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3	12	12	2
4	3	13	15
5	14	14	7
6	6	15	13
7	10	16	4
8	1	17	17
9	16	18	9

Commencing on 10th:

Hole	Index	Hole	Index
10	18	1	5
11	8	2	11
12	12	3	2
13	3	4	15
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