



LOS ANGELES DODGERS AT CINCINNATI REDS

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

BLAKE SNELL (LHP)

VS.

ANDREW ABBOTT (LHP)

4-1 | 1.91 ERA | 51 K

6-11 | 4.78 ERA | 120 K

TODAY'S BIG STORY - CAN SNELL FOLLOW THE ACE?

Los Angeles enters the series finale at **92-59** after taking the first two games in Cincinnati. Yoshinobu Yamamoto delivered seven scoreless, one-hit innings Tuesday; now Blake Snell gets the ball with a chance to keep the Reds quiet and finish the series strong.

PREGAME TRIVIA - ANSWERS NEAR THE BACK

- Which former Dodgers outfielder said Crosley Field's Terrace caused him to end up on his face more than once?
- Roughly how deep was the water over Crosley Field during Cincinnati's 1937 flood?
- Which Reds pitcher completed consecutive no-hitters against Brooklyn?

Tonight at a Glance

LAST TIME OUT - DODGERS 4, REDS 0

Yamamoto overwhelmed Cincinnati: **7.0 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 2 BB, 7 K**. Teoscar Hernández hit a two-run homer, Alex Freeland added a solo shot, and Brock Stewart and Tanner Scott finished a three-hit shutout.

FIVE THINGS TO WATCH

- **Snell's turn:** the left-hander brings a 1.91 ERA into the finale.
- **Teoscar stays hot:** Hernández has homered in each of the first two games in Cincinnati.
- **Freddie cleanup:** Freeman bats fourth after a three-hit night Tuesday.
- **Elly factor:** De La Cruz had two of Cincinnati's three hits Tuesday.
- **Finish the job:** Los Angeles owns a 2-0 series lead.

STARTING PITCHER MATCHUP

PITCHER	W-L	ERA	K
Blake Snell, LAD	4-1	1.91	51
Andrew Abbott, CIN	6-11	4.78	120

NO HANGOVER, PLEASE

The postseason berth is secure, but there is still work to do. The Dodgers can use the final stretch to sharpen the rotation, protect health and keep pressure on the top of the National League standings.

Official Lineups

LAD	PLAYER	POS	B	AVG	OPS
1	Tommy Edman	CF	S	.254	.720
2	Mookie Betts	SS	R	.245	.738
3	Will Smith	C	R	.236	.707
4	Freddie Freeman	1B	L	.296	.821
5	Teoscar Hernandez	DH	R	.266	.766
6	Miguel Rojas	2B	R	.268	.693
7	Kyle Tucker	RF	L	.226	.701
8	Enrique Hernandez	3B	R	.225	.680
9	Alex Call	LF	R	.237	.661

CIN	PLAYER	POS	B	AVG	OPS
1	Myers	CF	R	.267	.731
2	Elly De La Cruz	SS	S	.286	.879
3	Spencer Steer	1B	R	.266	.805
4	Tyler Stephenson	DH	R	.246	.747
5	Eugenio Suarez	3B	R	.211	.735
6	Brito	RF	S	.238	.683
7	JJ Bleday	LF	L	.213	.735
8	Jose Trevino	C	R	.214	.561
9	Matt McLain	2B	R	.186	.619

QUICK HITS BELOW THE LINEUPS

Teoscar's Cincinnati power trip: Hernandez has homered in each of the first two games.

Freddie keeps stacking hits: Freeman collected three hits Tuesday and moves into cleanup.

Elly is still the problem: De La Cruz had two of Cincinnati's three hits last night.

Bats, Trends & Oddities

SNELL VS. ABBOTT

It's a left-on-left pitching matchup. Snell brings the eye-catching 1.91 ERA; Abbott enters 6-11 with a 4.78 ERA and 120 strikeouts.

THE DODGERS HAVE FOUND THE LONG BALL

Teoscar Hernandez has homered in both games of this series, while Alex Freeland added a solo shot Tuesday. Cincinnati has allowed Los Angeles to create separation with one big swing in each game.

ELLY REMAINS MUST-WATCH

Even during Tuesday's three-hit shutout, Elly De La Cruz found a way to create trouble with two hits, including a double. Keeping him off base remains the clearest way to quiet Cincinnati.

TODAY'S MINI-MISSION

Don't blink checking the first three innings. If Snell keeps Cincinnati scoreless through three, the Reader officially begins investigating whether the Reds have misplaced home plate.

SERIES STATE

The Dodgers have already clinched the series. A win today would complete the sweep and send Los Angeles out of Cincinnati with three straight victories after punching its postseason ticket.

Random Dodger of the Day - Tommy Davis

A great hitter. A two-time batting champ. And, occasionally, a victim of Cincinnati topography.

WELCOME TO THE CROSLY FIELD TERRACE

Crosley Field wasn't flat. Its famous outfield Terrace rose toward the wall, forcing visiting outfielders to track fly balls while running on an incline. Tommy Davis saw plenty of it during his Dodgers years.

TOMMY'S TECHNIQUE: TRY NOT TO FALL DOWN

Davis later remembered how quickly the ground came up when an outfielder ran sideways on the hill - and said that on a few occasions he **ended up on his face**. Even Reds players had to develop a technique for navigating the Terrace.

NOT EXACTLY SOME RANDOM DODGER

Davis was one of the National League's premier hitters: a two-time batting champion and the 1962 RBI leader. In that 1962 season he hit .346 with 27 homers and 153 RBI.

RAVINE READER VERDICT

Tommy Davis: two-time batting champion, RBI king, World Series winner... and survivor of one of baseball's most unnecessary hills.

Cincinnati Notebook

THE DAY THE BALLPARK BECAME A RIVER

During Cincinnati's great flood of 1937, Crosley Field sat under roughly **21 feet of water**. Reds pitcher Lee Grissom and groundskeeper Matty Schwab were photographed crossing the flooded park in a rowboat.

LIGHTS ON, HITS OFF

Crosley Field hosted Major League Baseball's first night game in 1935. Three years later, Cincinnati's Johnny Vander Meer threw the second of his consecutive no-hitters against Brooklyn - at Ebbets Field's first night game.

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. **Tommy Davis.** 2. **About 21 feet.** 3. **Johnny Vander Meer.**

SCORECARD

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LAD												
CIN												

SCORING / NOTES

Today's Reader Challenge: If Snell keeps Cincinnati scoreless through the first three innings, we reserve the right to start asking whether the Reds have simply misplaced home plate.