St. Louis made up six games and earned another look

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St. Louis won five games against Houston before the two clubs were done with their opening assignment. One was the completion of the unfinished game in Houston. The other four came at home. Chris Jorge threw a six-hit shutout in the 9–0 finale. Danny Martinez had seven hits over the two shutout wins that ended that set.

The Stallions won three of four from Cincinnati, too. In the 4–2 finale Bert Lopez struck out eight in 7■ innings. An 11-game challenge produced nine wins, 77 runs and the same 67–64 record as Cincinnati. St. Louis already has five more wins than it managed in all of 1980. It is eight behind Houston and four off the wild-card line.

The Stallions go to Portland on August 31. Houston visits again September 28–30, immediately after four at Cincinnati. That run will test whether the gains St. Louis made playing those clubs in August can survive the rest of its schedule.