Eight straight wins brought Philadelphia back within three

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Philadelphia went 18 innings without a run to start the challenge. It scored 18 over the next two games at Boston. The two wins restored the four-game division gap and began a streak that ran through Pittsburgh and all four games with New York.

Ron Stout had 21 hits and 15 RBI in the ten games. Four of those hits came in the 10–0 finale against New York, when Gilberto Flores worked 7■ scoreless innings. The Fury allowed four runs in the whole New York series. Boston kept winning too, so eight straight took only one game off the deficit from August 19.

Philadelphia starts September in Las Vegas, while Boston goes to Houston. The three remaining head-to-head games are at Boston September 28–30. Three back today is close enough to give that series weight, with two different West and Central tests to get through first.