

The Ravine Reader

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CINCINNATI REDS AT LOS ANGELES DODGERS

7:10 PM PT | DODGER STADIUM

RHETT LOWDER (RHP) VS. YOSHINOBU YAMAMOTO (RHP)

CIN: 6-9, 5.43 ERA, 90 K | LAD: 12-8, 2.67 ERA, 161 K

EXTREME HEAT NIGHT (IT'S HOTTER 'N HELL!) | ABOUT 96 F | SPORTSNET LA | AM 570

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

PREGAME TRIVIA - ANSWERS NEAR THE BACK

- Which Reds pitcher threw back-to-back no-hitters in 1938, with the second against Brooklyn?
- Who made the final out of Don Larsen's perfect game against Brooklyn in the 1956 World Series?
- How many consecutive scoreless innings made up Orel Hershisier's major-league record?

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SINCE FIRST L.A. HOME GAME

69th Dodgers season

24,981 days

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Tonight at a Glance

FIRST PITCH	FORECAST	TELEVISION	SERIES
7:10 PM PT	96 F Mostly clear	SportsNet LA	LAD leads 2-0

STANDINGS SNAPSHOT

CLUB	RECORD	FORM	POSITION / CONTEXT
Cincinnati	69-76	L2	5th NL Central; 20.5 GB
Los Angeles	88-57	W6	1st NL West; 10.5 games up

LAST TIME OUT - DODGERS 3, REDS 2

Tarik Skubal worked 7 1/3 innings of two-run ball, Will Smith homered in the first and Teoscar Hernandez delivered the go-ahead single in the fifth. Hernandez finished with three hits and extended his hitting streak to nine games.

Edgardo Henriquez bridged the eighth and Tanner Scott closed the ninth for his 22nd save. Elly De La Cruz supplied both Cincinnati runs with a 444-foot homer, his fourth straight game with a home run.

FIVE THINGS TO WATCH

- Los Angeles goes for a three-game sweep and a seventh consecutive victory.
- Yamamoto has struck out at least eight batters in five straight starts.
- Cincinnati carries MLB's highest strikeout rate at 25.4 percent into the matchup.
- Mookie Betts bats third while Will Smith handles designated-hitter duties; Shohei Ohtani is not in the starting nine.
- First-pitch temperatures near 96 F make hydration and bullpen management part of the night.

Starting Pitcher Matchup

PROBABLE PITCHERS

PITCHER	W-L	ERA	K	MATCHUP NOTE
Rhett Lowder, CIN	6-9	5.43	90	Young right-hander; limited LAD history
Yoshinobu Yamamoto, LAD	12-8	2.67	161	8+ K in five consecutive starts

YAMAMOTO'S STRIKEOUT LANE

Yamamoto enters with a 25.4 percent strikeout rate and a 6.0 percent walk rate. His strikeout total has climbed late: five straight outings with at least eight, against a Reds offense that has struck out more frequently than any club in baseball.

CURRENT RUN	TEAM MATCHUP
5 straight starts with 8+ K	Cincinnati: 25.4% strikeout rate

LOWDER AT A GLANCE

The 24-year-old Wake Forest product was Cincinnati's first-round selection in 2023. He works with a deep mix built around a sinker, four-seam fastball and slider. His season line has been uneven, but the Dodgers should not treat the 5.43 ERA as permission to chase early-count spin.

WHO HAS SEEN TONIGHT'S STARTERS WELL?

- TJ Friedl is 1-for-3 against Yamamoto; Ke'Bryan Hayes is 1-for-2.
- Elly De La Cruz and JJ Bleday are each 0-for-2 against Yamamoto.
- The nine Dodgers starters have no recorded regular-season at-bats against Lowder.

Small samples are descriptive, not predictive.

Bats, Trends & Transactions

WHO'S HOT

- Dodgers: six straight wins, their longest winning streak of the season.
- Teoscar Hernandez: nine-game hitting streak after a three-hit Tuesday night.
- Will Smith: homered Tuesday in a nine-pitch first-inning at-bat.
- Elly De La Cruz: home runs in four consecutive games, including a 444-foot shot Tuesday.

RECENT DODGERS TRANSACTIONS

DATE	MOVE
Sep. 7	Recalled RHP Emmet Sheehan from Triple-A Oklahoma City.
Sep. 7	Optioned RHP Bobby Miller after his Sunday 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.

OHTANI STATUS

Ohtani is not in Wednesday's official starting lineup as the Dodgers continue to manage soreness in his left knee and right biceps. Will Smith starts at designated hitter, Hunter Feduccia catches Yamamoto and Enrique Hernandez handles first base.

HEAT WATCH

An Extreme Heat Warning remains in effect for the Los Angeles area. The forecast calls for roughly 96 F at first pitch, easing only into the low 90s during the middle innings.

Official Starting Lineups

CINCINNATI REDS

#	PLAYER	POS	AVG	HR	RBI
1	Carlos Jorge	CF	.222	0	0
2	Elly De La Cruz	SS	.283	25	69
3	Sal Stewart	1B	.264	31	107
4	JJ Bleday	DH	.215	22	55
5	Hector Rodriguez	RF	.266	5	12
6	Juan Brito	2B	.210	1	8
7	Will Banfield	C	.000	0	0
8	TJ Friedl	LF	.165	4	12
9	Ke'Bryan Hayes	3B	.151	5	8

LOS ANGELES DODGERS

#	PLAYER	POS	AVG	HR	RBI
1	Tommy Edman	CF	.269	6	34
2	Will Smith	DH	.238	7	28
3	Mookie Betts	SS	.245	18	58
4	Max Muncy	3B	.253	26	68
5	Teoscar Hernandez	LF	.266	13	56
6	Kyle Tucker	RF	.221	12	59
7	Hunter Feduccia	C	.237	3	17
8	Alex Freeland	2B	.220	3	19
9	Enrique Hernandez	1B	.203	2	5

Season statistics through September 8. Lineups are official and subject to change.

Random Dodger & Dugout Lore

RANDOM DODGER OF THE DAY - AL "THE BULL" FERRARA | DODGERS 1963, 1965-68

CAREER LINE

.259 AVG | 51 HR | 198 RBI

BEST DODGERS SEASON

1967: .277 AVG | 16 HR | .812 OPS

THE DODGER OF THE YEAR WHO ALSO FOUND HOLLYWOOD

Brooklyn-born Al Ferrara reached Los Angeles in 1963 and became a useful right-handed outfield bat. His peak came in 1967, when he led the club with 16 home runs and an .812 OPS and was voted Dodger of the Year.

Ferrara also appeared on *Gilligan's Island* and *Batman*. An ankle injury limited him to two games in 1968, and the expansion Padres selected him after the season. He remained connected to the Dodgers for decades as an alumni ambassador.

DUGOUT LORE - THE RAIN DELAY LONGER THAN A PERFECT GAME

On September 16, 1988, Cincinnati left-hander Tom Browning waited through a rain delay of roughly two and a half hours, then retired all 27 Dodgers in a 1-0 perfect game. Once it finally began, the game took only one hour and 51 minutes - shorter than the wait.

Dodgers rookie Tim Lincecum carried a no-hitter into the sixth. Browning needed 102 pitches and struck out seven. Los Angeles got the last laugh a month later by winning the World Series.

TRIVIA ANSWERS

- 1. Johnny Vander Meer.
- 2. Dale Mitchell.
- 3. 59 consecutive scoreless innings.

SOURCE DESK

Game, lineups and standings: MLB.com. Prior game and trends: MLB, Reuters and True Blue LA. Weather: National Weather Service forecast checked September 9. Random Dodger: Dodgers/MLB and Baseball-Reference. Dugout lore: MLB and SABR. Statistics current through September 8 unless noted.

Keep Score at the Ravine

Reds at Dodgers | September 9, 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. Carlos Jorge - CF										
2. Elly De La Cruz - SS										
3. Sal Stewart - 1B										
4. JJ Bleday - DH										
5. Hector Rodriguez - RF										
6. Juan Brito - 2B										
7. Will Banfield - C										
8. TJ Friedl - LF										
9. Ke'Bryan Hayes - 3B										

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

Scoring key: 1B | 2B | 3B | HR | BB | K | FC | DP | WP | PB | E