

The Ravine Reader

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WASHINGTON NATIONALS AT LOS ANGELES DODGERS

7:10 PM PT | UNIQLO FIELD AT DODGER STADIUM

ANDREW ALVAREZ (LHP) VS. JUSTIN WROBLESKI (LHP)

Sunday night baseball | SportsNet LA | AM 570

NEW ISSUES TYPICALLY POST ABOUT 3 HOURS BEFORE FIRST PITCH, ONCE OFFICIAL LINEUPS ARE OUT.

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 hit Saturday's go-ahead three-run homer?
- 2 Which talking horse once homered off Sandy Koufax on television?
- 3 Which pitcher taught Fernando Valenzuela his screwball?

ROGER OWENS PEANUT COUNTER

69TH DODGERS SEASON

Serving fans since 1958 - before Dodger Stadium.

SINCE THE FIRST L.A. HOME GAME

24,978 DAYS

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

FREE UNOFFICIAL DODGERS GAME NOTES | ENJOY IT, THEN GO ABOUT YOUR DAY

FIRST PITCH

7:10 PM PT

BALLPARK

Dodger Stadium

TELEVISION

SportsNet LA

SEASON SERIES

LAD leads 5-0

STANDINGS SNAPSHOT

CLUB	RECORD	LAST 10	POSITION	RUN DIFFERENTIAL
Washington	67-77	5-5	4th 18.5 GB	+11
Los Angeles	85-57	5-5	1st 10.0 GA	+150

LAST TIME OUT - DODGERS 6, NATIONALS 5

Tommy Edman erased a 4-2 deficit with a go-ahead three-run homer in the seventh, then added a leaping catch at the center-field wall. Teoscar Hernandez and Hunter Feduccia supplied early RBI singles.

Washington pulled within one in the ninth, but Tanner Scott struck out CJ Abrams with the tying run at third. The Dodgers won their third straight and improved to 5-0 against Washington this season.

FIVE THINGS TO WATCH

- 1 Wroblewski enters 11-5 with a 3.65 ERA and may share bulk innings with Bobby Miller.
- 2 Andrew Alvarez has a strong 3.47 ERA despite a 2-6 record.
- 3 Shohei Ohtani is out of the lineup for a fourth straight game while the club monitors multiple ailments.
- 4 Edman has moved comfortably into the leadoff spot and delivered Saturday's defining swing.
- 5 A sweep would extend the Dodgers' winning streak to four and finish a perfect 6-0 season series.

PROBABLE PITCHERS

PITCHER	W-L	ERA	HAND	SO	ROLE
Andrew Alvarez, WSH	2-6	3.47	LHP	86	Starter
Justin Wroblewski, LAD	11-5	3.65	LHP	104	Bulk

WROBLESKI'S ASSIGNMENT

Wroblewski brings an 11-5 record and 104 strikeouts into a flexible pitching plan. The Dodgers may ask him for length rather than a traditional start, with Bobby Miller another candidate to cover multiple innings.

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WROBLESKI WINS IN 2026

A useful left-handed weapon in both starting and bulk roles

ALVAREZ AT A GLANCE

Alvarez's 2-6 record hides a sturdy 3.47 ERA. The left-hander has struck out 86 and gives Washington a chance to slow a Dodgers lineup missing Shohei Ohtani for a fourth straight game.

TEAM COMPARISON

- Record: Washington 67-77 | Los Angeles 85-57
- Run differential: Washington +11 | Los Angeles +150
- Division position: Washington 4th NL East | Los Angeles 1st NL West
- Season series: Los Angeles leads 5-0
- Current streak: Dodgers have won three straight

WHO'S HOT

- Tommy Edman: go-ahead three-run homer and a run-saving catch Saturday.
- Teoscar Hernandez: RBI hits in each of the first two games of the series.
- Kyle Tucker: a home run Friday and an insurance run scored Saturday.
- Dodgers: three straight wins and a 5-0 record against Washington.

WHO'S NOT - AND WHAT NEEDS TO TURN

- Washington: five straight losses to Los Angeles this season.
- The Dodgers bullpen allowed Washington to put the tying run at third in the ninth Saturday.
- Ohtani: out of the starting lineup for a fourth straight game with knee, biceps and neck issues.

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

STREAK WATCH - SEASON-SERIES SWEEP

5-0

DODGERS VS. NATIONALS IN 2026

Three wins in Washington | Two wins in Los Angeles

One more win completes a perfect six-game season series.

The Dodgers can finish the homestand with a four-game winning streak.

WASHINGTON / MONTREAL FRANCHISE HISTORY

The Dodgers lead the all-time regular-season series 308-211 against the franchise that began as the Montreal Expos. The 2026 season series is 4-0 Dodgers after an April sweep in Washington and Friday's 5-3 win.

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.

DODGER STADIUM ON TELEVISION - MISTER ED

1963 The sitcom Mister Ed filmed "Leo Durocher Meets Mister Ed" at Dodger Stadium. In the episode, the talking horse gives Leo Durocher baseball advice and eventually steps in against Sandy Koufax.

HR Ed hits an inside-the-park home run off Koufax while Vin Scully calls the action. Willie Davis, Johnny Roseboro and Moose Skowron also appear.

AIR DATE: SEPTEMBER 29, 1963

Filmed at Dodger Stadium in summer 1963 | One very unlikely Koufax opponent

TV Guide later ranked it among its 100 greatest television episodes.

WHY IT STILL WORKS

The episode is pure early-1960s baseball television: a real ballpark, real Dodgers and a completely ridiculous premise played straight. The joke lands because Koufax and the Dodgers were already larger-than-life - and because Vin Scully could make even a talking horse circling the bases sound plausible.

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 - OFFICIAL

PLAYER	POS	BATS	AVG	HR	RBI	OPS
James Wood	DH	L	.267	30	74	.928
Dylan Crews	RF	R	.216	10	34	.644
Andres Chaparro	1B	R	.255	9	34	.864
CJ Abrams	2B	L	.265	29	94	.839
Brady House	3B	R	.246	10	41	.717
Daylen Lile	LF	L	.253	20	80	.743
Harry Ford	C	R	.192	3	8	.672
Jacob Young	CF	R	.249	10	44	.713
Nasim Nunez	SS	S	.213	1	35	.540

LOS ANGELES DODGERS - OFFICIAL

PLAYER	POS	BATS	AVG	HR	RBI	OPS
Tommy Edman	CF	S	.274	6	32	.760
Mookie Betts	SS	R	.244	17	54	.724
Will Smith	C	R	.300	16	65	.865
Freddie Freeman	1B	L	.303	16	66	.844
Teoscar Hernandez	LF	R	.257	12	51	.727
Kyle Tucker	RF	L	.226	12	59	.686
Miguel Rojas	2B	R	.280	4	31	.700
Max Muncy	DH	L	.245	26	68	.826
Enrique Hernandez	3B	R	.215	8	31	.650

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

BOBBY "BABO" CASTILLO | PITCHER | DODGERS 1977-81, 1985

3.94

CAREER MLB ERA

38-40 | 250 G | 59 GS | 18 SV | 434 SO

Right-handed pitcher | 1981 World Series champion

THE LOS ANGELES ORIGINAL

Born in Los Angeles, Castillo signed with the Dodgers and reached the majors in 1977. He worked as both a starter and reliever, helped the 1981 club win the World Series and returned for a final Dodgers season in 1985.

Across nine major-league seasons with Los Angeles and Minnesota, Babo appeared in 250 games, threw 689 innings and recorded 434 strikeouts. His nickname and lively personality made him a memorable clubhouse presence.

THE PITCH THAT CHANGED DODGERS HISTORY

In the winter of 1979-80, the Dodgers sent Castillo to teach young Fernando Valenzuela a screwball. Fernando mastered it quickly, reached the majors later in 1980 and used the pitch to fuel Fernandomania in 1981. Castillo had a solid career of his own, but that lesson became his permanent place in Dodgers history.

TRIVIA ANSWERS

- 1. Tommy Edman.
- 2. Mister Ed.
- 3. Bobby Castillo.

SOURCE DESK

Game, lineup and standings data: MLB.com and MLB Stats. Previous-game reporting: MLB and Reuters. Mister Ed history: Walter O'Malley official archive. Random Dodger: MLB, Baseball-Reference and Dodgers historical reporting. Information checked September 6; statistics through September 5 unless noted.

Keep Score at the Ravine

Nationals at Dodgers | September 6, 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 - DH										
2. Dylan Crews - RF										
3. Andres Chaparro - 1B										
4. CJ Abrams - 2B										
5. Brady House - 3B										
6. Daylen Lile - LF										
7. Harry Ford - C										
8. Jacob Young - CF										
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. Will Smith - C										
4. Freddie Freeman - 1B										
5. Teoscar Hernandez - LF										
6. Kyle Tucker - RF										
7. Miguel Rojas - 2B										
8. Max Muncy - DH										
9. Enrique Hernandez - 3B										

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