Joe Good gave Pittsburgh a start it can build on

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Joe Good struck out six and allowed one earned run in 5■ innings on August 30. The Express lost 2–0 because Jorge Galvez shut them out. For Pittsburgh, the line is a useful entry in the record of what it received from Miami in the July 28 deal that sent Daniel Vega the other way.

Pittsburgh answered the opening 12–8 loss to New York with three straight wins, two by a run. It went 1–5 the rest of the way against Philadelphia and Boston. The two games in Philadelphia and the Boston finale were all decided by two runs or fewer. Last year’s East winner finished the challenge ten back, with a sharper question about where the offense comes from when a starter gives it that kind of game.

The Denver series begins August 31. Good’s Boston start is evidence for following his next outing as September opens, while the offense has a chance to recover against a club on the wild-card line.