

Example

team i	wins w_i	to play g_i	schedule			
			Atl	Phi	NY	Mon
Atlanta	83	8	—	1	6	1
Philadelphia	79	4	1	—	0	3
New York	78	7	6	0	—	1
Montreal	76	5	1	3	1	—

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- ▶ Montreal trivially eliminated
- ▶ Philadelphia non-trivially eliminated