Las Vegas brought one game of its lead home

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Las Vegas left for Seattle three games ahead of Denver and five ahead of Seattle. The Comets took the first three, and Denver won both games in the middle series. When Las Vegas lost 6–5 in Portland on August 29, Seattle was level with it in the standings.

Rogelio Cole worked 7■ innings and allowed two runs in the 5–2 win that ended the trip. Denver’s win at Seattle left both challengers a game behind. Las Vegas kept first after a 3–7 stretch on a schedule that gave both pursuers direct chances to take it away.

Philadelphia arrives September 1 on eight straight wins. The Gamblers still owe Denver six games and Seattle three. Home field against Denver to close the season will matter more if Las Vegas can make something of the games before those nine.