Jeremy Campbell gave the West something to work around

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Portland won three straight in Denver to open the challenge. Then it lost both games to Seattle, took two from Las Vegas and finished 5–5. Eighteen games out, the Lumberjacks still made each of the three West contenders account for them.

Jeremy Campbell hit seven homers and drove in 13 in those ten games. He went deep once in Portland’s 5–3 win against Las Vegas and twice in the 6–5 win the following day. Frank Jahr saved four games during the challenge without an earned run. The Lumberjacks had scoring and late innings worth following even when they could make little immediate use of the wins themselves.

St. Louis arrives just off a 9–2 stretch. Portland has a chance to find out whether Campbell’s August work carries into another series against a club with something at stake.