



REPORTS OF OUR DEMISE ARE... PROBABLY ACCURATE

NLCS GAME 4 | THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2026 | DODGER STADIUM | 5:00 PM PT | FS1

BUT WE HAVE NINE INNINGS TO FILE AN APPEAL

Milwaukee leads 3-0. The Dodgers are facing elimination. The band is still playing, the ship is taking on water, and Tyler Glasnow has the baseball.

FROM THE EDITOR: A LIVING WAKE

Welcome, friends, to Game 4. This is not a funeral. It is a living wake. Everyone is invited, the refreshments are questionable, and the guest of honor insists he feels much better.

We have one objective: survive long enough to print another issue. Nobody is asking for four straight wins today. Just one. Then we can discuss our entirely reasonable World Series plans.

TONIGHT: GLASNOW VS. DROHAN

TYLER GLASNOW (LAD) | RHP #31 | 0-0, 1.93 ERA, 5 K

SHANE DROHAN (MIL) | LHP #55 | 0-0, ERA N/A, 0 K

Glasnow gets the ball. Drohan is listed as the Brewers starter on the lineup card. If the bats cannot find a way to score tonight, we may have to start charging them rent for occupying the dugout.



THE CRIME SCENE: GAME 3

BREWERS 6, DODGERS 2 | MILWAUKEE LEADS SERIES 3-0

ELEVEN PITCHES TO RUIN AN EVENING

For a fleeting moment Wednesday, everything was fine. Will Smith doubled home two runs in the sixth. The Dodgers led 2-1. A ballpark full of people briefly remembered the sensation of joy.

Then Jake Bauers conducted an 11-pitch hostage negotiation with Blake Snell. The final pitch went over the right-field wall. Garrett Mitchell followed with another homer. Milwaukee won 6-2.

A BRIEF TIMELINE OF EMOTIONAL DAMAGE

- PITCH ONE** Jackson Chourio homers. Excellent start, everyone.
- SIXTH INNING** Will Smith doubles. Dodgers lead 2-1. The patient has a pulse.
- SEVENTH INNING** Bauers fouls off pitch after pitch, then homers. Mitchell follows.
- FINAL** Milwaukee 6, Los Angeles 2. We are accepting condolence snacks.

ONE ACTUAL BASEBALL TAKEAWAY

The Dodgers collected five hits and still have no home runs in the NLCS. Milwaukee deserves credit for excellent pitching, but Los Angeles has also made scoring look like an optional subscription service.



OFFICIAL LINEUPS

POSTSEASON BATTING STATS | LINEUPS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

LOS ANGELES DODGERS

#	PLAYER	POS	B	HR	RBI	SB	AVG	OPS
1	Ohtani	DH	L	0	0	0	.222	.639
2	Betts	SS	R	0	0	0	.250	.607
3	Freeman, F	1B	L	0	1	0	.091	.174
4	Smith, W	C	R	0	2	0	.091	.349
5	Tucker	RF	L	0	0	0	.250	.830
6	Hernandez, T	LF	R	0	1	0	.200	.450
7	Rojas, M	2B	R	0	0	0	.500	1.167
8	Pages, A	CF	R	0	1	0	.125	.347
9	Hernandez, E	3B	R	0	0	0	.000	.000

MILWAUKEE BREWERS

#	PLAYER	POS	B	HR	RBI	SB	AVG	OPS
1	Chourio, J	LF	R	1	1	0	.214	.643
2	Turang	2B	L	1	2	0	.444	1.472
3	Contreras, W	C	R	1	3	0	.364	1.098
4	Bauers	1B	L	1	3	0	.273	.930
5	Yelich	DH	L	0	2	0	.333	.666
6	Mitchell	CF	L	1	1	0	.100	.708
7	Pratt	SS	R	0	0	1	.500	1.000
8	Frelick	RF	L	0	0	0	.000	.250
9	Hamilton, D	3B	L	0	0	2	.667	1.417



THE BASEBALL PART

WE INTERRUPT THE WAKE FOR A FEW ACTUAL OBSERVATIONS

GLASNOW: PLEASE HOLD THE FORT

Glasnow enters with a 1.93 postseason ERA. His assignment is simple in theory: avoid free passes, keep the ball in the yard, and do not give Milwaukee another early lead. In practice, this is a baseball game, so who knows.

THE BREWERS ARE NOT COOPERATING

Chourio has already led off a postseason game with a homer. Bauers has delivered the at-bats that will haunt us during the offseason. Turang and Contreras have been persistent problems. Milwaukee has earned its 3-0 lead.

THE DODGERS OFFENSIVE MISSING PERSONS REPORT

Freeman: .091 average. Smith: .091, despite the biggest Dodgers hit of Game 3. Pages: .125. Ohtani: .222 and back atop the order. Those are the numbers from today's official lineup card. They are not, technically, a ransom note.

TONIGHT'S DEEPLY SOPHISTICATED GAME PLAN

- ☐ Score before the seventh inning. Preferably more than once.
- ☐ Make routine defensive plays. The Brewers are happy to accept gifts.
- ☐ Do not allow an 11-pitch at-bat to become a folk legend.
- ☐ If a Dodger hits a home run, please notify the historical society.
- ☐ Win one baseball game. We will deal with the existential crisis later.



SPECIAL EMERGENCY RANDOM DODGER

WE ARE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING THE OBSCURITY REQUIREMENT

DAVE ROBERTS: PROFESSIONAL ESCAPE ARTIST

Before he was the manager, Dave Roberts wore Dodger blue as an outfielder from 2002 to 2004. Then he went to Boston, where he became a postseason legend by stealing second base in the ninth inning of Game 4 of the 2004 ALCS.

The Red Sox were down 3-0 in that series. They won Game 4, then Game 5, then Game 6, then Game 7. To this day, they remain the only MLB team to erase a 3-0 deficit and WIN a best-of-seven postseason series.

A SMALL ADMINISTRATIVE REQUEST

Dave, you have already participated in this exact historical miracle. We are not demanding a repeat. We are simply asking whether you kept the instruction manual.

If the Dodgers survive tonight, Roberts is legally required (under Reader bylaws) to steal second base himself.

THE OFFICIAL READER PRECEDENT DEPARTMENT

Teams leading 3-0 in a best-of-seven MLB postseason series have won 41 of 42 such series entering tonight. That is discouraging. It is also, mathematically speaking, not 42 of 42.



THIS DAY IN DODGER HISTORY

OCTOBER 15, 1988 | *THE NIGHT THE IMPOSSIBLE BECAME A REPLAY*

KIRK GIBSON WOULD LIKE A WORD

Thirty-eight years ago today, an injured Kirk Gibson limped to the plate in Game 1 of the 1988 World Series. With two outs in the ninth, the Dodgers trailing Oakland 4-3, he hit a walk-off two-run home run off Dennis Eckersley.

The swing was unlikely. The moment was immortal. Vin Scully let the crowd tell the story. The Dodgers went on to win the World Series in five games.

WE ARE NOT COMPARING THESE SITUATIONS

Gibson needed one swing. This team needs four entire victories. There is a fairly substantial difference. Still, on the anniversary of one of baseball's great impossible moments, it seems rude not to leave the door cracked open.

READER TRIVIA: NO PEEKING

QUESTION 1: Which Dodger manager stole the famous base that helped Boston begin its 2004 ALCS comeback?

QUESTION 2: Who surrendered Kirk Gibson's 1988 World Series Game 1 walk-off homer?

QUESTION 3: Who hit the go-ahead two-run double for the Dodgers in NLCS Game 3?

ANSWERS: 1. Dave Roberts. 2. Dennis Eckersley. 3. Will Smith.



THE READER SURVIVAL SCORECARD

KEEP YOUR PENCIL SHARP. KEEP YOUR EXPECTATIONS REASONABLE.

THE FIVE STAGES OF WATCHING A TEAM DOWN 0-3

DENIAL: "We have them exactly where we want them."

BARGAINING: "Just one run. I will never complain again."

ANGER: "WHY IS EVERY AT-BAT ELEVEN PITCHES?"

ACCEPTANCE: "Well, the parking lot might clear out early."

UNREASONABLE HOPE: "Wait. Did we just score?"

SCORE IT YOURSELF

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
MIL												
LAD												

A NOTE FROM THE EDITORIAL STAFF

If this is goodbye, it has been a pleasure. If it is not, see you tomorrow, you beautiful lunatics.

Enjoy it, then go about your day.