



CINCINNATI REDS AT LOS ANGELES DODGERS

7:10 PM PT | UNIQLO FIELD AT DODGER STADIUM

NICK LODOLO (LHP) VS. TARIK SKUBAL (LHP)

About 88 F at first pitch, clear and dry | 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 - familiar matchup information mixed with trivia, history and assorted Dodger lore.

They're free, simple and made for fans. Read whatever catches your eye, then go about your day.

PREGAME TRIVIA - ANSWERS NEAR THE BACK

- Who threw the only no-hitter in Coors Field history?
- Which Brooklyn rookie struck out 15 in his 1954 major-league debut?
- Who is the only player to hit two home runs completely out of Dodger Stadium?

ROGER OWENS PEANUT COUNTER	SINCE FIRST L.A. HOME GAME
69th Dodgers season	24,980 days

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Tonight at a Glance

FIRST PITCH	FORECAST	TELEVISION	SERIES
7:10 PM PT	88 F Clear	SportsNet LA	LAD leads 1-0

STANDINGS SNAPSHOT

CLUB	RECORD	FORM	POSITION / CONTEXT
Cincinnati	69-75	6-4 last 10	5th NL Central; 19.5 GB
Los Angeles	87-57	W5	1st NL West; 10.5 games up

LAST TIME OUT - DODGERS 6, REDS 3

Emmet Sheehan matched his career high with 10 strikeouts over 5 2/3 innings, and Teoscar Hernandez broke the game open with a three-run homer in the sixth. Los Angeles scored six times despite collecting only three hits.

The Dodgers drew six walks, took advantage of two Cincinnati errors and won their fifth straight. Evan Phillips worked a perfect ninth for his first save of the season.

FIVE THINGS TO WATCH

- Skubal has 159 strikeouts against only 22 walks in 132 1/3 innings.
- Lodolo has allowed eight homers and posted a 5.13 ERA over his last seven starts.
- The Dodgers are chasing a sixth straight win and already lead this season series 1-0.
- Ohtani and Kyle Tucker are not in the starting nine; Freddie Freeman shifts to DH.
- Cincinnati sends seven right-handed or switch hitters against the left-handed Skubal.

Starting Pitcher Matchup

PROBABLE PITCHERS

PITCHER	W-L	ERA	WHIP	SO / BB
Nick Lodolo, CIN	3-3	5.08	1.52	69 / 35
Tarik Skubal, LAD	8-7	2.86	0.98	159 / 22

THE ACE ADVANTAGE

Skubal owns one of baseball's cleanest power-and-command profiles: 10.8 strikeouts per nine innings and only 1.5 walks per nine. In his lone career start against Cincinnati, he allowed one run on three hits with 13 strikeouts in seven innings.

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STRIKEOUT-TO-WALK RATIO

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LODOLO AT A GLANCE

The left-hander is coming off six innings of two-run ball against San Diego, but the larger trend has been uneven: a 5.13 ERA, 40 hits and eight home runs allowed across his last seven starts. In two career starts against Los Angeles, he has a 5.40 ERA with 17 strikeouts in 10 innings.

WHO HAS SEEN TONIGHT'S STARTERS WELL?

- Tommy Edman: 7 plate appearances against Lodolo, 1.286 OPS.
- Freddie Freeman: 3 PA, 1.334 OPS; Teoscar Hernandez: 4 PA, 1.250 OPS.
- Cincinnati has almost no track record against Skubal: JJ Bleday leads the current lineup with only 9 PA (.708 OPS).
- Small-sample warning: none of these batter-pitcher histories is large enough to predict the night by itself.

Bats, Trends & Transactions

WHO'S HOT

- Dodgers: five straight wins and a 7-3 record over the last 10.
- Teoscar Hernandez: .448/.543/.759 over his last eight games with 11 RBI.
- Mookie Betts: .914 OPS over the last 28 days.
- Cincinnati: Tyler Stephenson owns an .869 OPS over the last 28 days; Eugenio Suarez is at .873.

RECENT DODGERS TRANSACTIONS

DATE	MOVE
Sep. 7	Recalled RHP Emmet Sheehan from Triple-A Oklahoma City.
Sep. 7	Optioned RHP Bobby Miller to Triple-A after Sunday's win.
Sep. 6	Placed C Dalton Rushing on the 10-day IL; recalled C Eliezer Alfonzo.
Sep. 5	Activated Bobby Miller from the 60-day IL; optioned Kyle Hurt; designated Alek Thomas for assignment.

OHTANI STATUS

Ohtani is out of the starting lineup one day after returning from four games off with right biceps, left knee and neck soreness. He has said he will most likely not pitch again this season; his immediate role remains offense-first while the Dodgers manage his health.

RECENT ROSTER RIPPLE

Bobby Miller was activated from the 60-day injured list on September 5 and earned the win Sunday, then was optioned back to Triple-A when Sheehan was recalled Monday. Alek Thomas cleared waivers and was outrighted to Oklahoma City on September 7.

Weather watch: clear, dry and hot - roughly 88 F at first pitch with a light breeze.

Official Starting Lineups

CINCINNATI REDS

#	PLAYER	POS	B	AVG	HR	OPS
1	Dane Myers	CF	R	.268	6	.740
2	Elly De La Cruz	SS	S	.281	24	.859
3	Sal Stewart	1B	R	.266	31	.818
4	Tyler Stephenson	DH	R	.246	15	.748
5	Eugenio Suarez	3B	R	.209	22	.726
6	JJ Bleday	LF	L	.217	22	.752
7	Jose Trevino	C	R	.231	5	.604
8	Matt McLain	2B	R	.188	15	.630
9	Hector Rodriguez	RF	L	.275	5	.806

LOS ANGELES DODGERS

#	PLAYER	POS	B	AVG	HR	OPS
1	Tommy Edman	CF	S	.272	6	.760
2	Mookie Betts	SS	R	.246	18	.730
3	Will Smith	C	R	.237	6	.692
4	Freddie Freeman	DH	L	.299	16	.834
5	Teoscar Hernandez	RF	R	.261	13	.740
6	Miguel Rojas	2B	R	.267	3	.693
7	Alex Call	LF	R	.250	1	.689
8	Max Muncy	3B	L	.251	26	.840
9	Enrique Hernandez	1B	R	.211	2	.613

Season statistics through September 7. Both lineups are official but remain subject to late change.

Random Dodger & Dugout Lore

RANDOM DODGER OF THE DAY - DON NEWCOMBE | DODGERS 1949-58; REDS 1958-60

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CAREER WINS

3.56 ERA | 1,129 strikeouts | 136 complete games

A GIANT IN TWO UNIFORMS

Newcombe debuted for Brooklyn in 1949, won Rookie of the Year and became the first Black pitcher to start a World Series game. His masterpiece came in 1956: 27-7, a 3.06 ERA, the inaugural Cy Young Award and the National League MVP.

After an 0-6 start in the Dodgers' first Los Angeles season, he was traded to Cincinnati in June 1958. Newcombe went 24-21 for the Redlegs/Reds before finishing his major-league career with Cleveland.

MORE THAN A PITCHER

Newcombe hit .271 with 15 home runs in the majors and was dangerous enough to be used as a pinch hitter. Later, he spoke candidly about overcoming alcoholism, helped others facing addiction and spent decades serving the Dodgers in community and advisory roles.

DUGOUT LORE - THE NIGHT MR. ED TOOK KOUFAX DEEP

In the 1963 television episode "Leo Durocher Meets Mister Ed," a talking horse offered batting tips to the Dodgers, visited Dodger Stadium and hit an inside-the-park homer off Sandy Koufax. Willie Davis, Johnny Roseboro, Moose Skowron and Leo Durocher appeared as themselves, while Vin Scully supplied the fictional play-by-play.

TRIVIA ANSWERS

- 1. Hideo Nomo, in 1996.
- 2. Karl Spooner.
- 3. Willie Stargell, in 1969 and 1973.

SOURCE DESK

Official lineups and roster moves: MLB.com. Pitching and batter-matchup tables: Baseball-Reference. Prior-game reporting and roster context: Reuters and True Blue LA. Random Dodger: MLB, SABR and Baseball-Reference. Dugout lore: Walter O'Malley official archive and MLB. Weather checked September 8. Statistics through September 7.

Keep Score at the Ravine

Reds at Dodgers | September 8, 2026 | Mark each play in the inning box and total runs at right.

CINCINNATI	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R
1. Dane Myers - CF										
2. Elly De La Cruz - SS										
3. Sal Stewart - 1B										
4. Tyler Stephenson - DH										
5. Eugenio Suarez - 3B										
6. JJ Bleday - LF										
7. Jose Trevino - C										
8. Matt McLain - 2B										
9. Hector Rodriguez - RF										

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 - DH										
5. Teoscar Hernandez - RF										
6. Miguel Rojas - 2B										
7. Alex Call - LF										
8. Max Muncy - 3B										
9. Enrique Hernandez - 1B										

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 home run