New York went from twelve runs to two shutouts

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The Aces scored 12 in Pittsburgh on August 20. They scored 14 in the nine games that followed and lost every one. In Philadelphia they were shut out twice to end the challenge. The last of those games, 10–0, told a different story from two earlier one-run losses at Pittsburgh, when a single extra run might have changed the result.

Robby Chacon hit safely 11 times in 35 at-bats and drew six walks during the challenge. That is one usable part of a lineup that managed four runs in four games at Philadelphia. It gives the Aces something more specific to examine than the 1–9 record.

New York returns home to face Cincinnati on August 31. With expansion scheduled one day later, a useful watch is whether the Aces change who hits around the players already reaching base. The first new lineup will tell more than an assumption about who is coming up.