

The Ravine Reader

ENJOY IT, THEN GO ABOUT YOUR DAY.

ONE DOWN.

NLDS GAME 2 | Braves at Dodgers | Sunday, Oct. 4, 2026 | 5:00 PM PT | Dodger Stadium | FS1

YESTERDAY: POWERED UP.

The Dodgers opened October with a **5-3 win**. Tarik Skubal set the tone in 100-degree heat: **6 IP, 2 H, 1 ER, 2 BB, 7 K**. The offense supplied the thunder.

TEOSCAR HERNANDEZ

2-for-4 | HR | 2 RBI | 2 R

KYLE TUCKER

2-for-4 | HR | 2 RBI | SB

MAX MUNCY

Solo HR | back-to-back damage in the 6th

Teoscar broke the seal with a two-run homer in the fourth. Atlanta answered with a Sean Murphy homer in the sixth, then Tucker launched a two-run shot and Muncy followed with a solo homer for a 5-1 cushion. Ozzie Albies made the ninth uncomfortable with a two-run homer, but Evan Phillips got Austin Riley to roll over to short with the tying run at the plate.

GOOD START. NOT A VICTORY LAP.

TODAY'S STORY: PUT THE PRESSURE ON.

A 2-0 lead in a best-of-five is a very different animal. Teams taking that lead have won **83 of 93 series (89%)**. Atlanta needs a split before the series moves east. The Dodgers can make Tuesday feel awfully heavy.

The assignment: Blake Snell against another Atlanta bullpen-game opener. Win tonight and hand the baseball to Yamamoto with a chance to end it.

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OFFICIAL LINEUPS

GAME 2

DODGERS

#	PLAYER	POS
1	Mookie Betts	SS
2	Shohei Ohtani	DH
3	Will Smith	C
4	Freddie Freeman	1B
5	Teoscar Hernandez	LF
6	Kyle Tucker	RF
7	Andy Pages	CF
8	Miguel Rojas	3B
9	Tommy Edman	2B

BRAVES

#	PLAYER	POS
1	Drake Baldwin	DH
2	Ronald Acuna Jr.	RF
3	Ozzie Albies	2B
4	Matt Olson	1B
5	Michael Harris II	CF
6	Mauricio Dubon	SS
7	Austin Riley	3B
8	Sean Murphy	C
9	Lane Thomas	LF

THE LEFT-HANDERS

LAD — BLAKE SNELL

4-1 | 1.90 ERA
11.6 K/9 in the regular season

ATL — RAY KERR

1.47 ERA in 18.1 IP
3.1 scoreless IP in WC clincher

One change for L.A.: Miguel Rojas replaces Max Muncy at third against Kerr. Muncy — fresh off yesterday's homer — becomes a rather unpleasant option once Atlanta turns to a right-hander.

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THE 2-0 GAME

THIS ONE HAS WEIGHT

There is no such thing as a must-win Game 2 for the team already leading the series. There is, however, a chance to change the entire geometry of a five-game set.

83 of 93. That is the historical series record for teams that take a 2-0 lead in a best-of-five. Under the current Division Series format, only three teams in 36 tries have lost the first two games on the road and still won the series.

WIN TONIGHT. SEND YAMAMOTO TO ATLANTA WITH A BROOM IN THE CLOSET.

WHAT TO WATCH

Can Snell miss bats? His 11.6 K/9 ranked among baseball's best starters with at least 40 innings. His 2025 postseason began brilliantly before the World Series went sideways; this is his first October start of 2026.

Make Kerr work. Atlanta got 3 1/3 scoreless innings from him against Philadelphia, but this is still designed as a bullpen game. Every early baserunner changes Walt Weiss's map.

Pages rebound game. Andy went 0-for-4 with three strikeouts yesterday. His defense keeps him valuable; a cleaner night at the plate would be welcome.

Atlanta's dangerous pair: Ozzie Albies has two postseason homers already, and Michael Harris II entered tonight with a .908 postseason OPS.

HOT / NOT

HOT — Teoscar & Tucker: each homered in Game 1 after strong finishes to September.

HOT — Sean Murphy: doubled and homered within his first six postseason at-bats.

COLD — Ronald Acuna Jr.: 2-for-13 entering Game 2.

COLD — Matt Olson: 2-for-15 entering Game 2.

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THIS DAY IN DODGER HISTORY

OCTOBER 4, 1955

"WAIT 'TIL NEXT YEAR" FINALLY DIED.

Seventy-one years ago today, the Brooklyn Dodgers finally beat the Yankees. Twenty-three-year-old Johnny Podres threw a **2-0 shutout in Game 7 at Yankee Stadium**, giving Brooklyn its first and only World Series championship.

The play everyone remembers came in the sixth. Yogi Berra hooked a drive toward the left-field corner with two aboard. Sandy Amoros — inserted into left field — raced over, made the catch near the stands and fired the ball back to the infield to help complete a double play.

Brooklyn had lost World Series to the Yankees in 1941, 1947, 1949, 1952 and 1953. On October 4, 1955, there was finally no next year to wait for.

BROOKLYN 2. YANKEES 0. THE WAIT WAS OVER.

AND FOUR YEARS LATER...

October 4, 1959 brought another first: **the first World Series game ever played in Los Angeles**. More than 90,000 packed the Coliseum for Game 3 against the White Sox. Don Drysdale and Larry Sherry handled the pitching and Carl Furillo delivered the tie-breaking single in a 3-1 Dodgers win.

Frank Sinatra was among the celebrities in attendance. Los Angeles had its World Series. Brooklyn's team had become the city's team.

TODAY'S CEREMONIAL FIRST PITCH

Reggie Smith, the newest Legends of Dodger Baseball inductee, gets the honor tonight. Smith played six seasons in Los Angeles, made three All-Star teams as a Dodger and was a major piece of the 1977, 1978 and 1981 pennant clubs.

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RANDOM DODGER

LEE LACY

We promised obscure. Here you go.

Lee Lacy spent parts of seven seasons with the Dodgers across two separate stints in the 1970s. He was the kind of useful player championship clubs always seem to have lying around: second base, third base, outfield, pinch-hit, run a little, hit a little.

His wonderfully strange Dodger footnote came in **1978**. Lacy tied a major-league record by hitting **three consecutive pinch-hit home runs**. He later became a regular with Pittsburgh and Baltimore and finished a 16-year career with more than 1,300 hits.

His Dodgers timing was pretty good, too: he appeared in the 1974, 1977 and 1978 postseasons — three pennant-winning clubs in five seasons.

THREE STRAIGHT PINCH-HIT HOMERS. NOW THAT'S A RANDOM DODGER.

READER TRIVIA

1. Who threw the Game 7 shutout that delivered Brooklyn's only World Series championship?
2. Which Dodger made the famous left-field catch that helped preserve it?
3. Who homered for L.A. in yesterday's sixth inning immediately after Kyle Tucker's two-run shot?
4. Which team has won three of the five previous Dodgers-Braves postseason series?

Answers: 1) Johnny Podres. 2) Sandy Amoros. 3) Max Muncy. 4) The Dodgers.

READER MISSION

Watch the first three innings like a manager. How many pitches can L.A. make Kerr throw? When does Atlanta go to the bullpen? And who gets the first crack at Muncy off the bench?

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SCORING / NOTES

FINAL THOUGHT

Yesterday was the start. Tonight is the squeeze.

ONE DOWN. GO GET TWO.