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LOS ANGELES DODGERS AT CINCINNATI REDS

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TODAY'S BIG STORY - FOURTEEN STRAIGHT OCTOBERS

The ticket is punched. Monday's 4-1 win clinched the Dodgers' **14th consecutive postseason appearance**, tying the major-league record established by Atlanta from 1991-2005. Now the stretch run becomes about positioning - and getting October-ready.

PREGAME TRIVIA - ANSWERS NEAR THE BACK

- Which Hall of Fame Brooklyn pitcher was already standing at third during the famous 'three Dodgers on third' play?
- How far did Elly De La Cruz's ninth-inning homer travel Monday?
- How many innings does Yamamoto need tonight to establish a new MLB regular-season career high?

DODGERS	REDS	YAMAMOTO	LOWDER
91-59	70-80	13-8 2.62	6-10 5.81

Tonight at a Glance

CLUB	RECORD	LAST NIGHT	CONTEXT
Los Angeles	91-59	W 4-1	Postseason berth clinched
Cincinnati	70-80	L 1-4	Eliminated

LAST TIME OUT - DODGERS 4, REDS 1

Tarik Skubal delivered **seven scoreless innings with nine strikeouts**. Kyle Tucker and Teoscar Hernandez homered, Kike Hernandez added an RBI single, and Elly De La Cruz's mammoth solo shot in the ninth supplied Cincinnati's only run.

FIVE THINGS TO WATCH

- **De Paula leads off:** the 21-year-old gets the top spot in his fourth major-league game.
- **Freddie returns:** Freeman is back at first base and batting second.
- **Yamamoto workload:** two innings tonight gives him a new MLB regular-season career high.
- **Immediate rematch:** Yamamoto and Lowder faced each other only six days ago.
- **Elly again:** after last night's 457-foot blast, Cincinnati's shortstop remains must-watch.

THE 14-YEAR CLUB

Los Angeles has now reached October in 14 straight seasons, matching Atlanta's MLB record. Dodgers president Stan Kasten was also an executive with those Braves during their historic run.

NO HANGOVER, PLEASE

Clinching is worth celebrating. Tonight is the test of turning the page. The Dodgers remain in the race for a top National League seed, and Yamamoto gives them an ideal arm to keep the momentum rolling.

Starting Pitcher Matchup

PITCHER	W-L	ERA	IP	K
Yoshinobu Yamamoto, LAD	13-8	2.62	172.0	171
Rhett Lowder, CIN	6-10	5.81	119.1	94

YAMAMOTO: THE METRONOME

Yamamoto makes his team-leading 27th start and is the only Dodgers starter who has stayed active in the rotation all season. His **6.62 innings per start leads the majors**. At 172 innings, he needs two tonight to pass last year's 173 2/3 and establish a new MLB regular-season high.

SIX DAYS AGO

This is a rapid rematch. Last Wednesday Yamamoto struck out **10 over seven innings** of one-run, three-hit ball in the Dodgers' 14-1 rout. Lowder was charged with seven runs on seven hits in 3 1/3 innings.

LOWDER'S SECOND LOOK

For Lowder, tonight is an immediate chance at redemption. His first career appearance against Los Angeles did not survive the fourth inning. The challenge is hardly easier tonight with Freeman back and De Paula now occupying the leadoff spot.

OCTOBER TUNE-UP

With the berth secured, Yamamoto's remaining starts have a different flavor: maintain health, command and rhythm for October.

Bats, Trends & Oddities

DE PAULA: FROM CALL-UP TO LEADOFF

Four days after his major-league debut, Josue De Paula is leading off. He already owns a 416-foot first MLB homer and his first stolen base. Tonight is another new assignment: setting the table ahead of Freeman, Betts and Tucker.

ELLY'S BALL MAY STILL BE FLYING

Elly De La Cruz spoiled Monday's shutout with a ninth-inning homer off Evan Phillips. It traveled **457 feet**. Annoying for the Dodgers; objectively ridiculous as a piece of hitting.

FREDDIE IS BACK

Freeman returns to the lineup at first base after missing Monday. He bats second, giving De Paula immediate protection and putting three left-handed hitters among the first four against the right-handed Lowder.

LINEUP SHUFFLE

Will Smith gets the night off, with Hunter Feduccia catching Yamamoto. Alex Freeland starts at second. Cincinnati gives Hayden Banfield the start behind the plate.

TODAY'S MINI-MISSION

Don't treat clinching like the finish line. The Dodgers have 12 games remaining and are still chasing postseason position. Last night secured admission; the remaining schedule determines the route.

Random Dodger of the Day - Dazzy Vance

Yesterday we met Babe Herman. Today: the guy who was already standing at third.

WAIT... THERE'S ANOTHER SIDE TO THIS STORY

On Aug. 15, 1926, Babe Herman's drive off the Ebbets Field wall produced one of baseball's immortal traffic jams. Herman charged toward third - where Chick Fewster was arriving and **Dazzy Vance was already standing**. Three Dodgers, one base, two outs.

DAZZY WASN'T SOME RANDOM PITCHER

Vance was a genuine Brooklyn superstar: a Hall of Famer, the **1924 National League MVP**, and one of the dominant strikeout pitchers of his era. He led the NL in strikeouts seven consecutive seasons from 1922-28.

THE PERFECT TWO-DAY CALLBACK

Yesterday's Reader told the tale through Babe Herman. Today we get Vance's perspective: you're a pitcher standing safely at third base, and suddenly two teammates are headed directly toward you. Sometimes the funniest baseball stories deserve a sequel.

THE CINCINNATI CONNECTION

Vance's career eventually included a brief stop with Cincinnati, making him another legitimate Dodgers-Reds crossover. He later returned to Brooklyn before retiring.

RAVINE READER VERDICT

Dazzy Vance: Hall of Fame pitcher. National League MVP. Innocent victim of a Brooklyn traffic jam.

Cincinnati Notebook

THE HOMER THAT LEFT THE YARD

De La Cruz's ninth-inning homer Monday measured 457 feet. It didn't change the outcome - Los Angeles already led 4-0 - but it did give Cincinnati one spectacular moment on an otherwise miserable night.

FOURTEEN STRAIGHT - A STRANGE CONNECTION

The Dodgers' 14th consecutive postseason berth ties the Braves' 1991-2005 run. Stan Kasten has now had a front-row seat to both streaks: he served as an executive in Atlanta and is now the Dodgers' president and CEO.

CROSLY FIELD: ONE MORE FOR THE ROAD

We can't leave Cincinnati without remembering how delightfully odd its old ballpark was: an outfield terrace, The Laundry beyond left field, the temporary 'Goat Run' seating, the first night game in MLB history, and the legendary 1937 flood.

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. **Dazzy Vance.**
2. **457 feet.**
3. **Two innings.** Yamamoto enters with 172.0; his MLB regular-season high is 173 2/3.

TONIGHT'S READER CHALLENGE

If De Paula reaches safely in the first inning, the Reader officially reserves the right to declare the **leadoff experiment a smashing success** for at least five minutes.

Official Starting Lineups

LOS ANGELES DODGERS

#	PLAYER	POS	BATS	AVG	OPS
1	Josue De Paula	DH	L	.222	1.167
2	Freddie Freeman	1B	L	.293	.818
3	Mookie Betts	SS	R	.248	.744
4	Kyle Tucker	RF	L	.227	.702
5	Teoscar Hernandez	LF	R	.265	.757
6	Max Muncy	3B	L	.252	.842
7	Tommy Edman	CF	S	.253	.718
8	Hunter Feduccia	C	L	.234	.647
9	Alex Freeland	2B	S	.230	.622

CINCINNATI REDS

#	PLAYER	POS	BATS	AVG	OPS
1	Edgar Quero	CF	L	.118	.236
2	Elly De La Cruz	SS	S	.284	.875
3	Sal Stewart	1B	R	.268	.810
4	JJ Bleday	LF	L	.214	.740
5	Eugenio Suarez	DH	R	.213	.741
6	Hector Rodriguez	RF	L	.230	.670
7	Matt McLain	2B	R	.188	.624
8	Juan Brito	3B	S	.234	.684
9	Hayden Banfield	C	R	.111	.222

Lineups shown as posted September 15. Lineups subject to change.

Keep Score at the Ravine

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

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3. Sal Stewart - 1B										
4. JJ Bleday - LF										
5. Eugenio Suarez - DH										
6. Hector Rodriguez - RF										
7. Matt McLain - 2B										
8. Juan Brito - 3B										
9. Hayden Banfield - C										

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

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