Jorge Galvez gave Boston room to breathe

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Philadelphia came to Boston for four with a four-game deficit. The Patriots shut the Fury out twice, then lost the next two by a combined 18–4. The split sent the Fury away still four back. Boston kept three of those games in hand even after Philadelphia ran its winning streak to eight.

Jorge Galvez allowed one earned run in 24■ innings during the challenge. On August 30 in Pittsburgh he gave up five hits over nine innings and Boston needed only two runs. Mike Randolph recorded six saves in the challenge. The finale showed that Boston could finish a series without calling on him.

Boston won seven of ten and starts September at Houston. The Fury return to Boston on September 28. The Patriots have several road series before then in which to protect the margin their pitchers helped keep.