San Diego found a way to take two from first place

San Diego Seraphs beat | 1981-08-31 | Games through 1981-08-30

The Seraphs had one run in the two middle games at Los Angeles and were swept, though the last loss took 14 innings. At home they beat San Francisco 4–3 and took consecutive games from Phoenix, 3–1 and 5–3. Those two wins took two days out of the Firebirds’ chance to extend their West lead.

Barbu Nica let in one earned run over 14■ innings in two starts during the challenge. Elijah Lundy gave the Seraphs 14■ innings and allowed three earned runs in his two. There is more to learn from those outings than from the club’s 48–83 record alone, especially when the offense supplied only 23 runs in ten games.

Minneapolis visits September 1. With roster expansion scheduled that day, the immediate question is how San Diego uses the innings around its starters, and whether the extra places turn into real work on the field.