



ONE MORE FOR 100.

Game 162. Dodgers at Giants. Sunday, Sept. 27, 2026 | 12:05 PM PT | Oracle Park | SportsNet LA

GAME SNAPSHOT

DODGERS
99-62

GIANTS
65-96

THE NUMBER
100
One win away

TODAY'S STORY

The division is clinched. The No. 2 seed is secured. Five days of rest are waiting. So today's finale is not about survival - it is about putting a clean number on six months of work.

The Dodgers start Game 162 at **99-62**, one victory from their first 100-win season since 2023. They have also won five straight against San Francisco over the last week-plus. The regulars are mostly in there, with Will Smith the notable exception.

Jack Dreyer opens a bullpen game for Los Angeles. San Francisco counters with right-hander Carson Seymour, also functioning as an opener.

Nobody's pennant disappears with a loss today. Nobody goes home. But Dodgers-Giants on the final afternoon of the season has a way of waking up old ghosts.

PROBABLE OPENERS

LAD - Jack Dreyer, LHP
5-2 | 3.16 ERA | 62.2 IP

SF - Carson Seymour, RHP
0-2 | 4.70 ERA | 30.2 IP

READER MISSION

One more scorecard. Enjoy the weird little rhythms of Game 162. Watch the regulars get their work, watch the bullpen tune itself for October, and if the baseball gods are feeling tidy, bring home win No. 100.

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ENJOY IT, THEN GO ABOUT YOUR DAY.

OFFICIAL LINEUPS

GAME 162 - THE VARSITY IS MOSTLY HERE

#	PLAYER	POS	AVG
1	Shohei Ohtani	DH	.275
2	Mookie Betts	SS	.258
3	Freddie Freeman	1B	.290
4	Kyle Tucker	RF	.234
5	Teoscar Hernandez	LF	.269
6	Max Muncy	3B	.249
7	Andy Pages	CF	.274
8	Hunter Feduccia	C	.234
9	Tommy Edman	2B	.243

#	PLAYER	POS	AVG
1	Jonah Cox	2B	.259
2	Bryce Davidson	RF	.375
3	Victor Bericoto	DH	.236
4	Marcelo Mayer	3B	.000
5	Shay Whitcomb	1B	.220
6	Drew Cavanaugh	C	.236
7	Scott Bandura	LF	.192
8	Christian Koss	SS	.221
9	Drew Gilbert	CF	.240

WHAT TO WATCH

Ohtani: 30 homers entering the finale. Since returning from his right-biceps absence, he has been working his way back into game rhythm.

Betts: homered Saturday for No. 23. A good final tune-up before five idle days would be welcome.

Freeman: 167 hits entering today - the steady center of the lineup all season.

Pages: the breakout season gets one more regular-season chapter: .274, 22 HR and 81 RBI entering Game 162.

The bullpen: this is essentially an October maintenance day. Dreyer opens, and the rest of the afternoon should tell us more about who Dave Roberts wants sharp heading into the NLDS.

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RANDOM DODGER

ED ROEBUCK

If today's theme is final-day Dodgers-Giants history, there may not be a better obscure Dodger to pull from the deck.

Ed Roebuck was a right-handed reliever who bridged two eras of the franchise: Brooklyn and Los Angeles. He debuted with the Dodgers in 1955, was part of the club's first World Series championship team, moved west with the franchise, and remained a Dodger through 1963.

WHY HIM TODAY?

Because Roebuck was standing in the middle of the wreckage in **1962**. The Dodgers and Giants finished the new 162-game schedule tied at 101-61, forcing a best-of-three pennant playoff. San Francisco won Game 1; Los Angeles survived Game 2; Game 3 returned to Dodger Stadium.

The Dodgers carried a 4-2 lead into the late innings. Roebuck had been used throughout that series and was one of the relief arms caught in the chaos as San Francisco rallied for four runs in the ninth to win 6-4 and steal the pennant.

The official line from the deciding game even records Roebuck as the losing pitcher - one of those tiny box-score details that can attach a man's name forever to a much larger heartbreak.

BROOKLYN DODGER. LOS ANGELES DODGER. WORLD CHAMPION. AND A FOOTNOTE IN ONE OF THE WILDEST PENNANT RACES EVER PLAYED.

READER NOTE

Roebuck is exactly why this feature exists. Baseball history remembers Koufax, Drysdale, Mays and Wills. Somewhere in the margins are the relievers who inherited the runners, got the phone call, and lived with the box score afterward.



DODGER HISTORY

WHEN 162 WASN'T ENOUGH

Today's game is wonderfully low-stakes by comparison. But the Dodgers have a long history of reaching the final scheduled day with absolutely nothing settled.

1959 - LOS ANGELES' FIRST PENNANT

On **September 27, 1959** - exactly 67 years ago today - the Dodgers beat the Cubs 7-1 at Wrigley Field to clinch at least a tie for first place. Milwaukee also won, forcing a best-of-three playoff. Los Angeles swept the Braves in two games, then beat the White Sox in the World Series.

1962 - THE COLLAPSE

The Dodgers led the Giants by four games with two weeks left, then lost 10 of their final 13. Both clubs finished **101-61**. The resulting three-game tiebreaker became the last best-of-three pennant playoff in major-league history.

Los Angeles won Game 2 to stay alive and led the deciding Game 3, 4-2, before San Francisco scored four in the ninth. Giants 6, Dodgers 4. Season over.

1966 - SANDY CLOSES THE DOOR

San Francisco won its finale and waited at the airport. If the Dodgers lost both ends of a doubleheader in Philadelphia, the Giants would have to fly to Cincinnati for a makeup game with a chance to extend the race. Los Angeles lost Game 1.

Then Sandy Koufax took the ball in Game 2. He beat Jim Bunning with a complete-game victory and clinched the pennant. The Giants went home.



MORE FINAL-DAY NONSENSE

1980: THREE DAYS TO ERASE THREE GAMES

The Dodgers entered the final weekend of 1980 **three games behind Houston** - with the Astros coming to Dodger Stadium for three games.

Los Angeles won Friday by one. Won Saturday by one. Won Sunday by one. Three games erased in three days, forcing a Game 163 for the NL West.

Houston finally ended the dream in the tiebreaker, 7-1. But for one weekend, every pitch at Dodger Stadium felt like a season.

TODAY ISN'T 1962. IT ISN'T 1966. IT ISN'T 1980. BUT GAME 162 STILL HAS A NUMBER SITTING THERE WAITING FOR THE DODGERS: 100.

THIS DAY IN DODGER HISTORY - SEPTEMBER 27

1961: Sandy Koufax struck out seven Phillies and reached 269 strikeouts for the season, breaking Christy Mathewson's National League single-season record of 267.

1959: Roger Craig beat the Cubs 7-1 at Wrigley Field as Los Angeles clinched at least a tie for the NL pennant. Two playoff wins over Milwaukee later, the Dodgers were headed to their first World Series as a Los Angeles club.

1976: Walter Alston announced he would retire after 23 seasons as Dodgers manager. 'The Quiet Man' would finish with four World Series championships and seven NL pennants.

READER TRIVIA

Question: In 1962, how many regular-season games did the Dodgers and Giants ultimately play once the three-game pennant tiebreaker was counted in the official statistics?

A) 162 B) 163 C) 164 D) 165

Answer: D. The three playoff games counted as regular-season games, leaving both clubs with 165 games in the statistical record.



THE LAST REGULAR-SEASON PAGE

A FEW THINGS BEFORE OCTOBER

THE GOOD

The Dodgers have the division, the bye, and a rotation that finally resembles the one everyone imagined. They have won the first two games of this series and enter today on a five-game run against their oldest rival.

THE WEIRD

Game 162 is a bullpen day with nearly the entire regular lineup playing. That is the strange luxury of having your October position already locked: compete, stay sharp, and try very hard not to step on anything.

THE NUMBER

100. It changes nothing about the bracket. It guarantees nothing about October. It is still a wonderfully round monument to the daily grind of a six-month season.

THE READER'S FINAL REGULAR-SEASON MISSION

Keep the scorecard. Notice the substitutions. Enjoy the sunshine in San Francisco. Appreciate that a Dodgers-Giants finale can be relaxing for once.

And when the 27th out is recorded, close the regular-season notebook.

Then open the October one.



RAVINE READER SCORECARD

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LAD												
SF												

SCORING / NOTES

FINAL THOUGHT

We've filled out 161 scorecards. Grab a pencil. One more.