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***Blazer Game Day***

***The SAVANNAH STATE Game***

***September 14, 1996 • Cleveland Field***

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## BLAZER GAMEDAY

Sept. 14, 1996  
Cleveland Field

### TODAY'S OPPONENT: SAVANNAH STATE UNIVERSITY

**OLD RIVALRY RENEWED** -- Today's game renews a rivalry which dates back to 1983 but which has been dormant since 1987. The teams have played two home-and-home series with the Blazers winning all four meetings.

**THE STREAK** -- Valdosta State pushed its current Cleveland Field winning streak to 14 games with last week's 49-35 win over Truman. The overall record in the historic facility is 43-15-1.

**MUMME HOME RECORD** -- Hal Mumme's Cleveland Field record is a sparkling 22-1-1, a winning percentage of .938.

**TIGERS GROWLING** -- Like Valdosta State, the Tigers have opened the new season with a pair of impressive wins. Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference rival Tuskegee fell 20-12 in the season opener two weeks ago, and Virginia Union was punished 54-7 in a non-conference game last week. Both games were played in Savannah.

**VSU vs. SIAC** -- The Blazers have fared very well through the years against teams from the SIAC, rolling up a 19-1 record. VSU is 7-1 vs. Ft. Valley State, 4-0 vs. Savannah State, 3-0 vs. Kentucky State, 3-0 vs. Clark Atlanta and 2-0 vs. Albany State.

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## GAME NOTES

**SIMILAR ON OFFENSE** -- On paper, the teams are very similar on offense, using a potent passing attack to put points on the board. The Tigers try to be more balanced offensively, rushing 80 times and passing 72 in their first two outings. Their 30 receptions have put 516 yards in the book, an average of 17.2 yards a catch. Conversely, VSU has rushed 51 times and thrown 86. The Blazers' 59 completions have been good for 817 yards, an average of 13.9 yards per reception.

**WASHINGTON FINDS PAYDIRT** -- Savannah State tailback **Thomas Washington**, a 6-3,215-pound junior, is the workhorse in the Tigers' ground attack, gaining 173 yards and scoring five touchdowns in the first two wins. The five TDs came last week on four short runs and a 38-yarder. Washington has 47 carries so far, 59 percent of SSC's 80 rushing attempts.

**BROWN'S BIG DAY** -- Valdosta State senior flanker **Rodney Brown** enjoyed his best career game last week, catching six passes for 178 yards and three touchdowns and returning a kickoff 91 yards for another score. Brown now has 12 catches and is averaging 23.7 yards per reception.

**RAWLS IN THE MIDDLE** -- Look for Tiger middle linebacker **Tim Rawls** to be in the middle of a lot of tackles today. He leads Savannah State with 21 stops.

**POSITIVE RESULTS** -- Valdosta State's offense, averaging 45.5 points a game, has scored 12 touchdowns in 28 possessions, an average of 43 percent. Take away the three possessions in which time expired (half or end of game) and the average rises to an impressive 48 percent.

**SCORING IN A HURRY** -- Like all Mumme offenses, this one scores in a hurry. Eight of the 12 touchdowns scored by the offense so far this season have taken less than three minutes. The average time consumed in the 12 TD drives is 2:51.

**SEPTEMBER RECORD** -- This is Valdosta State's 52nd game in the month of September, and the record is 30-20-1.



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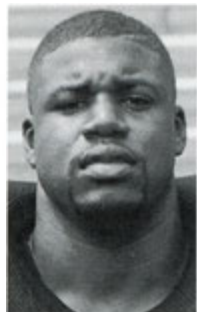


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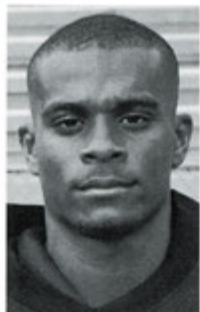
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Rodney Brown	1	Flanker	5-8, 155	Orlando, FL
Lance Funderburk	12	Quarterback	6-5, 218	Blackshear, GA
Gary Goff	81	Split End	5-9, 165	Woodstock, GA
James Lockhart	4	Linebacker	5-11, 230	Austin, TX
Jeremy Lundy	70	Center	6-0, 270	Perry, FL
Drew McPhail	51	Offensive Tackle	6-4, 275	Gainesville, FL
Felise Muai	74	Offensive Guard	6-3, 320	Anchorage, AK
Sean Pender	25	Wide Receiver	5-8, 175	Jacksonville, FL
Terry Smith	26	Strong Safety	6-0, 190	Adel, GA
Artie Ulmer	84	Defensive Line	6-3, 255	Rincon, GA



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1	Rodney Brown	FL	5-7	155	Orlando, FL
2	Vaughn Clark	CB	5-9	173	Valdosta, GA
3	Julanda Clayton	CB	5-10	175	Waycross, GA
4	James Lockhart	LB	5-11	230	Austin, TX
5	Nikko Cooper	FL	6-2	190	Miami, FL
6	Vontrell Mitchell	HB	5-10	175	Gainesville, FL
8	Tirrell Andrews	SB	5-10	187	Thomasville, GA
9	Ryan McDonald	QB	5-11	190	Marietta, GA
10	Mark White	QB	6-1	195	Hollister, FL
11	Howard Foster	CB	5-11	180	Saginaw, MI
12	Lance Funderburk	QB	6-5	218	Blackshear, GA
13	Wayne DeVane	P	6-0	190	Valdosta, GA
14	Corey Weed	DE	6-3	220	Slocumb, AL
16	Matt Mumme	QB	6-3	165	Valdosta, GA
17	Lardell Brinson	SE	5-9	160	Valdosta, GA
19	Jerome Mills	FS	6-1	186	Atlanta, GA
20	David Glisson	FB	5-10	203	Savannah, GA
21	Archie Lewis	CB	5-7	170	Valdosta, GA
22	Alberto Nurse	LB	6-0	215	Corpus Christi, TX
23	Carlos Hope	FL	6-2	195	Macon, GA
24	Brad Trout	SS	6-2	210	Miami, FL
25	Sean Pender	WR	5-8	175	Jacksonville, FL
26	Terry Smith	CB	6-0	190	Adel, GA
29	Austin Harmon	CB	5-11	178	Clayton, GA
33	Terrell Battle	FS	5-11	185	Americus, GA
34	Carlton Nelson	FB	5-10	204	Brunswick, GA
35	Jermal Stevens	FS	5-11	195	Savannah, GA
37	Todd Douthit	K	6-0	180	Valdosta, GA
38	Carlos Brown	FB	5-9	190	Valdosta, GA
39	Donnie Johnston	SS	5-11	191	Atlanta, GA
42	John Taylor	TE	6-1	218	Waycross, GA
43	Tavaris Smith	LB	6-0	210	Macon, GA
44	Jimbo Shubert	LB	5-11	203	Waycross, GA
46	Mike Williams	LB	5-11	195	Lake City, FL
47	Jesse Sutton	LB	6-1	200	Moultrie, GA
48	J.T. Fuller	LB	5-10	200	Thomasville, GA
49	Julian Roberts	DE	6-2	215	Folkston, GA
51	Drew McPhail	OT	6-4	275	Gainesville, FL
53	Chris Dowdy	LS	5-11	181	Wadkinsville, VA
54	Ryan Sulkowski	OG	6-3	275	Tifton, GA
55	Todd Hall	C	6-2	232	Moultrie, GA
59	Dean Chandler	NG	6-3	235	St. Marys, GA
61	Neil Rountree	LS	6-0	215	Valdosta, GA
63	Jay Thompson	OG	6-1	245	Eustis, FL
67	Kris Gingrow	OT	6-3	258	Valdosta, GA
70	Jeremy Lundy	C	6-0	270	Perry, FL
71	Roger Sullivan	OT	6-3	265	Atlanta, GA
72	Harvey Moore	OT	6-4	245	Valdosta, GA
74	Felise Muai	OG	6-3	320	Anchorage, AK
75	Jason Ray	OG	6-2	275	Ludowici, GA
76	Brandon Jernigan	OG	6-2	302	Patterson, GA
78	Zeke Reese	OG	6-1	330	Fitzgerald, GA
80	Antonio Keys	FL	6-2	181	Pascagoula, MS
81	Gary Goff	SE	5-9	165	Woodstock, GA
82	Jerel Rowe	SE	6-3	205	Valdosta, GA
83	Richard Freeman	DE	6-3	225	Fernandine, GA
84	Artie Ulmer	DT	6-3	255	Rincon, GA
85	Mike Bowman	FL	6-2	175	Orange Springs, FL
86	Terry Turner	NG	6-1	280	Moultrie, GA
87	Keith Cooksey	SB	6-2	210	Tallahassee, FL
89	David Fox	TE	6-4	230	Coral Springs, FL
91	Rory Hogan	NG	6-0	245	Lincolnton, GA
92	Desmon Baker	DT	6-4	265	Atlanta, GA
94	Marc Lyles	DT	6-3	215	Tampa, FL
95	Jack Hall	DE	6-0	230	Moultrie, GA
97	Jeff Greer	DE	6-3	230	Athens, GA
99	Lamar Williams	DE	6-4	215	Homerville, GA

VALDOSTA STATE BLAZERS

September 14, 1997

BLAZER OFFENSE

FL 1	Rodney Brown	5	Nikko Cooper
LT 51	Drew McPhail	71	Roger Sullivan
LG 76	Brandon Jernigan	63	Jay Thompson
C 70	Jeremy Lundy	55	Todd Hall
RG 74	Felise Muai	54	Ryan Sulkowski
RT 67	Kris Gingrow	72	Harvey Moore
SE 81	Gary Goff	17	Lardell Brinson
QB 12	Lance Funderburk	16	Matt Mumme
FB 20	David Glisson	38	Carlos Brown
HB 25	Sean Pender	6	Vontrell Mitchell
SB 8	Tirrell Andrews	87	Keith Cooksey

BLAZER DEFENSE

DE 14	Corey Weed	95	Jack Hall
DT 84	Artie Ulmer	92	Desmon Baker
NG 86	Terry Turner	91	Rory Hogan
DE 97	Jeff Greer	83	Richard Freeman
LB 43	Tavaris Smith	48	J.T. Fuller
LB 4	James Lockhart	22	Alberto Nurse
LB 47	Jesse Sutton	46	Mike Williams
CB 29	Austin Harmon	21	Archie Lewis
CB 2	Vaughn Clark	11	Howard Foster
FS 19	Jerome Mills	33	Terrell Battle
SS 24	Brad Trout	26	Terry Smith

BLAZER SPECIALISTS

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KO 37	Todd Douthit
P 13	Wayne DeVane
LS 53	Chris Dowdy
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DT 78 Johnnie Green 91 Reudal Daniel  
DE 49 Andrew Mitchell 99 Eric Jackson  
LB 48 John Gloster 52 Mark Cross  
LB 44 Tim Rawls 42 Cedrick Mathis  
LB 45 Reginald Jackson 41 Henry Bennett  
CB 37 Chris Gillam 29 Ed Williams  
CB 4 Ben Streadyz 21 Lester Dobson  
FS 25 Britt Henderson 26 Breyten Franklin  
SS 28 Benji Turman 30 Michael Bush

**TIGER OFFENSE**

WR 19 Demond Davis 13 Fitzroy Phillips  
LT 70 Chris Salter 76 Anthony Reddick  
LG 62 Dante Reid 74 Chad Yokley  
C 65 Cornelius English 71 Luke Hardwick  
RG 66 Ali Alston 50 Ken Cowens  
RT 79 Jon Howard 68 Jason Hill  
WR 8 Shannon Ballard 7 Lorenzo Ford  
QB 11 Deondre Singleton 10 Stacey Davis  
FB 36 Tory Pendleton 33 Matt Hardwick  
TB 1 T. Washington 23 Shannon Carter  
WR 3 Shannon Howard 12 Ramon Huff

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LS 65 Cornelius English  
H 10 Stacey Davis  
KR 13 Fitzroy Phillips  
PR 7 Lorenzo Ford

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**SAVANNAH STATE**

NO.	NAME	POS	Ht.	Wt.	HOMETOWN
1	Thomas Washington	RB	6-3	215	Clewiston, FL
3	Shannon Howard	WR	5-10	175	Glennville, GA
4	Ben Stready	DB	5-10	175	Forest Park, GA
5	Dennis Baldwin	WR	5-10	175	Frostproof, FL
6	William Rhodes	SS	6-0	180	Decatur, GA
7	Lorenzo Ford	WR	5-10	175	Birmingham, AL
8	Shannon Ballard	WR	6-0	180	Marietta, GA
9	Eddie Ramirez	K	5-10	170	Savannah, GA
10	Stacey Davis	QB	6-1	195	Atlanta, GA
11	Deondre Singleton	QB	6-2	205	St. Louis, MO
12	Ramon Huff	WR	6-3	185	Savannah, GA
13	Fitzroy Phillips	WR	6-1	175	Lima, OH
14	David Ward	DB	6-1	175	Stone Mountain, GA
15	Latorrius Terry	WR	5-10	180	Belle Glade, FL
18	Marlon Brown	TE	6-2	210	Belle Glade, FL
19	Demon dDavis	WR	5-10	175	Miami, FL
20	Lester Pearson	RB	5-8	170	Manning, SC
21	Lester Dobson	CB	5-8	170	Jacksonville, FL
22	Ramon Robinson	RB	5-11	190	Beaufort, SC
23	Shannon Carter	RB	5-5	180	Savannah, GA
24	Jumaane Davis	RB	5-9	180	Stone Mountain, GA
25	Britt Henderson	FS	6-1	190	Sanford, FL
26	Breyten Franklin	SS	5-9	185	New Orleans, LA
27	Odell Carter	DB	6-0	180	Savannah, GA
28	Benji Turman	SS	6-0	190	Atlanta, GA
29	Ed Williams	DB	5-8	160	Augusta, GA
30	Michael Bush	DB	5-11	180	St. Louis, MO
32	Corey Durant	RB	5-8	180	Tampa, FL
33	Matt Hardwick	FB	6-0	220	Albany, GA
36	Torey Pendleton	FB	6-1	220	Quincy, FL
37	Chris Gillam	DB	6-2	200	Cincinnati, OH
39	Peter Maynard	DB	6-0	193	Releigh, NC
41	Henry Bennett	LB	6-0	235	Belle Glade, FL
42	Cedric Mathis	LB	6-0	205	Valdosta, GA
44	Tim Rawls	LB	6-1	220	Savannah, GA
45	Reginald Jackson	LB	5-11	215	Brunswick, GA
46	Joey Hilary	FB	6-9	190	Brunswick, GA
48	John Gloster	LB	6-1	220	Valdosta, GA
49	Andrew Mitchehl	DE	6-5	260	Hilton Head, SC
50	Ken Cowens	OL	5-10	280	Memphis, TN
51	Larry Roundtree	LB	6-1	215	Miami, FL
52	Mark Cross	LB	6-3	230	Chicago, IL
56	Isiah Brown	LB/K	5-9	190	Savannah, GA
62	Dante Reid	OL	6-1	290	Miami, FL
65	Cornelius English	OL	6-4	290	Montrose, GA
66	Ali Alston	OL	6-3	300	Ludson, SC
68	Jeson Hill	OL	6-3	350	Carbondale, IL
70	Chris Salter	OL	6-4	265	Decatur, GA
71	Luke Hardwick	OL	6-1	275	Albany, GA
72	Eric Thompson	OL	6-2	295	Kansas City, MO
74	Chad Yokley	OL	6-3	290	Jacksonville, FL
76	Fredrick Hull	DE	6-3	270	Savannah, GA
76	Anthony Reddick	OL	6-5	290	Albany, GA
78	Johnnie Green	DE	6-2	275	Ridgeland, SC
79	Jon Howard	OL	6-4	320	Orangeburg, SC
80	Damon Ray	WR	6-0	160	Adel, GA
81	Aaron Payne	WR	5-8	150	Brunswick, GA
83	Antonio Whifers	WR	5-10	175	Atlanta, GA
84	LeShawn Thomas	TE	6-5	250	Pamplico, SC
85	Pat Williams	WR	6-0	190	Vero Beach, FL
91	Reudal Daniel	DT	6-3	285	St. Thomas, V.I.
93	Winston Gordon	DE	6-3	275	Clewiston, FL
94	Chester Cary	DL	6-0	290	Houston, TX
96	Kevin Frazier	DL	6-2	275	Summerville, SC
99	Eric Jackson	TE	6-4	225	College Park, GA

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## THE TIGERS ... A CLOSER LOOK

Savannah State University campaigns in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, a 12-member league consisting of historically black institutions in Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky.

The Tigers are coming off a 7-4 season and are off to a fast 2-0 start in 1996. SSU returns 30 lettermen and 18 starters, including 10 on defense, from that team.

The trigger man on offense is junior quarterback **Deondre Singleton**, who has thrown for 516 yards and two touchdowns, making the most of 30 completions. His favorite target has been junior wide receiver **Shannon Ballard**, who has caught 14 balls for 229 yards and one TD.

In last week's 54-7 rout of Virginia Union, the Tigers rolled up 388 yards of offense and took advantage of six lost fumbles by the visitors. SSU is plus five in the takeaway-giveaway department.

Like Valdosta State, following today's game Savannah State goes into conference play for eight straight games. Next up for the Tigers is Alabama A&M on the road.

### QUICK FACTS

**Location:** Savannah, GA  
**Enrollment:** 3600  
**President:** Dr. John T. Wolfe Jr.  
**AD:** Hornsby Howell  
**Nickname:** Tigers  
**Affiliation:** NCAA Division II  
**Conference:** SIAC  
**Colors:** Orange and Blue  
**Stadium:** Wright (7500)  
**1995 Record:** 7-4 (4-4 in SIAC)  
**Head Coach:** Wendell Avery  
**SID:** Lee Grant Pearson

### 1996 SCHEDULE

A 31 Tuskegee W, 20-12  
S 7 Virginia Union W, 54-7  
S 14 at Valdosta State  
S 21 at Alabama A&M  
S 28 Morehouse  
O 5 at Albany State  
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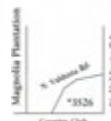
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### SAVANNAH STATE

<u>Rushing</u>	<u>Att</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TDs</u>
T. Washington	47	173	3.7	5
Torey Pendleton	12	38	3.2	1
Jumaane Davis	3	41	13.7	0

<u>Passing</u>	<u>A/C/I</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>TDs</u>
D. Singleton	69/30/2	516	2
Stacey Davis	2/0/1	0	0

<u>Receiving</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TDs</u>
Shannon Ballard	14	229	16.4	1
Shannon Howard	5	135	27.0	0
Lorenzo Ford	3	65	21.7	0
Demond Davis	3	32	10.7	0
Ramon Huff	2	36	18.0	1

<u>Total Offense</u>	<u>Plays</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>
Deondre Singleton	74	509	254.5
Thomas Washington	47	173	86.5

<u>Scoring</u>	<u>TDs</u>	<u>PAT</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>Pts</u>
T. Washington	5	0	0	30
Isiah Brown	0	8	0	8
Torey Pendleton	1	0	0	6

### VALDOSTA STATE

<u>Rushing</u>	<u>Att</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TDs</u>
David Glisson	28	152	5.4	2
Vontrell Mitchell	8	55	6.9	0
Carlos Brown	6	31	5.2	0

<u>Passing</u>	<u>A/C/I</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>TDs</u>
Lance Funderburk	86/59/1	817	9

<u>Receiving</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TDs</u>
Sean Pender	15	188	12.5	1
Rodney Brown	12	284	23.7	4
John Taylor	10	86	8.6	1
Vontrell Mitchell	7	99	14.1	1
Tirrell Andrews	3	63	21.0	0

<u>Total Offense</u>	<u>Plays</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>
Lance Funderburk	91	802	401.0
David Glisson	28	152	76.0

<u>Scoring</u>	<u>TDs</u>	<u>PAT</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Rodney Brown	5	0	0	30
David Glisson	3	0	0	18
Todd Douthit	0	11	0	11

### TEAM STATS

	SSU	Opp	VSU	Opp
Net Rushing/Game Yds	286/143.0	72/36.0	217/108.5	300/150.0
Passing/Game Yds	516/258.0	281/140.5	817/408.5	267/133.5
Total Offense	802/401.0	353/176.5	1034/517.0	567/283.5
Points/Game Avg.	74/37.0	19/9.5	91/45.5	51/25.5



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	GSC			OVERALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Valdosta State	0	0	0	2	0	0
West Georgia	0	0	0	2	0	0
West Alabama	1	0	0	1	0	0
Henderson State	0	0	0	1	0	0
Arkansas-Monticello	0	0	0	1	0	0
Central Arkansas	0	0	0	1	1	0
North Alabama	0	0	0	1	1	0
Southern Arkansas	0	0	0	0	1	0
Delta State	0	0	0	0	1	0
Arkansas Tech	0	1	0	0	2	0

#### Last Week

VSU 49, Truman 35  
 West Georgia 30, Jacksonville St. 10  
 Ark.-Monticello 35, Miss. College 23  
 Central Ark. 35, NE Oklahoma 21  
 Stephen F. Austin 47, Delta St. 16  
 Henderson St. 21, Ouachita Baptist 17  
 North Alabama 47, Alabama A&M 0  
 West Alabama 38, Arkansas Tech 24

#### This Week

Savannah State at VSU  
 Ark.-Monticello at West Georgia  
 Lane at West Alabama  
 Delta State at Arkansas Tech  
 Southern Ark. at North Alabama.  
 E. Texas State at Henderson St.

#### Next Week

VSU at Arkansas Tech  
 Elon at West Georgia  
 Ark.-Monticello at Delta  
 Central Ark. at Sou. Ark.  
 Henderson at Miss. Coll  
 N. Ala. at TX A&M-K

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<u>Rushing</u>					<u>Passing</u>				
	<u>Att</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>TDs</u>		<u>A/C/I</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>TDs</u>	
Raphael McCuien, UCA	32	199	6.22	0	Lance Funderburk, VSU	86/59/1	817	9	
Tregnel Thomas, DSU	29	181	6.24	1	Toddy Cooley, AT	51/31/1	421	3	
Andre King, UCA	31	157	5.06	3	Toby Strange, WG	60/35/0	421	1	
<u>Receiving</u>					<u>Scoring</u>				
	<u>No</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>TDs</u>		<u>TDs</u>	<u>PK</u>	<u>Pts/G</u>	
Rodney Brown, VSU	12	284	23.7	4	Rodney Brown, VSU	5	0	15.0	
LaRon Marbley, AT	13	225	17.3	2	Bradford Bragg, HSU	2	0	12.0	
Steve Daniels, AT	14	224	16.0	2	Steve Pinell, UAM	2	0	12.0	



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