



LOS ANGELES DODGERS AT CINCINNATI REDS

3:40 PM PT | Great American Ball Park | SportsNet LA

TARIK SKUBAL (LHP)

VS.

NICK LODOLO (LHP)

TONIGHT'S BIG STORY - CLINCHING TIME?

The Dodgers arrive in Cincinnati at 90-59. A win tonight clinches a postseason berth. It is also a rematch from six days ago, when Skubal worked 7⅓ innings in a 3-2 Dodgers win over Lodolo and the Reds at Dodger Stadium.

PREGAME TRIVIA - ANSWERS NEAR THE BACK

- Which Brooklyn Dodger became famous for a play that left three Dodgers at third base?
- Which Reds slugger cut the sleeves off his uniform because they restricted his swing?
- What Cincinnati ballpark once sat beneath roughly 21 feet of floodwater?

DODGERS	REDS	SKUBAL	
90-59	70-79	9-7 2.84 ERA	3-4 5.12 ERA

Tonight at a Glance

CLUB	RECORD	TREND	CONTEXT
Los Angeles	90-59	Lost 2 straight	1st NL West
Cincinnati	70-79	Won Sunday	NL Central

LAST TIME OUT - MARLINS 6, DODGERS 4

Sunday was painful but memorable. Emmet Sheehan threw six scoreless innings and Josue De Paula's first major-league hit was a 416-foot three-run homer. Los Angeles still lost when Miami scored four in the bottom of the ninth, capped by Agustín Ramírez's walk-off homer.

FIVE THINGS TO WATCH

- Playoff berth: a Dodgers win clinches a spot in October.
- Skubal again: Cincinnati sees the Dodgers ace for the second time in a week.
- De Paula encore: the rookie is back at DH, batting ninth after his breakout Sunday.
- No Freddie: Enrique Hernández starts at first with Freeman out of the lineup.
- Elly: De La Cruz remains Cincinnati's most dangerous combination of power and speed.

CINCINNATI COMES HOME

The Reds return home after a rough road swing but did salvage Sunday in Milwaukee, beating the Brewers 4-3 behind Eugenio Suárez's three-run homer and a late go-ahead run scored by Elly De La Cruz.

THE REMATCH

Last Tuesday, Skubal allowed two runs in 7½ innings while Lodolo allowed three in 4⅓. Los Angeles won 3-2. Tonight the same two left-handers get another crack at largely familiar lineups.

Starting Pitcher Matchup

PROBABLE PITCHERS

PITCHER	W-L	ERA	SO
Tarik Skubal, LAD	9-7	2.84	164
Nick Lodolo, CIN	3-4	5.12	75

SKUBAL AT A GLANCE

Skubal owns a 2.93 ERA and 48 strikeouts in seven starts since joining Los Angeles. His last start was against these same Reds: 7½ innings, two earned runs, five strikeouts and two walks in a 3-2 win.

AT A GLANCE

Lodolo also gets the immediate rematch. Last Tuesday he allowed three runs on five hits in 4⅔ innings, with six strikeouts, three walks and two hit batters.

LINEUP CHESS

Cincinnati loads right-handed bats against Skubal: Myers, Stewart, Stephenson, Suárez and Hayes all hit from the right side. The Dodgers likewise tilt right-handed against Lodolo, with only Tucker, Muncy and De Paula batting left-handed.

A NOTE ON DE PAULA

The 21-year-old's first MLB hit traveled 416 feet Sunday. Tonight he stays in the lineup at DH, but slides to the No. 9 spot against the left-handed Lodolo.

Bats, Trends & Notes

WHO'S HOT

- Josue De Paula: first MLB hit, first homer and first RBI all arrived on one 416-foot swing Sunday; he later doubled.
- Eugenio Suárez: homered Sunday in Milwaukee, his second homer in two games.
- Elly De La Cruz: scored Cincinnati's winning run Sunday and remains the lineup's premier speed threat.
- Skubal: the Dodgers have won each of his last four starts, all by one run.

TONIGHT'S LINEUP SHAPE

Tommy Edman leads off, followed by Betts and Smith. Kyle Tucker hits cleanup. Miguel Rojas is at second, Muncy at third and Kiké Hernández handles first base. Cincinnati counters with Dane Myers atop the order and De La Cruz second.

POSTSEASON MATH

The cleanest path is simple: win tonight and the Dodgers are in. They can also clinch with losses by both Arizona and San Diego, but nobody wants to back into October when Skubal is on the mound.

SERIES QUIRK

These clubs barely had time to miss each other. Cincinnati left Los Angeles after being swept Sept. 7-9, and five days later the Dodgers have followed them to Ohio for four more.

Official Starting Lineups

LOS ANGELES DODGERS

#	PLAYER	POS	BATS
1	Tommy Edman	CF	S
2	Mookie Betts	SS	R
3	Will Smith	C	R
4	Kyle Tucker	RF	L
5	Teoscar Hernández	LF	R
6	Miguel Rojas	2B	R
7	Max Muncy	3B	L
8	Enrique Hernández	1B	R
9	Josue De Paula	DH	L

CINCINNATI REDS

#	PLAYER	POS	BATS
1	Dane Myers	CF	R
2	Elly De La Cruz	SS	S
3	Sal Stewart	1B	R
4	Tyler Stephenson	C	R
5	Eugenio Suárez	DH	R
6	Juan Brito	2B	S
7	JJ Bleday	LF	L
8	Ke'Bryan Hayes	3B	R
9	Héctor Rodríguez	RF	L

Official lineups from MLB's September 14 starting-lineup page. Lineups subject to change.

Random Dodger of the Day - Babe Herman

First game of the series rule: today's Random Dodger played for both Brooklyn and Cincinnati.

THREE DODGERS. ONE BASE.

On Aug. 15, 1926, Babe Herman drove a ball off the Ebbets Field wall with the bases loaded. The play turned into pure Brooklyn chaos: Dazzy Vance, Chick Fewster and Herman all converged on third base at the same time. Two runners were tagged out.

THE LINE THAT LIVED FOREVER

The mess inspired one of the classic jokes about the old Brooklyn club: 'The Dodgers have three men on base!' 'Which base?' Herman was credited with a double, a run scored, and Brooklyn actually won the game - details he understandably wished people remembered as well as the baserunning catastrophe.

THE REDS CONNECTION

Herman later played for Cincinnati in 1935 before eventually returning to Brooklyn. That makes him a perfect Game 1 crossover pick: a legitimate star hitter remembered nearly a century later for one of baseball's funniest traffic jams.

RAVINE READER VERDICT

If you're going to make two outs on one play, at least make sure the story survives for 100 years.

Cincinnati Baseball Was Weird - In the Best Way

BIG KLU'S WAR ON SLEEVES

Ted 'Big Klu' Kluszewski had arms so large that the sleeves on his Reds uniform restricted his swing. His solution was wonderfully direct: he cut them off. The look became his trademark, and Cincinnati eventually embraced the sleeveless style. In 1954 he hit 49 homers with 141 RBI.

CROSLY FIELD'S OUTFIELD HILL

Crosley Field featured a famous terrace that climbed uphill toward the outfield walls. Visiting outfielders had to learn to track fly balls while running up an incline. Babe Ruth and Willie Mays were among the stars who had memorable encounters with it.

THE LAUNDRY

Just beyond left field sat a commercial laundry building, naturally known as The Laundry. Home runs could hit it, and a billboard atop the building once offered a free suit to players who struck the sign.

AND THEN THEY BURNED THE TICKETS

In 1956 Cincinnati printed World Series tickets while battling Brooklyn and Milwaukee for the pennant. The Reds finished third, two games behind the Dodgers. Roughly \$1 million worth of now-useless tickets were reportedly wheeled across the street to The Laundry and burned in its furnaces.

CROSLY FIELD: THE QUICK VERSION

An outfield hill. A laundry beyond the wall. The 'Goat Run.' The first MLB night game. And in 1937, floodwater roughly 21 feet above the playing field. Modern ballparks may be nicer. They are rarely this weird.

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Babe Herman. 2. Ted Kluszewski. 3. Crosley Field.

Keep Score at the Ravine

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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. Kyle Tucker - RF										
5. Teoscar Hernández - LF										
6. Miguel Rojas - 2B										
7. Max Muncy - 3B										
8. Enrique Hernández - 1B										
9. Josue De Paula - DH										

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 - C										
5. Eugenio Suárez - DH										
6. Juan Brito - 2B										
7. JJ Bleday - LF										
8. Ke'Bryan Hayes - 3B										
9. Héctor Rodríguez - RF										

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

Enjoy it, then go about your day.