

The Ravine Reader

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ST. LOUIS CARDINALS AT LOS ANGELES DODGERS

7:10 PM PT | UNIQLO FIELD AT DODGER STADIUM

ST. LOUIS: TBD VS. YOSHINOBU YAMAMOTO (RHP)

Clear | 74 F at first pitch | Ohtani 2025 World Series replica ring giveaway

WHY THE RAVINE READER?

We missed the old game notes, so we put together our own. It is free and easy for us to make - and free and easy for you to enjoy. Read whatever catches your eye, then go about your day.

PREGAME TRIVIA - ANSWERS NEAR THE BACK

- 1 Which Brooklyn Dodger hit for the cycle on September 2, 1944?
- 2 How many runs did St. Louis score Tuesday - a Cardinals record at Dodger Stadium?
- 3 How many earned runs has Yamamoto allowed in two career starts against St. Louis?

ROGER OWENS PEANUT COUNTER

69TH DODGERS SEASON

Serving fans since 1958 - before Dodger Stadium.

SINCE THE FIRST L.A. HOME GAME

24,974 DAYS

April 18, 1958 | Coliseum | Dodgers 6, Giants 5

FREE UNOFFICIAL DODGERS GAME NOTES | MATCHUPS, HISTORY, TRIVIA AND ASSORTED DODGER LORE

FIRST PITCH
7:10 PM PT

FORECAST
74 F | Clear

TELEVISION
SportsNet LA

RADIO
AM 570

STANDINGS SNAPSHOT

CLUB	RECORD	LAST 10	STREAK	RUN DIFF.	POSITION
St. Louis	69-70	3-7	W1	-10	3.5 GB WC
Los Angeles	82-56	5-5	L1	+148	1st NLW

LAST TIME OUT - CARDINALS 13, DODGERS 8

St. Louis launched five home runs and scored in six different innings to take the series opener. Thomas Saggese hit two homers; Jordan Walker, Ramon Urias and Joshua Baez also went deep. The 13 runs were the most the Cardinals have scored in 337 games at Dodger Stadium, including postseason play.

Dodgers bright spot: Mookie Betts doubled twice and drove in four runs. Will Smith added two RBIs in his return after nearly three months away.

THE DECISIONS

WP: Michael McGreevy (6-9) | LP: Eric Lauer (8-7) | Attendance: 44,593

Turning point: a five-run St. Louis third inning stretched the lead to 7-0.

FIVE THINGS TO WATCH

- 1 Can Yamamoto halt the home-run barrage after St. Louis hit five Tuesday?
- 2 Will the Dodgers provide run support? LA has scored three-plus behind Yamamoto only twice in his last six starts.
- 3 Can Betts carry forward a two-double, four-RBI night?
- 4 Will rookie catcher Leo Bernal build on a 107.6 mph, two-run first MLB hit?
- 5 Does St. Louis name a conventional starter or turn the game into a bullpen assignment?

PROBABLE PITCHERS

PITCHER	W-L	ERA	SO	AUG. ERA	STATUS
St. Louis	-	-	-	-	TBD
Yoshinobu Yamamoto, LAD	12-8	2.56	153	1.95	CONFIRMED

YAMAMOTO'S AUGUST

Yamamoto went only 1-2 in five August starts, but his 1.95 ERA ranked fourth among qualified National League pitchers. His 12 wins tie his MLB career high, and his 2.56 season ERA has been built on consistency rather than generous offensive backing.

HISTORY AGAINST ST. LOUIS

11.0

CAREER INNINGS VS. CARDINALS

Two starts | zero runs allowed

Active Cardinals against him: 3-for-15 combined

Burleson 1-for-5 | Gorman 1-for-4 | Herrera 0-for-5 | Pages 1-for-1

LAST START

Yamamoto allowed a first-pitch home run to Atlanta's Drake Baldwin, then yielded nothing else across 6 1/3 innings. He struck out eight in a 1-0 loss - the clearest recent example of the thin margin he has received.

ST. LOUIS STARTER WATCH

The Cardinals had not announced a probable starter as of this morning. The Ravine Reader will not turn TBD into a guess: this space would be refreshed automatically when the club posts its pitcher.

GAME-PLAN LENS

- Yamamoto: keep the baseball out of the air after St. Louis' five-homer opener.
- Dodgers hitters: create an early lead and change the run-support story.
- Both clubs: bullpens worked through a 21-run opener, making clean starter innings especially valuable.

WHO'S HOT

- Mookie Betts: two doubles and four RBIs Tuesday, including a bases-clearing double in the third.
- Thomas Saggese: two home runs Tuesday after entering with four homers in 134 career games.
- Jordan Walker: his 28th homer traveled a projected 409 feet at 109.3 mph.
- Yoshinobu Yamamoto: a 1.95 ERA across five August starts.

WHO'S NOT - LOOKING TO TURN IT AROUND

- Los Angeles has lost five of seven despite retaining a 10-game NL West lead.
- The Dodgers allowed five homers Tuesday and have little room for another bullpen-heavy evening.
- St. Louis is only 3-7 in its last 10 despite winning the opener.

MILESTONE WATCH

1 FREDDIE FREEMAN DOUBLE FROM 100 AT DODGER STADIUM

He owns 99 doubles, 55 homers and a .292 average in 411 games at the park.

1 JORDAN WALKER RBI FROM 100 THIS SEASON

Tuesday's two-run homer brought the St. Louis slugger to 99.

ANNIVERSARY: OHTANI HIT HIS 100TH DODGERS HOME RUN ON THIS DATE IN 2025.

COOPERSTOWN CORNER - CLAYTON KERSHAW

65 BASEBALL-REFERENCE BLACK INK

Average Hall of Fame pitcher: 40

3 Cy Young Awards | 2014 NL MVP | 3,052 strikeouts | 2.53 career ERA

Black Ink rewards league-leading seasons. Kershaw did not merely last - he dominated.

The question is not whether he belongs in Cooperstown, only how overwhelming the vote will be.

SERIES STATE AND WHAT COMES NEXT

St. Louis leads the three-game series 1-0. Thursday's finale is scheduled for 7:10 PM, with Quinn Mathews (1-2, 5.03 ERA) listed against Tarik Skubal (8-7, 2.84 ERA). Washington then arrives Friday to continue the homestand.

A RIVALRY OLDER THAN EITHER CITY PAIRING

The franchises first met May 29, 1884, as the St. Louis Browns and Brooklyn Atlantics. Entering this series, St. Louis held a narrow regular-season edge, while their October history stretches across six postseason meetings.

CATEGORY	ST. LOUIS	DODGERS	NOTE
Regular season	1,113 wins	1,098 wins	Nine ties
Postseason	14 wins	10 wins	Six meetings

SEPTEMBER 2 IN DODGERS HISTORY

- 1944

Dixie Walker hit for the cycle as Brooklyn beat the New York Giants 8-4. TIME CAPSULE: gasoline averaged roughly 21 cents per gallon; Bing Crosby's 'Swinging on a Star' sat atop Billboard; World War II was still raging in Europe and the Pacific.
- 2025

Shohei Ohtani crushed his 100th home run as a Dodger - a 120 mph shot in Pittsburgh, the hardest-hit Dodgers homer of the Statcast era at that time.

LAST NIGHT'S WONDERFULLY OBSCURE NUMBERS

- 13: a Cardinals record for runs scored at Dodger Stadium.
- 15: Saggese became the 15th Cardinal with a multihomer game at the park.
- 55: Walker's 55th career homer came against his 55th different pitcher.
- 107.6 mph: the exit velocity on Leo Bernal's first major league hit.

CHAVEZ RAVINE QUICK READS

- Dodger Stadium opened April 10, 1962, and remains the third-oldest active MLB park.
- Roger Owens began working Dodgers games in 1958, four seasons before the stadium opened.
- The Cardinals' previous road game of 13-plus runs against the Dodgers came at Ebbets Field in 1954.

STARTING LINEUPS

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Official lineups were not posted when this morning edition was prepared.

YOUR THREE THINGS TO TRACK

- 1 Yamamoto scoreless innings and run support
- 2 St. Louis fly balls and home-run threats
- 3 Freeman's chase for double No. 100 at Dodger Stadium

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Dixie Walker. Brooklyn beat the Giants 8-4 in 1944.
2. Thirteen. It was St. Louis' highest total in 337 games at Dodger Stadium.
3. Zero. Yamamoto has thrown 11 scoreless innings in two career starts against the Cardinals.

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TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	H	E
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LOS ANGELES													

ST. LOUIS BATTING

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HOW TO KEEP SCORE

1. Write each batter in order.
2. Record the result in the plate-appearance box.
3. Darken each base reached; fill the diamond when a run scores.
1B single | 2B double | 3B triple | HR home run | BB walk | K strikeout
Positions: 1 P | 2 C | 3 1B | 4 2B | 5 3B | 6 SS | 7 LF | 8 CF | 9 RF

MY GAME NOTES

Memorable play, favorite moment, something overheard, or anything worth saving.

FINAL: STL ____ LAD ____