

# The Ravine Reader

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## ST. LOUIS CARDINALS AT LOS ANGELES DODGERS

7:10 PM PT | UNIQLO FIELD AT DODGER STADIUM

QUINN MATHEWS (LHP) VS. TARIK SKUBAL (LHP)

Mostly clear | 73 F at first pitch | SportsNet LA | AM 570

### WHY THE RAVINE READER?

We missed the old Game Notes the Dodgers used to post, so we made our own. We're not reinventing the wheel - just borrowing the familiar format and adding some fun sections of our own, from trivia and history to assorted Dodger lore.

**These are simple for us to put together, so they're free for you to enjoy. No strings attached. Read whatever catches your eye, then go about your day.**

### PREGAME TRIVIA - ANSWERS NEAR THE BACK

- 1 Who pitched all 12 innings in Brooklyn's final Jersey City home game?
- 2 What year did Roger Owens begin selling peanuts at Dodgers games?
- 3 Which famous Brooklyn fan made noise with a frying pan before graduating to cowbells?

ROGER OWENS PEANUT COUNTER

## 69TH DODGERS SEASON

Serving fans since 1958 - before Dodger Stadium.

SINCE THE FIRST L.A. HOME GAME

## 24,975 DAYS

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

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7:10 PM PT

FORECAST  
73 F | Clear

TELEVISION  
SportsNet LA

RADIO  
AM 570

STANDINGS SNAPSHOT

| CLUB        | RECORD | STREAK | POSITION | CONTEXT      |
|-------------|--------|--------|----------|--------------|
| St. Louis   | 70-70  | W2     | 3rd NLC  | Sweep chance |
| Los Angeles | 82-57  | L2     | 1st NLW  | Lost 6 of 8  |

LAST TIME OUT - CARDINALS 8, DODGERS 6 (10 INNINGS)

The Dodgers built a 3-0 lead on Freddie Freeman's first-inning homer and later went ahead 5-2 on Mookie Betts' two-run shot. St. Louis kept answering, tied it in the eighth and scored three in the tenth. Thomas Saggese supplied the go-ahead infield single; Joshua Baez followed with a two-run double.

**Noteworthy:** Yoshinobu Yamamoto carried a no-hitter through five and struck out eight over seven innings. Freeman ended a career-high 47-game homer drought. Betts extended his hitting streak to nine. Leo Bernal hit his first MLB home run. Los Angeles went 1-for-18 with runners in scoring position.

FIVE THINGS TO WATCH

- 1 Can Skubal stop a St. Louis club that has scored 21 runs in two nights?
- 2 Ohtani is in the posted lineup at DH after playing through knee, biceps and general soreness.
- 3 Will Smith catches Skubal for the first time in a Dodgers regular-season start.
- 4 Mathews makes only his fifth major league start against a lineup stacked with accomplished hitters.
- 5 Can Los Angeles solve its situational hitting after the 1-for-18 RISP night?

PROBABLE PITCHERS

| PITCHER            | W-L | ERA  | WHIP | SO  | NOTE      |
|--------------------|-----|------|------|-----|-----------|
| Quinn Mathews, STL | 1-2 | 5.03 | 1.58 | 20  | 5th start |
| Tarik Skubal, LAD  | 8-7 | 2.84 | 0.94 | 153 | Ace turn  |

SKUBAL'S FIRST MONTH IN BLUE

Five starts, 30 innings, a 3.00 ERA, 37 strikeouts, seven walks and only two home runs allowed. Tonight pairs him with Will Smith for the first time in a Dodgers regular-season game.

5.29

STRIKEOUTS FOR EVERY WALK AS A DODGER

37 K / 7 BB in his first five Los Angeles starts

MATHEWS AT A GLANCE

The 25-year-old left-hander is making his fifth major league start. His 20 strikeouts in his first 19 2/3 innings show the swing-and-miss ability; the Dodgers will try to make him work and force St. Louis back into a bullpen that covered Wednesday's game with eight pitchers.

BULLPEN LENS

- St. Louis: eight relievers handled Wednesday's bullpen game; Riley O'Brien earned his 35th save.
- Los Angeles: Blake Treinen was activated after 6 1/3 scoreless rehab innings with eight strikeouts.
- Roster move: Eric Lauer went to the 15-day injured list with left elbow inflammation.
- Best-case Dodgers script: length from Skubal, an early lead and a cleaner bridge to the late innings.

## WHO'S HOT

- Mookie Betts: nine-game hitting streak after a two-run homer Wednesday.
- Freddie Freeman: broke a 47-game homer drought with a three-run shot in the first.
- Thomas Saggese: three homers in two games, plus the go-ahead hit in the tenth Wednesday.
- Leo Bernal: first major league homer one night after his first major league hit.

## WHO'S NOT - AND WHAT NEEDS TO TURN

- Dodgers: six losses in eight games and two straight to begin this series.
- Situational hitting: 1-for-18 with runners in scoring position Wednesday.
- Shohei Ohtani: 2-for-23 with 11 strikeouts over his last six games entering today; health is part of the story.

## MILESTONE WATCH

- 1 **FREDDIE FREEMAN DOUBLE FROM 100 AT DODGER STADIUM**
- 1 **JORDAN WALKER RBI FROM 100 THIS SEASON**
- 1 **MOOKIE BETTS GAME FROM A 10-GAME HITTING STREAK**

## COOPERSTOWN CORNER - CLAYTON KERSHAW

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### BASEBALL-REFERENCE BLACK INK

Average Hall of Fame pitcher: 40

3 Cy Young Awards | 2014 NL MVP | 3,000-plus strikeouts

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

## A RIVALRY THAT BEGAN IN 1884

The franchises first met May 29, 1884, as the St. Louis Browns and Brooklyn Atlantics. Through Wednesday, St. Louis holds the regular-season edge 1,115 wins to 1,098, with nine ties. Their postseason history spans six meetings: Cardinals 14 wins, Dodgers 10.

## SEPTEMBER 3 IN DODGERS HISTORY

**1957** Brooklyn played its final Jersey City home game, losing 3-2 to Philadelphia in 12 innings. Don Drysdale pitched all 12. The Dodgers finished 11-4 in the games shifted across the Hudson.

### TIME CAPSULE

Gas: about 31 cents per gallon | No. 1 pop record: 'Diana' by Paul Anka

A first-class stamp cost 3 cents | The Dodgers' move west was only weeks from becoming official

## DODGER LORE - HILDA CHESTER AND THE COWBELLS

Long before organized ballpark sound systems, Ebbets Field had Hilda Chester. She began around the club as a hot-dog vendor, became Brooklyn's most recognizable superfan and used a frying pan and ladle before graduating to her famous cowbells. Players heard her, umpires heard her, and the whole borough seemed to recognize the sound. She remains a perfect symbol of what made the Brooklyn Dodgers feel like a neighborhood club.

## CHAVEZ RAVINE QUICK READS

- The first Dodgers home game in Los Angeles drew 78,672 to the Coliseum on April 18, 1958.
- Dodger Stadium opened April 10, 1962, making tonight part of its 65th season.
- Roger Owens began selling peanuts at Dodgers games in 1958 and became famous for behind-the-back and under-the-leg tosses.
- The classic view beyond the outfield is framed by the San Gabriel Mountains - clearest on bright afternoon games.

## STARTING LINEUPS

### ST. LOUIS

1. Jose Fermin - 2B
2. Ivan Herrera - DH
3. Jordan Walker - RF
4. Alec Burleson - 1B
5. Joshua Baez - LF
6. Leo Bernal - C
7. Ramon Urias - 3B
8. Thomas Saggese - SS
9. Nathan Church - CF

*Lineups posted by MLB; subject to late change.*

### LOS ANGELES

1. Shohei Ohtani - DH
2. Freddie Freeman - 1B
3. Mookie Betts - SS
4. Max Muncy - 3B
5. Will Smith - C
6. Kyle Tucker - RF
7. Tommy Edman - CF
8. Teoscar Hernandez - LF
9. Alex Freeland - 2B

## THINGS WORTH JOTTING DOWN

- First pitch / final out times
- Skubal strikeout total and pitch count
- Best defensive play
- Loudest crowd moment
- Something you want to remember

## TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Don Drysdale.
2. 1958 - the Dodgers' first season in Los Angeles.
3. Hilda Chester, the cowbell-ringing voice of Ebbets Field.

## SOURCE DESK

Game, lineup and player data: MLB.com, Dodgers.com and ESPN. Previous-game reporting and roster context: MLB.com, Reuters and True Blue LA. Historical references: Baseball Almanac, Walter O'Malley historical archive and Baseball-Reference. Weather: forecast checked the afternoon of September 3. Statistics are through games of September 2 unless noted.

# Keep Score at the Ravine

Cardinals at Dodgers | September 3, 2026 | Mark the play in each inning box; total at right.

| ST. LOUIS              | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | R |
|------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Jose Fermin - 2B    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 2. Ivan Herrera - DH   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 3. Jordan Walker - RF  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 4. Alec Burleson - 1B  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 5. Joshua Baez - LF    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 6. Leo Bernal - C      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 7. Ramon Urias - 3B    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 8. Thomas Saggese - SS |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 9. Nathan Church - CF  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

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| 2. Freddie Freeman - 1B   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 3. Mookie Betts - SS      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 4. Max Muncy - 3B         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 5. Will Smith - C         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 6. Kyle Tucker - RF       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 7. Tommy Edman - CF       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 8. Teoscar Hernandez - LF |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 9. Alex Freeland - 2B     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

## QUICK SCORING KEY

1 P 2 C 3 1B 4 2B 5 3B

6 SS 7 LF 8 CF 9 RF

K strikeout | BB walk | HR homer

Example: 6-3 = shortstop to first

Shade the diamond as runners advance.

## GAME NOTES