-to-date revenue market share, with 33.42% (at least for now).

Overall, FanDuel leads in terms of both revenue and handle, with its main sports betting rival, DraftKings, trailing behind with 25% in both categories.

Louisiana's online sportsbooks attracted over \$200m in wagers for **February**, representing a significant increase over January, when online sports betting went live across the Bayou State. In total, bettors wagered \$211m during the first full month of legal sports betting, following legalisation on 28 January. And while there were only four full days of the month remaining, January's handle totalled \$40m. From February's handle, operators generated \$16.7m in revenue, which translated to \$2.2m worth of taxes paid to the state.

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Square-foot meeting and conventions space from Circa Resort and Casino in downtown Las Vegas to debut this September

31 March



Deadline for Macau Legend Development Limited to release its full-year 2021 financial results, or the group will be forced to suspend trading

CAMELOT FINED £3.15M BY GAMBLING COMMISSION FOR NATIONAL LOTTERY FAILURES

Following an investigation, Camelot UK has been fined £3.15m (\$4.2m) by the Gambling Commission for three separate failures linked to its mobile app. The total amount of the fine is set to be paid to good causes by the current National Lottery operator.

The first failure of the National Lottery mobile app was informing 20,000 participants that their winning draw-based ticket was a non-winner, between November 2016 and September 2020.

Secondly, the investigation saw a failure involving 22,210 participants who purchased a single draw-based ticket through the app but were charged for and received two tickets. These individuals have since been identified and either refunded or honoured with relevant winnings.

Thirdly, there was a failure relating to the app sending out marketing messages to users who had either self-excluded, or had been identified by Camelot as showing signs of gambling harm. This

includes 65,400 participants, who were sent marketing messages but were not permitted by the app to purchase a National Lottery product.

Andrew Rhodes, Gambling Commission Chief Executive, said: "Today's announcement reinforces that any operator failing to comply with their licence requirements will be investigated by the Commission and we will not hesitate to issue fines if requirements are breached."

This news follows last week's announcement that Allwyn Entertainment is taking over as the National Lottery operator.

GI Verdict: This is a significant and widely unexpected blow for Camelot; the operator's attempts to initiate a judicial review into Allwyn landing the National Lottery licence just got far more difficult. The chances of Camelot retaining its National Lottery licence, which it has held for 28 years, are looking slim. It remains unclear what Camelot plans to do next.

THE WEEK IN QUOTES

"This new partnership allows us to always maintain a high level of our offer, the most complete in the Italian gaming industry, and to obtain the exclusive supply of Green Jade's arcade games capable of attracting the attention of the Italian market."

Microgame CEO Marco Castaldo on the group's new partnership with Green Jade Games

"Providing leagues of every level with a premium live streaming solution is a fundamental pillar of our work with sports partners. By expanding our agreement with Pixellot, we will allow more sports to take control of their streaming strategies. Together we will elevate the status and visibility of sports leagues, reaching new and existing fans and sponsors around the world."

Genius Sports CEO Mark Locke on the company's content distribution partnership with Pixellot

KAMBI OBTAINS REGULATORY APPROVAL FOR ONTARIO LAUNCH

Kambi Group has obtained regulatory approval for launch in Ontario, Canada.

The approval from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO), enables Kambi to launch with partners from day one of the Ontario online market opening.

"The registration allows Kambi to provide its leading sportsbook technology and services to operator partners when the market launches next month - including its unparalleled ice hockey product and expansive Bet Builder capability," a statement from the group read.

The company received confirmation of its registration as a Gaming-Related Supplier effective 4 April 2022, the date when regulated online single-event wagering will launch in Ontario, Canada's most populous province.

"I am delighted that Kambi has become one of the first sportsbook providers to obtain registration from the AGCO," said Kambi CEO and Co-Founder Kristian Nylén.

"This landmark achievement is a

testament to Kambi's expertise and exemplary track record in compliance, and we are excited to be in a position to deliver our market-leading sportsbook technology to our partners' customers in Ontario from day one."

Nylén last month exercised all of his 22,500 share options from the 2018 programme, increasing his shareholding in the group from 720,000 to 742,500 shares.

Also last month, the company reported its financial results for the fourth quarter of 2021, with revenue amounting to €34.9m (\$39.7m), a 26% decline from the prior-year period. Operating profit for the period was €7.1m, at a margin of 20.2%, with profit after tax amounting to €6.1m.

GI Verdict: As Canada's most populous province, Ontario looks set to be a huge market. It may not completely rival other markets, but it will still generate huge interest, and that interest will only grow over time. Getting in early is a very smart strategy from Kambi, with the company getting its foot in the door and ensuring it is one of the go-to groups when people think of the Ontario market.

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Pragmatic Play Chief Business Development Officer Yossi Barzely after the group agreed to develop a new blackjack product for 888casino

“We’re very happy to have MCW on board as our principal partner for the upcoming season. Our aim has always been to connect and work with partners that share a global vision; a vision that enables the collective partnership to prosper. For us at Barbados Royals, fans are always the priority and with MCW on board, we’re really excited to see the new ways in which we can collaborate to bring the best experience to our fans worldwide.”

Royals Sports Group CEO Michael Fordham on the Barbados Royals’ new sponsorship deal with Mega Casino World (MCW)

IGT SIGNS SIX-YEAR CONTRACT WITH SINGAPORE POOLS

International Game Technology’s (IGT) subsidiary IGT Global Services Limited has signed a six-year contract with Singapore Pools (Private) Limited.

The agreement sees IGT provide its central lottery system Aurora and its related technologies to Singapore Pools, with the aim of offering reliability for Singapore Pools’ high volume of transactions.

“IGT’s positive reputation and its global success in providing performance-driving solutions gives Singapore Pools the confidence that our lottery operations are powered by industry-leading technology,” said Singapore Pools CEO Lam Chee Weng.

“We have trusted IGT’s technology since 1986 when Singapore Pools became the first computerised lottery in Southeast Asia.”

Together with the new central system, IGT will deploy Aurora Navigator, which offers a single place to view, manage and administer all lottery applications and back-office functions, aiming to help Singapore Pools manage its business.

IGT will also deploy Data Connector and Aurora Anywhere. The former is the “plug-and-play platform for fast, efficient data integration and analysis,” while the latter is the “secure gateway that allows for external applications to connect to the core lottery system which creates opportunities for expanded gameplay.”

Jay Gendron, IGT COO, Global Lottery, commented: “Set up to provide a legal, safe and trusted avenue for people to place bets, Singapore Pools requires the sophistication, reliability and innovation that IGT’s Aurora central system provides to support the lottery’s significant number of daily transactions.

GI Verdict: The two groups are very familiar with each other, and will get to know each other more intimately over the next six years; thanks to the agreement and IGT’s ongoing marketing support and operator training in particular. IGT’s global reach undoubtedly attracted Singapore Pools to the opportunity, with the former well recognised as a member of the lottery industry.



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INQUIRY HEARS STAR CEO BELIEVED REPORT RAISING MONEY LAUNDERING CONCERNS WAS WRONG

Former Chief Risk Officer for Star Entertainment Group Paul McWilliams has told the inquiry into the operator that CEO Matt Bekier reacted angrily to a 2018 report by global audit firm KPMG, which raised concerns about anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing laws.

As reported by ABC, McWilliams explained that during an audit committee meeting in 2018, Bekier threw the report on the table and claimed that many key aspects of the report were wrong.

The evidence from McWilliams came as part of the inquiry into Star by the New South Wales Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority (ILGA), which is currently assessing the operator's suitability to run its Sydney casino.

McWilliams was the latest to provide evidence, recalling the audit committee meeting, explaining: "My overwhelming recollection is of the mood, the sentiment in the room.

"It started with Mr Bekier arriving ... and making a show of throwing onto the

table what I assume was the executive summary.

"Then the discussion was along the lines of that it was unacceptable for the report to be prepared in this way."

The Star's former Chief Risk Officer continued by saying that both he and colleague Tarnya O'Neil, who was the Head of Internal Audit, felt there was huge pressure on them.

"When it was put to us [that] this was wrong, it was really hard to counter that.

"It is natural when it comes from the CEO. When he says it's wrong, you wonder if you missed something.

"After the meeting I [was] satisfied there was nothing of a fundamental error in the report itself."

GI Verdict: The Star will be eager to avoid the same negative press that fellow Australian operator Crown Resorts received and subsequently has received since its inquiry. But early signs suggest that the group will also face some sanctions, particularly if its CEO is heavily involved in the proceedings.

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REBOUND IN SPORTS BETTING SHARE PRICES DUE TO MARCH MADNESS

Following on from the heights of the Super Bowl, March Madness has rejuvenated betting stocks following a quiet month for US sports betting companies. In particular, this improvement is due to the completion of the first week of the NCAA men's basketball tournament.

During this week, the Roundhill Sports Betting and iGaming exchange-traded fund (ETF) has jumped 12% since Tuesday, which is the most ever for the ETF. DraftKings and Penn National Gaming are two of the top holders and have also seen increases this last week; DraftKings by 29% and Penn National by 11%.

This previous month has seen sports betting companies hit by investor fears around profit and potential sell-offs of software stocks. However, with the anticipation of higher spending, investors have been given a renewed incentive to buy shares.

Macquarie Bank Analyst Chad Beynon responded to the situation by explaining that this tournament is the catalyst for current and future stock gains. He continued: "March is

historically the fifth-most important month of the year for sports betting



and, absent the NFL months, it's actually the most important. Sports betting seasonality really drops off after March Madness."

Beynon believes the increase in attention given to sports betting platforms should motivate investors, the most important element for long-term gain is retaining a path of profitability.

"They're losing so much money and revenue estimates keep going higher, but losses keep going higher as well. DraftKings, FanDuel, BetMGM and Caesars are all saying, 'everything is according to plan and while we're going to lose a decent amount of money in 2022, 2023 is going to be much better.'"

GI Verdict: With the increase in the number of states to legalise sports betting, this year's March Madness has had the most significance ever in terms of sports betting revenues for operators.

Investors' fears should be calmed at this stage thanks to the increased spending, but it will be interesting to see if operators are indeed correct that next year will be bigger and better.



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BALLY'S, HARD ROCK AND RUSH STREET SHORTLISTED FOR CHICAGO'S SOLE CASINO LICENCE

Chicago's Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot has announced that three potential bidders have been shortlisted for the next round of the bidding process, to become the city's sole casino licence holder.

Those specifically chosen are Bally's Corporation at the Tribune Site, Hard Rock at the ONE Central Site, and Rush Street Gaming-owned Rivers 78 at the 78 site; all of whom have the chance of developing a casino resort and entertainment setting in Chicago. From this group, a final proposal will be chosen to submit as the potential developer and operator of the Chicago casino, pending city council approval.

Mayor Lightfoot commented: "We have spent countless hours analysing each proposal for Chicago's casino licence and have determined Bally's Tribune, Hard Rock Chicago, and Rivers 78 best fit the core goals we want to achieve for the city's first integrated casino resort.

"Each proposal offers economic, employment and equity-focused opportunities for Chicago, while simultaneously enhancing the

city's cultural, entertainment and architectural scenes with world-class amenities and design."

It is felt that the addition will create thousands of jobs, as well as generate around \$400m a year in gaming and other revenue for the city and state of Illinois.

GI Verdict: The shortlist for Chicago's sole casino licence looks like it could be a tight affair. Were Hard Rock to be awarded the mantle of the casino operator, it would no doubt represent another coup for tribal operators. It was only recently that the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians purchased the Palms Las Vegas, which is set to open later in 2022.

On the other hand, Rush Street has a habit of acquiring first approval to new markets, such as in Pennsylvania's online sportsbook arena. It will be interesting to see Bally's approach to licensing in Chicago, given it is yet to receive a licence for the New York market. Its experience managing other US casinos such as Wild Wild West

Casino may, however, be a pulling factor that wins Bally's sole licensing rights. We shall have to find out the result following community engagements from the trio of operators, between 5-7 April.



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Saracen	\$12.153	+91.52
Oaklawn	\$12.451	+62.88
Southland Park (Del North)	\$21.293	+35.70
Total	\$45.897	+54.64

TABLE GAMES

TABLE GAMES	FEBRUARY REVENUE (M)	CHANGE (%) YEAR-ON-YEAR
Saracen	\$1.356	+89.47
Southland Park (Del North)	\$2.032	+73.29
Oaklawn	\$1.067	+42.92
Total Table Games	\$4.455	+69.08

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TOTAL GAMING	FEBRUARY REVENUE (M)	CHANGE (%) YEAR-ON-YEAR
Central	\$29.531	+47.44
Northern	\$50.393	+24.90
Coastal	\$126.904	+13.23
Total	\$206.828	+19.94
Without Sports Betting	\$204.940	+22.10

SPORTS BETTING

SPORTS BETTING	FEBRUARY REVENUE (M)	CHANGE (%) YEAR-ON-YEAR	PARTNERS
Southland Park (Del North)	\$302,847	-13.37	IGT
Saracen	\$26,645	-79.69	BetGenius
Oaklawn	\$1,509	-99.14	CHDN / DKNG
Total Sports Betting	\$331,001	-49.49	
Handle	\$5.876	+31.48	

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SLOTS	FEBRUARY REVENUE (M)	CHANGE (%) YEAR-ON-YEAR
Saracen	\$10.771	+95.87
Oaklawn	\$11.383	+69.30
Southland Park (Del North)	\$18.958	+33.80
Total Slots	\$41.112	+55.78

SPORTS BETTING

SPORTS BETTING	FEBRUARY REVENUE (M)	CHANGE (%) YEAR-ON-YEAR
Central	\$0.723	-40.12
Coastal	\$1.014	-62.66
Northern	\$0.151	-77.93
Total Revenue	\$1.888	-59.02
Total Handle	\$40.872	-14.51



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GUEST INTERVIEW



IVAN KRAVCHUK,
CEO, EVOPLAY

Kravchuk speaks to *Gambling Insider* about the new measures taken by the supplier amid the Ukraine crisis

How has the war in Ukraine influenced the gambling industry and Evoplay as a tech company?

The war in Ukraine has caused great upheaval for the industry, especially for companies with the core of their employees based there, like us with 95% of our staff being Ukrainian.

We understand it isn't an easy time for anyone in the industry, and we are extremely distressed by what is going on in our country and to our people; but at the same time, we are trying to do everything we can to protect our people and ensure we bounce back stronger than ever.

Of course, the conflict has influenced Evoplay as a company as well. Firstly, it has forced us to react to things faster and focus more than ever on our main value: our employees. It has allowed us to position ourselves as a flexible business that can quickly adapt to new realities. This can be seen clearly in our current operations, with everything continuing to run its normal course, despite the challenging conditions.

What were the company's first steps after the Russian invasion? How did it respond to the situation?

The safety of our employees is our main priority, and that will never change. This is why we have taken such urgent and drastic measures to ensure their safety, doing everything possible over the past few weeks to help our employees with every situation they may find themselves in; whether it be financial aid, transportation, accommodation or mental health support.

We keep in touch with our employees on a daily basis, providing them with all the support we can, while staying on top of the developing situation by monitoring all events on the ground as they occur. In addition to this, we are regularly donating to causes that support Ukrainian people and

volunteering initiatives that actively support the humanitarian relief effort.

What actions did Evoplay take to ensure the safety of employees?

As I have mentioned before, we believe the most important part of any business is, first and foremost, its people. Since the start of hostilities on 24 February, Evoplay has relocated 15% of its staff to the main company's office in Cyprus, and organised working and living facilities alongside our new Lviv office, in the west of the country, where we've looked to provide a centre of operations for all of our team who have stayed in Ukraine.

On the subject of Evoplay employees, I want to mention how proud I am to work alongside such a fantastic group of people. They have proven themselves courageous, compassionate and kind-hearted, representing the best aspects of Ukraine. We are always prepared to give them a helping hand, considering a significant number of our employees are juggling work with voluntary efforts on the ground; they are truly our heroes.

The war in Ukraine has united us. It demonstrates that people in our team are so much more than the experience they bring to the table, but are also caring and proud citizens of Ukraine.

What plans does Evoplay have for the future? Will it continue operating at the same pace as before?

Our plan is to build an effective workflow, which ensures our business processes remain unaffected by the current military operations. We are doing everything we can to continue our operations as a game developer, with our development pipeline remaining as normal.

Considering the various ways in which the Ukrainian economy will be damaged by this developing situation, we see it as our responsibility to support and maintain it. For now, we are keeping our fingers crossed and focusing on adapting and evolving, ensuring safe workplaces for our valued employees and helping Ukraine in as many ways as we can.

Though the conflict will undoubtedly affect the company, we will ultimately prevail and get back to where we should be. We would like to thank our partners for their support, other organisations that have provided us with random acts of kindness, and the media for the coverage of this devastating situation. It really does go a long way.

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