



ONE MORE NIGHT AT THE RAVINE.

Godzilla. Padres. Glasnow. Home finale. Might as well make it weird.

GAME SNAPSHOT

SAN DIEGO PADRES
88-70

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24
7:10 PM PT
Dodger Stadium

LOS ANGELES DODGERS
97-61

TONIGHT'S PITCHING PLAN

PADRES - Nick Pivetta, RHP: 3-2, 3.30 ERA, 1.00 WHIP, 35 K in 30 innings. Since returning from the injured list, Pivetta has allowed three runs in 14 innings across three starts.

DODGERS - Tyler Glasnow, RHP: 5-1, 3.46 ERA, 0.96 WHIP, 87 K in 67 2/3 innings. Current Padres hitters have managed a .139 career average against him in Statcast-tracked matchups, with a 37.5% strikeout rate.

THE SETUP

The home schedule ends tonight with the season series on the line. Los Angeles took Tuesday 7-0; San Diego answered Wednesday 5-1. The Dodgers are 97-61 and still chasing postseason seeding, while the Padres enter 88-70 with October business of their own.

And because a normal final home game apparently was not enough, it is **Godzilla Minus Zero Night**: a Godzilla giveaway for the first 40,000 fans and a postgame Godzilla-themed drone show.

ONE MORE NIGHT. ONE MORE FREEWAY FIGHT. ONE VERY LARGE LIZARD.

FIVE THINGS TO WATCH

- 1. Glasnow's October tune-up.** Strikeouts are the calling card, and this Padres roster has had very little success against him.
- 2. Shohei back on top.** Ohtani returns to the leadoff spot after going 1-for-4 with a walk Wednesday in his first game back.
- 3. Pivetta's comeback.** He has been sharp since returning, so early traffic matters.
- 4. Win the rubber match.** The clubs split the first two games; the Dodgers lead the season series 8-4.
- 5. Take one last look around.** This is the final regular-season game at Dodger Stadium in 2026.

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OFFICIAL DODGERS LINEUP

#	DODGERS	POS
1	Shohei Ohtani	DH
2	Mookie Betts	SS
3	Freddie Freeman	1B
4	Teoscar Hernandez	LF
5	Kyle Tucker	RF
6	Max Muncy	3B
7	Andy Pages	CF
8	Hunter Feduccia	C
9	Tommy Edman	2B

SAN DIEGO PADRES LINEUP

#	PADRES	POS
1	Fernando Tatis Jr.	RF
2	Dustin Harris	LF
3	Manny Machado	3B
4	Ty France	1B
5	Jackson Merrill	CF
6	Xander Bogaerts	SS
7	Jake Cronenworth	2B
8	Samad Taylor	DH
9	Ethan Salas	C

MATCHUP NOTES

Glasnow vs. this roster: 112 career plate appearances in Statcast data, .139 average and .212 wOBA. That is the number to circle.

Pivetta vs. this roster: 186 Statcast-tracked plate appearances, .265 average and .336 wOBA.

Ohtani watch: Wednesday was his first game since Sept. 7. Tonight he moves from No. 2 back to the leadoff spot.

Home-finale wrinkle: Hunter Feduccia catches Glasnow while Will Smith gets the night off.

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RANDOM DODGER OF THE DAY

MIKE MADDUX

Yes, Greg had a brother. Yes, he was a Dodger too.

Mike Maddux is exactly what this feature is supposed to uncover: a familiar baseball name attached to a Dodger tenure that has almost completely evaporated from memory.

The right-hander pitched 15 seasons in the majors and appeared for nine clubs. Two of those clubs were the Dodgers and Padres. His Los Angeles career came in two disconnected pieces: **1990 and 1999**, with nearly a decade in between.

In between those Dodger cameos, Maddux spent 1991-92 with San Diego. He later became far better known as a pitching coach, building a long second career after his playing days.

THE MADDUX FAMILY FREEWAY LOOP

The fun part is that Mike was not the only Maddux brother to wear both uniforms. Greg Maddux pitched for San Diego in 2007-08, then was traded from the Padres to the Dodgers in August 2008 for the final stretch of his Hall of Fame career.

So if you ever need an unnecessarily specific piece of Dodgers-Padres trivia: **both Maddux brothers played for both franchises.**

QUICK MIKE MADDUX FILE

Full name: Michael Ausley Maddux

Dodgers: 1990 and 1999

Padres: 1991-92

MLB career: 15 seasons, 472 games

Reader status: Premium-grade "wait, HE was a Dodger?" material

DODGER. PADRE. MADDUX. JUST NOT THE MADDUX YOU WERE THINKING OF.

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DODGERS-PADRES LORE

GREINKE. QUENTIN. COLLISION.

April 11, 2013 - Petco Park

Before the current version of Dodgers-Padres hostility had fully formed, one pitch turned a routine April game into something much uglier.

The Dodgers led 2-1 in the sixth inning when Zack Greinke ran the count full to Carlos Quentin and hit him on the left arm. Quentin stared toward the mound. Words were exchanged. Then Quentin charged.

This was not their first encounter. Quentin had already been hit twice by Greinke earlier in their careers. This one became No. 3 - and the history between them mattered immediately.

Greinke dropped his glove and braced for contact. Quentin, listed about 45 pounds heavier, lowered his shoulder. The collision sent both men down and emptied the benches and bullpens.

THE COST

Greinke suffered a **broken left collarbone**. Quentin, Greinke, Matt Kemp and Jerry Hairston Jr. were ejected. The Dodgers still won the game, 3-2, but the story was no longer the score.

The confrontation spilled beyond the field as well: Kemp and Quentin had to be separated later in the area near the Padres' garage.

WHY IT STILL MATTERS

Dodgers-Padres did not become a rivalry because of one brawl. Geography, division races and later October meetings did the heavy lifting. But this was an early piece of genuine scar tissue - a night when the matchup stopped feeling entirely neighborly.

SOMETIMES A RIVALRY NEEDS OCTOBER. SOMETIMES IT NEEDS A 3-2 FASTBALL.

RIVALRY SCOREBOARD

Regular season through Sept. 23, 2026: Dodgers 540 wins, Padres 435 wins, 1 tie.

2026 season series: Dodgers lead 8-4 entering tonight.

Tonight: Rubber match and final regular-season meeting.



THIS DAY IN DODGER HISTORY - SEPTEMBER 24

GOODBYE, EBBETS FIELD.

September 24, 1957

On this date in 1957, the Brooklyn Dodgers played their final game at Ebbets Field.

Only **6,702 fans** were there to see it. Danny McDevitt threw a shutout and Brooklyn beat the Pittsburgh Pirates **2-0**. It was the last major-league game the Dodgers would ever play in the ballpark that had been their home since 1913.

The symmetry is hard to ignore tonight. Sixty-nine years later, September 24 is again a Dodger home finale - thankfully not a farewell to the ballpark this time, just the end of another regular-season summer at Chavez Ravine.

BONUS SEPTEMBER 24

1963 - Pennant clinched. The Dodgers clinched the National League pennant and would go on to sweep the Yankees in the World Series.

1971 - Downing wins No. 20. Al Downing shut out Atlanta 2-0 for his 20th victory.

1978 - West clincher. The Dodgers beat San Diego 4-0 to clinch the NL West.

2009 - Kemp makes club history. Matt Kemp became the first Dodger with at least 25 homers, 100 RBI and 30 stolen bases in one season.

READER TRIVIA

Question: Who threw the shutout in the Dodgers' final game at Ebbets Field?

A) Don Newcombe B) Johnny Podres C) Danny McDevitt D) Carl Erskine

ANSWER: C) Danny McDevitt. Brooklyn beat Pittsburgh 2-0 on Sept. 24, 1957.

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TONIGHT'S WATCH LIST

1. **Glasnow's swing-and-miss.** The Padres' current hitters have struck out in 37.5% of their Statcast-tracked plate appearances against him.
2. **Ohtani's second night back.** One hit and a walk Wednesday; now back in his familiar leadoff chair.
3. **Pivetta early.** His return from the IL has been strong. Make him throw pitches and force San Diego to show the bullpen.
4. **Reset after Wednesday.** The Padres' 5-1 win snapped L.A.'s 11-game home winning streak.
5. **October scoreboard.** The Dodgers can clinch a first-round bye with a win; San Diego can clinch a postseason berth with a win.
6. **Godzilla.** Frankly, if a 200-foot monster interrupts the seventh inning, we will update the postgame edition accordingly.

TONIGHT'S READER MISSION

- [] Shohei reaches base before the Godzilla jokes get old.
- [] Glasnow gets six strikeouts.
- [] Make Pivetta throw 20+ pitches in an inning.
- [] One completely unnecessary dugout shot after a Padres strikeout.
- [] Appreciate the last regular-season sunset at the Ravine.
- [] Dodgers win the season-series finale.

RAVINE READER PREGAME VERDICT

One last regular-season night at Dodger Stadium. A rubber match against San Diego. Glasnow on the mound. Ohtani back at leadoff. October consequences on both sides.

And Godzilla.

Baseball has given us worse Thursdays.

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RAVINE READER SCORECARD

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
PADRES												
DODGERS												

SCORING NOTES

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GAME NOTES / THINGS I WILL PRETEND I SAW COMING
