Houston still has eight games to spend

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Houston lost twice to St. Louis on August 20, on different fields. First came the 5–3 completion of the unfinished game in Houston, then a 7–1 loss in St. Louis to open the regular four-game set. Houston lost those four by a combined 32–3. A stretch that began with the league’s best record ended with eight losses in 11 games.

There were ways for Houston to win even in that stretch. Scott Szell allowed three earned runs in 25 innings across three starts. The Mavericks beat Cincinnati 3–2 in 16 innings, and their bats recovered for 10–0 and 10–9 wins to finish against Nashville. Apostolos Georghiou homered and had three hits in the last game. Houston still leads Cincinnati and St. Louis by eight.

Boston and Denver come to Houston to start September. The East leader and one of the two clubs tied for the wild card give Houston an early look at the company it may have in October.