

The Ravine Reader

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WASHINGTON NATIONALS AT LOS ANGELES DODGERS

7:10 PM PT | UNIQLO FIELD AT DODGER STADIUM

JACKSON KENT (LHP) VS. BLAKE SNELL (LHP)

Clear and pleasant | About 74 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 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 delivered Thursday's walk-off double?
- 2 Which franchise did today's opponent represent before moving to Washington?
- 3 Which Dodgers catcher went from Coast Guard service and a semipro tryout to the major leagues?

ROGER OWENS PEANUT COUNTER

69TH DODGERS SEASON

Serving fans since 1958 - before Dodger Stadium.

SINCE THE FIRST L.A. HOME GAME

24,976 DAYS

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

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FIRST PITCH
7:10 PM PT

FORECAST
74 F | Clear

TELEVISION
SportsNet LA

SEASON SERIES
LAD leads 3-0

STANDINGS SNAPSHOT

CLUB	RECORD	LAST 10	POSITION	RUN DIFFERENTIAL
Washington	67-75	6-4	4th NL East	+14
Los Angeles	83-57	4-6	1st NL West	+147

LAST TIME OUT - DODGERS 3, CARDINALS 2

Teoscar Hernandez lined a two-run double in the ninth, scoring Tommy Edman and Mookie Betts for the Dodgers' sixth walk-off win of the season. Edman went 4-for-5 and stole second in the ninth; Los Angeles avoided a sweep after entering the inning 1-for-26 with runners in scoring position across the previous two games.

Tarik Skubal worked 5 2/3 innings and allowed two runs despite matching a career high with 10 hits. Shohei Ohtani rested with arm and general soreness and was considered questionable for Friday.

FIVE THINGS TO WATCH

- 1 Snell makes his fifth start since returning from the injured list.
- 2 Washington sends rookie left-hander Jackson Kent into a deep veteran lineup.
- 3 Ohtani and Freeman are out of the starting lineup; the Dodgers stack right-handed bats against Kent.
- 4 The Dodgers swept three April games in Washington, scoring 31 runs.
- 5 Can Thursday night's walk-off unlock an offense that has struggled in high-leverage spots?

PROBABLE PITCHERS

PITCHER	W-L	ERA	WHIP	SO	INNINGS
Jackson Kent, WSH	1-2	5.59	1.71	17	19.1
Blake Snell, LAD	2-1	2.42	1.08	36	26.0

SNELL'S RESET

The two-time Cy Young winner has allowed 16 hits and no home runs over 26 innings this season. His 36 strikeouts give him 12.5 per nine innings; the early challenge is staying in the zone without giving Washington free traffic.

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HOME RUNS ALLOWED BY SNELL IN 2026

Across his first 26 innings back on a major-league mound

KENT AT A GLANCE

Washington's 23-year-old rookie is making his fifth major-league start. He has missed bats, but 15 walks in 19 1/3 innings have driven the 1.71 WHIP. The Dodgers' most direct path is patience: force strikes, extend innings and get into the bullpen.

TEAM COMPARISON

- Batting average: Washington .248 | Los Angeles .257
- Runs: Washington 735 | Los Angeles 687
- Home runs: Washington 193 | Los Angeles 171
- Team ERA: Washington 4.69 | Los Angeles 3.70
- WHIP: Washington 1.39 | Los Angeles 1.16

WHO'S HOT

- Tommy Edman: four hits Thursday, eight hits in the three-game Cardinals series.
- Teoscar Hernandez: 6-for-13 in the series, capped by the walk-off double.
- CJ Abrams: 29 home runs and 94 RBI, both career highs.
- Andres Chaparro: .858 OPS in a smaller but productive Washington sample.

WHO'S NOT - AND WHAT NEEDS TO TURN

- Dodgers: 4-6 over their last 10 despite a +147 season run differential.
- Situational hitting remains the pressure point after the 1-for-26 RISP stretch.
- Ohtani: out of the starting lineup for a second straight night as the club monitors his soreness.

MILESTONE WATCH

- 1 CJ ABRAMS HOME RUN FROM 30 THIS SEASON
- 6 CJ ABRAMS RBI FROM 100 THIS SEASON
- 1 FREDDIE FREEMAN DOUBLE FROM 100 AT DODGER STADIUM

COOPERSTOWN CORNER - BLAKE SNELL

7TH

PITCHER TO WIN A CY YOUNG IN BOTH LEAGUES

2018 AL winner with Tampa Bay | 2023 NL winner with San Diego

The other six: Perry, Johnson, Martinez, Clemens, Halladay and Scherzer.

Tonight is a chance to watch a genuinely uncommon award resume at work.

WASHINGTON / MONTREAL FRANCHISE HISTORY

The Dodgers lead the all-time regular-season series 307-211 against the franchise that began as the Montreal Expos. The 2026 season series is 3-0 Dodgers after April wins of 13-6, 10-5 and 8-6 in Washington.

October history is much tighter: Los Angeles beat Montreal in the 1981 NLCS and Washington in the 2016 NLDS; the Nationals answered in the 2019 NLDS. All three series went the distance.

SEPTEMBER 4 IN DODGERS HISTORY

1947 Brooklyn shut out the New York Giants 2-0 at the Polo Grounds during the Dodgers' pennant-winning season.

1966 Los Angeles became the first major-league club to draw two million fans both at home and on the road in the same season, beating Cincinnati 8-6.

TIME CAPSULE: 1947

Gas averaged about 23 cents per gallon | A first-class stamp cost 3 cents

Billboard's leading record that week: 'Near You' by Francis Craig

DODGER LORE - THE BROOKLYN SYM-PHONIES

The Sym-Phonies were an untrained, wonderfully noisy band of Brooklyn fans who brought homemade music and neighborhood energy to Ebbets Field. Their instruments and costumes were part comedy, part devotion. The point was never polish: it was to make the Dodgers feel like everyone's team, with the bleachers participating in the show.

CHAVEZ RAVINE QUICK READS

- Dodger Stadium opened April 10, 1962, and is now the oldest ballpark in the National League.
- Roger Owens began selling peanuts at Dodgers games in 1958 and became famous for trick throws.
- The first Los Angeles home game drew 78,672 to the Coliseum on April 18, 1958.
- The stadium sits in Chavez Ravine, with the San Gabriel Mountains beyond the outfield on clear days.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS

PLAYER	POS	BATS	AVG	HR	RBI	OPS
James Wood	RF	L	.265	30	73	.924
Abimelec Ortiz	DH	L	.202	5	10	.636
Dylan Crews	CF	R	.216	10	34	.643
CJ Abrams	2B	L	.267	29	94	.845
Andres Chaparro	3B	R	.247	9	34	.858
Daylen Lile	LF	L	.254	20	80	.746
Yohandy Morales	1B	R	.500	1	1	1.500
Keibert Ruiz	C	S	.282	9	45	.770
Nasim Nunez	SS	S	.214	1	35	.542

LOS ANGELES DODGERS

PLAYER	POS	BATS	AVG	HR	RBI	OPS
Tommy Edman	CF	S	.279	5	29	.766
Mookie Betts	SS	R	.242	17	53	.721
Teoscar Hernandez	LF	R	.256	12	48	.723
Will Smith	C	R	.242	6	25	.706
Max Muncy	3B	L	.246	26	68	.830
Miguel Rojas	2B	R	.277	3	20	.718
Alex Call	DH	R	.252	1	18	.685
Kyle Tucker	RF	L	.225	11	58	.677
Enrique Hernandez	1B	R	.224	2	5	.657

Official starting lineups as posted by MLB; subject to late change.

JACK FIMPLE | CATCHER | DODGERS 1983-84, 1986

.228

CAREER MLB AVG

197 AB | 45 H | 2 HR | 28 RBI | .607 OPS

Catcher | Right-handed hitter | Four major-league seasons

HOW IN THE WORLD DID HE GET HERE?

Fimple quit high-school baseball after a dispute with his coach, enlisted in the Coast Guard and later attended an open tryout for the semipro Humboldt Crabs. That unlikely route led to college baseball, a 29th-round draft selection by Cleveland and, eventually, Los Angeles.

The Dodgers acquired him in the December 1981 trade that sent Rick Sutcliffe and Jack Perconte to Cleveland. As a rookie in 1983, Fimple hit .250/.300/.358 in 54 games and started twice in the NLCS, driving in a run.

THE ODD FOOTNOTE

Fimple was reportedly discussed in the complicated 1985 talks that might have brought Mike Schmidt to Los Angeles. That blockbuster never happened. The Dodgers released Fimple after 1986; he finished his major-league career with the Angels in 1987.

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Teoscar Hernandez.
2. The Montreal Expos.
3. Jack Fimple.

SOURCE DESK

Game, lineup and player data: MLB.com, ESPN and MLB Stats. Previous-game reporting: Reuters and True Blue LA. Historical references: Baseball Almanac, Baseball-Reference and MLB postseason records. Random Dodger: MLB, Baseball-Reference and True Blue LA. Weather checked September 4. Statistics through September 3 unless noted.

Keep Score at the Ravine

Nationals at Dodgers | September 4, 2026 | Mark each play in the inning box; total runs at right.

WASHINGTON	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R
1. James Wood - RF										
2. Abimelec Ortiz - DH										
3. Dylan Crews - CF										
4. CJ Abrams - 2B										
5. Andres Chaparro - 3B										
6. Daylen Lile - LF										
7. Yohandy Morales - 1B										
8. Keibert Ruiz - C										
9. Nasim Nunez - SS										

LOS ANGELES	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R
1. Tommy Edman - CF										
2. Mookie Betts - SS										
3. Teoscar Hernandez - LF										
4. Will Smith - C										
5. Max Muncy - 3B										
6. Miguel Rojas - 2B										
7. Alex Call - DH										
8. Kyle Tucker - RF										
9. Enrique Hernandez - 1B										

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