



GET THE BROOMS.

GIANTS AT DODGERS | SUNDAY, SEPT. 20 | 1:10 PM PT | DODGER STADIUM

SUNDAY AT A GLANCE

The Dodgers have already taken the series. Now comes the fun part: **finish it**. Los Angeles enters Sunday at **95-60**, winners of three straight and five of six, with a chance at its first three-game sweep of San Francisco since April 2024. The Dodgers lead the 2026 season series 5-4, with three more waiting in San Francisco next weekend.

TODAY'S PITCHING PLAN: San Francisco sends rookie left-hander **Matt Wilkinson (1-3, 4.58 ERA)**. Los Angeles opens a bullpen game with lefty **Jack Dreyer**.

FIVE THINGS TO WATCH

- 1. Bring out the broom.** Two very different wins - Friday's four-homer ambush and Saturday's 15-hit assembly line - have put the Dodgers one win from a rivalry sweep.
- 2. Mookie, please remain ridiculous.** Betts has 10 hits in his last three games. Saturday: 4-for-4, three doubles, a walk and two RBI. MLB's preview has him leading the Dodgers with 20 RBI in September.
- 3. Bullpen relay race.** Dreyer gets the opener assignment. With October close, every inning is another audition for how Dave Roberts might piece together a postseason game.
- 4. Keep watching Josue.** De Paula has reached base repeatedly and keeps finding himself in the middle of run-scoring innings. These are increasingly meaningful September at-bats.
- 5. The bye still matters.** The division is clinched, but the Dodgers' magic number for a first-round bye entered Sunday at four.

READER MISSION: Sweep the Giants. Enjoy the Mookie heater. Survive the bullpen game. And appreciate that Sandy Koufax once threw 205 pitches because apparently pitch counts were invented later.



TODAY'S LINEUP CARD

SAN FRANCISCO	POS	LOS ANGELES	POS
1. Drew Gilbert	CF	1. Mookie Betts	SS
2. Turner Hill	LF	2. Tommy Edman	CF
3. Jonah Cox	2B	3. Teoscar Hernandez	LF
4. Jung Hoo Lee	RF	4. Freddie Freeman	1B
5. Shay Whitcomb	3B	5. Miguel Rojas	2B
6. Drew Cavanaugh	C	6. Kyle Tucker	RF
7. Brett Harris	1B	7. Kike Hernandez	3B
8. Scott Bandura	DH	8. Josue De Paula	DH
9. Christian Koss	SS	9. Hunter Feduccia	C

MATCHUP NOTES

Matt Wilkinson: The rookie left-hander is 1-3 with a 4.58 ERA and makes his first career appearance against Los Angeles. His recent line has been uneven, so the Dodgers' right-handed bats should get plenty of chances.

Jack Dreyer: This is an opener, not a traditional start. Dreyer owns a 3.19 ERA across 59 1/3 innings this season and hands the game to a bullpen that has been busy but effective late in this series.

Sunday rest day: Will Smith is expected to get a breather after starting Friday and Saturday. That makes this a useful look at the Dodgers' depth against a left-handed starter.

SERIES SO FAR: Friday - Dodgers 8, Giants 2. Saturday - Dodgers 10, Giants 4. Sunday - somebody find the broom closet.



WHO'S HOT / WHO'S NOT

WHO'S HOT

Mookie Betts: Ten hits in three games, including two homers Friday and a four-hit, three-double masterpiece Saturday. He has gone from 'warming up' to 'please do not touch the thermostat.'

Will Smith: Homers in back-to-back games and three home runs over his last nine. He gets a Sunday breather after looking increasingly comfortable since returning from neck inflammation.

Josue De Paula: The 21-year-old keeps reaching base and keeps driving in runs. Saturday brought two walks and a two-run single with the bases loaded.

WHO'S NOT

Giants pitching: Los Angeles has scored **18 runs on 26 hits** in the first two games of the series. Friday was the home-run barrage; Saturday was death by a thousand line drives.

Philip Abner: Four homers allowed Friday, then the decisive fifth-inning rally Saturday. There are easier ways to spend a weekend in Los Angeles.

THE WEEKEND SO FAR

Friday: Four Dodger home runs in the eighth inning turn a 3-2 game into an 8-2 party.

Saturday: San Francisco ties the game three different times. The Dodgers answer every time and eventually win 10-4.

Sunday: The broom is standing by.

Different script every night. Same desired ending.



205 PITCHES TO TURN OUT THE LIGHTS

SEPTEMBER 20, 1961 - THE LAST DODGER GAME AT THE COLISEUM

THE MOST SANDY KOUFAX WAY POSSIBLE TO LEAVE A BALLPARK

Sixty-five years ago today, the Dodgers played their final game at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. Their temporary home had seen a pennant, a World Series championship, enormous crowds and one of the strangest outfield configurations baseball has ever tolerated.

FINAL SCORE: Dodgers 3, Cubs 2 - **13 innings**

SANDY KOUFAX: 13.0 IP | 7 H | 2 R | 3 BB | 15 K | **205 pitches**

Koufax simply pitched the entire thing. All thirteen innings. An estimated 205 pitches. Fifteen strikeouts. Ron Fairly finally singled home Wally Moon in the bottom of the 13th to send the Coliseum era out with a walk-off.

THE LAST HOMER

The final home run ever hit in the Coliseum belonged to today's Random Dodger: **Norm Sherry**. He went deep in the eighth inning to tie the game 2-2, setting up Koufax to keep pitching for another five innings because 1961 apparently had no adult supervision.

COLISEUM LEDGER

The Dodgers called the Coliseum home from 1958 through 1961 and went **172-137 (.557)** there. They won the 1959 pennant and World Series while playing in the building. Duke Snider and Charlie Neal tied for the most Dodger home runs there with 38 apiece.

Sandy Koufax didn't close the Coliseum. He exhausted it.



RANDOM DODGER OF THE DAY

NORM SHERRY - THE CATCHER AT THE CROSSROADS

MORE THAN THE LAST COLISEUM HOMER

Norm Sherry's name lands perfectly in today's Reader because he hit the **last home run in Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum history** on Sept. 20, 1961. But his more enduring place in Dodger lore is tied to the pitcher who finished that game.

Sandy Koufax.

Sherry was Koufax's catcher during the period when the young left-hander began evolving from a pitcher with overwhelming stuff and erratic command into the pitcher who would dominate the first half of the 1960s. The familiar story has Sherry urging Koufax to ease off, trust his stuff and throw strikes rather than trying to throw every pitch through the catcher.

NORM SHERRY FILE:

Position: Catcher

Dodgers: 1959-62

Historic footnote: Final home run at the L.A. Coliseum

Even better footnote: Part of the catching relationship associated with Koufax's breakthrough

READER VERDICT

The Random Dodger gods rarely line things up this neatly: the man who hit the last Coliseum homer was also catching the pitcher who threw **205 pitches** in the last Coliseum game.

That's not a Random Dodger. That's a plot device.



THIS DAY IN DODGER HISTORY

SEPTEMBER 20, 1963 - JACKIE COMES TO DODGER STADIUM

Two years after the Coliseum finale, another remarkable Sept. 20 arrived. **Jackie and Rachel Robinson made their first visit to Dodger Stadium** as guests of Walter and Kay O'Malley. Don Drysdale shut out Pittsburgh 2-0, and Jackie visited the clubhouse afterward.

That night, Robinson watched a Dodger starting lineup featuring five Black players: **Jim Gilliam, Tommy Davis, Willie Davis, John Roseboro and Maury Wills**. The 1963 Dodgers would go on to sweep the Yankees in the World Series.

THE RAVINE READER SCOREBOARD

1,293 - 1,292

DODGERS LEAD GIANTS

regular-season rivalry record entering Sunday

SEASON 69

ROGER OWENS

Peanut Guy since L.A. season No. 1 - 1958

24,992

DAYS SINCE L.A. GAME #1

April 18, 1958 at the Coliseum

RIVALRY WATCH: For the first time since the 1890s, the Dodgers have moved ahead in the regular-season all-time head-to-head series. A win today would add another game to the margin - and complete the sweep.

ROGER THE PEANUT GUY COUNTER

Roger Owens began vending during the Dodgers' first Los Angeles season in 1958, first at the Coliseum and later at Dodger Stadium. Our standing counter remains: **69 Dodger seasons**. The man has outlasted stadium eras, ownership groups and approximately every bullpen philosophy ever invented.



SUNDAY SCORECARD

READER TRIVIA

- 1. Who hit the final home run in Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum history?
- 2. How many innings did Sandy Koufax pitch in the final Coliseum game?
- 3. Who delivered the walk-off hit in the 13th?
- 4. In what year did Jackie Robinson first visit Dodger Stadium?

ANSWERS: 1. Norm Sherry. 2. Thirteen. 3. Ron Fairly. 4. 1963.

SCORECARD

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NOTES

FINAL SUNDAY MISSION: One more win. One clean sweep. Then everybody can go about their day.

GET THE BROOMS.