Tampa Bay kept finding Walter Kimpton on base

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Nate Smeltz drove in five on August 23, and the Storm needed them in a 10–9 win over Charlotte. It was the club’s only win of the challenge. Tampa Bay later took Atlanta to the 14th and lost 8–6. The two games are worth keeping separate from the 81 runs the Storm allowed across the ten-game stretch.

Walter Kimpton had 12 hits, ten walks and six stolen bases in the challenge. The Storm scored only four runs in two games at Miami and were shut out in their first game back home. Kimpton kept giving the batters behind him a chance to change that pattern.

The Storm go to Los Angeles next. With the expansion date approaching, keep Kimpton’s trips on base in view and watch which hitters get the chances to move him. There is a September job to define even with Tampa Bay 19 games out.