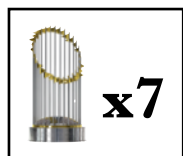




LOS ANGELES DODGERS

National League West



11334
FRANCHISE WINS

100-62
2023 SEASON

1st
DIVISION

#6
FARM SYSTEM RANK

Los Angeles, CA - Dodger Stadium (56,000)
Manager: Dave Roberts (753-442, 9th Season)

2023: Lost in NLDS

Big Spenders, Big Winners?

The Dodgers put together a spending spree this offseason unrivaled by any team in baseball's illustrious history. Shohei Ohtani, Tyler Glasnow, and Yoshinobu Yamamoto headline the new faces on a Dodgers team that has potential to put up historic numbers. However, in each of the last four full seasons the Dodgers have registered 100+ wins but have failed to accomplish their postseason goals. After an incredible 2022 season that featured a franchise record 111 wins, the Dodgers didn't even make it out of the first round. In 2023, the embarrassment grew as they were not only knocked out of the first round but swept by a division opponent that had only 84 regular season wins. To make matters more interesting, the team with the highest payroll hasn't won the Fall Classic since the Boston Red Sox in 2018 and prior to that, the New York Yankees in 2009. Can the Dodgers buck this trend in 2024?

Batting

It's very possible that the Dodgers score six runs per game in 2024. If they do, they'll become the first team since the 2000 Chicago White Sox to accomplish the feat. Obviously, adding the now two-time MVP into the heart of the lineup will only improve an offense that was already scoring 5.59 runs per game in 2023. He led the American League with 44 home runs and an on-base percentage of .412 and led the league with a ridiculous .654 slugging percentage. He won't pitch due to Tommy John surgery but that could mean that he sees more time at the plate which is a scary thought. **Freddie Freeman** was tremendous as always and he's missed 12 total games in the last six seasons and led the majors in doubles for a second straight season. **Mookie Betts** was runner-up to the NL MVP and will now slide over from second base to shortstop. He's somehow still in the peak of his physical prime and in addition to a career-best 39 home runs he drew a career-best 96 walks. **Will Smith** would be the #1 star on other teams and an argument can be made that he's the best catcher in baseball given his blend of offense and defense.

Max Muncy doesn't hit for a high average like some of his teammates but he's not lacking in home run power. He connected for 36 home runs marking the fourth time in his six year career where he's smashed 35 or more home runs in a season. As if the Dodgers needed more firepower, **James Outman** added 23 homers as a rookie although he strikes out at a rapid pace. The Dodgers added **Teoscar Hernandez** in free agency and he'll add his fair share of round trippers, too. The long ball has never been a big part of **Jason Heyward's** game but the veteran seemed re-energized in his first year with the Dodgers and slashed .269/.340/.473. With Betts now at shortstop, **Gavin Lux** has an opportunity to start at second base, although **Enrique Hernández**, **Chris Taylor**, and **Miguel Rojas** could factor into that position and are quality bench options at the very least.

Pitching

If there's a weakness on the team, it's starting pitching, even with the additions of **Tyler Glasnow** and **Yoshinobu Yamamoto**. The Dodgers are already dealing with injuries at this position. **Walker Buehler** is working his way back from a second Tommy John surgery and will miss the start of the season. **Clayton Kershaw** will miss significant time following a shoulder injury and may not return until August. **Tony Gonsolin** was an All Star in 2022 with a ridiculous 16-1 record and a 2.14 ERA but he had Tommy John surgery in September and will miss the entire season. **Dustin May** has been dynamic when he's on the mound but unfortunately those appearances have been few and far between since his MLB debut in 2019 and he'll miss at least half the year in 2024 after surgery to repair a flexor tendon.

The Dodgers made **Yoshinobu Yamamoto** the highest-paid pitcher in the game despite the fact that he has yet to throw an MLB pitch. He was superb in Japan and pairing him with Shohei Ohtani just makes too much sense. While LA waits on their stars to return, young **Bobby Miller** and **Gavin Stone** could see some starts along with veteran **James Paxton**. The bullpen should build on a strong second half after a disastrous start to the season especially if **Brusdar Graterol** stays healthy following the best season of his career. Fan-favorite **Joe Kelly** returned to the team in a midseason trade and **Evan Phillips** made 24 out of a possible 27 saves in 2023.

The Bottom Line

How good can the Dodgers be in 2024? In the regular season, they can be scary good. They won 111 games in 2022 and on paper, assuming the starting pitching returns, this roster is even better. However, the Dodgers (and their fans) don't care much about regular season wins, what records the team might break, or what the financial implications of the offseason spending spree might be in the distant future. The season will be defined as a success or failure solely by the team's performance in October. It's hard to see a team that can go head-to-head with the firepower that the Dodgers will wield in 2024, but, then again, that same statement has been uttered in prior postseasons. Even if the pitching staff doesn't improve much from an ERA in 2023 that was near the league average, the offense will cover a multitude of "sins".

2024 Projection: 108-54, 1st in NL West

Shohei Ohtani

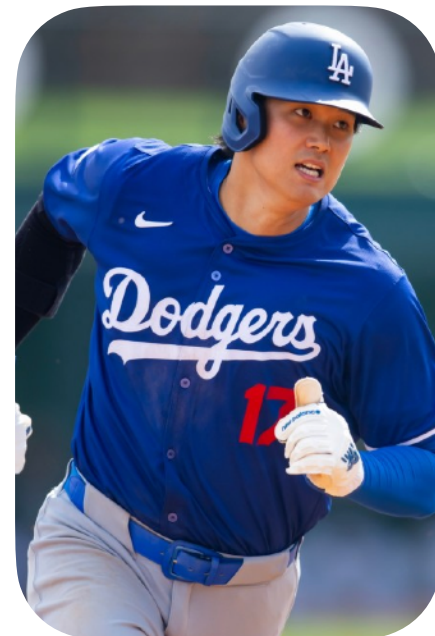


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2023 MLB Ranks

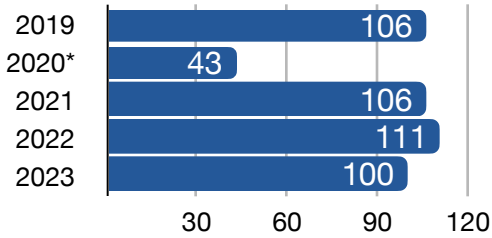
RPG - 5.59 (2nd)
HITS - 1422 (8th)
HR - 249 (2nd)
ERA - 4.06 (13th)
SO - 1388 (17th)
FD% - .987% (7th)

Freddie Freeman



Photo via AP News

DODGERS 5-YEAR WIN TREND



1.21 < Number to Know

\$1.21 billion (yes, *billion* with a b) spent by the Los Angeles Dodgers this offseason. Thanks to Ohtani deferring his contract, the Dodger's actual 2024 payroll is closer to \$300 million.

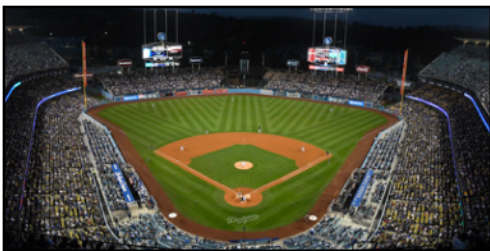


Photo via Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

PROSPECT TO WATCH Dalton Rushing - 1B/C

Despite all of their success and the many transactions that the Dodgers have made to improve the roster, the Dodgers farm system has remained strong with plenty of talented prospects including Dalton Rushing. The Dodger's top prospect was selected in the second round of the 2022 draft following a successful college career with Louisville. He had a breakout junior season that included 23 home runs and a batting average of .310. He played 89 games with High-A Great Lakes and the power remained, and he also drew 72 walks for a very respectable .404 on-base percentage. He doesn't have a lot of experience as a catcher which could mean he debuts in the majors as a first baseman. That debut may not take place in 2024 but it's worth following his baseball journey.

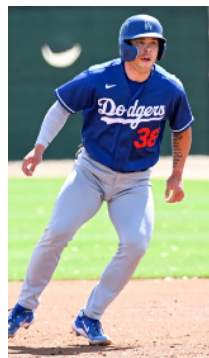


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Projected Lineup				'23 AVG
50	Mookie Betts	SS		.307
17	Shohei Ohtani	DH		.304
5	Freddie Freeman	1B		.331
16	Will Smith	C		.261
13	Max Muncy	3B		.212
33	James Outman	CF		.248
37	Teoscar Hernandez	LF		.258
23	Jason Heyward	RF		.258
9	Gavin Lux	2B		-

Projected Rotation				'23 ERA
31	Tyler Glasnow	SP		3.53
18	Yoshinobu Yamamoto	SP		-
28	Bobby Miller	SP		3.76
65	James Paxton	SP		4.50
71	Gavin Stone	SP		9.00
59	Evan Phillips	CL		2.05

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT Tyler Glasnow - P



2023 Statistics

APP IP ERA K BB
21 120 3.53 162 37

The Dodgers are risking a lot by bringing in the often-injured Tyler Glasnow, but if the 6'8" lefty can stay on the mound, the reward could be immense. He's coming off his best (and healthiest) year that included 21 starts. His stuff is simply electric and his career K/9 is 11.5 thanks to a pitch repertoire of a high-velocity fastball, a nasty slider, and a curveball. He uses his size to his advantage and by the time his arm releases the ball, it's 7.5 feet in front of the rubber, giving hitters even less time to react. He's become even more comfortable with his off speed pitches as the years go by.

2024 Schedule

March/April 2024											
				SD 20 6:05a	SD 21 6:05a						
					STL 28 4:10	STL 29 10:10	STL 30 9:10				
STL 31 7:00	SF 1 10:10	SF 2 10:10	SF 3 10:10			CHC 5 2:20	CHC 6 4:05				
CHC 7 2:20	MIN 8 7:40	MIN 9 7:40	MIN 10 1:10			SD 12 10:10	SD 13 10:10				
SD 14 7:00	WSH 15 10:10	WSH 16 10:10	WSH 17 3:10			NYM 19 10:10	NYM 20 4:05				
NYM 21 4:10		WSH 23 6:45	WSH 24 6:45	WSH 25 4:05		TOR 26 7:07	TOR 27 3:07				
TOR 28 1:37	ARI 29 9:40	ARI 30 9:40									

May 2024											
						ARI 1 9:40			ATL 3 10:10	ATL 4 9:10	
ATL 5 4:10	MIA 6 10:10	MIA 7 10:10	MIA 8 3:10					SD 10 9:40	SD 11 8:40		
SD 12 4:10	SF 13 9:45	SF 14 9:45	SF 15 9:45			CIN 16 10:10	CIN 17 10:10		CIN 24 7:15	CIN 25 7:15	
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CIN 26 1:40	NYM 27 4:10	NYM 28 7:10	NYM 29 4:10						COL 31 10:10		

June 2024											
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COL 2 4:10											
						PIT 4 6:40	PIT 5 6:40	PIT 6 6:40	NYN 7 7:05	NYN 8 7:35	
NYN 9 7:00						TEX 11 10:10	TEX 12 10:10	TEX 13 10:10	KC 14 10:10	KC 15 9:10	
KC 16 4:10	COL 17 8:40	COL 18 8:40	COL 19 8:40	COL 20 3:10		LAA 21 10:10	LAA 22 10:10				
		CWS 24 8:10	CWS 25 8:10	CWS 26 8:10				SF 28 10:15	SF 29 7:15		
SF 30 4:05											

July 2024											
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MIL 7 4:10						PHI 9 6:40	PHI 10 7:05	PHI 11 6:05	DET 12 6:40	DET 13 1:10	
DET 14 1:40						All-Star Break - Arlington, TX				BOS 19 7:15	BOS 20 7:15
BOS 21 4:10	SF 22 10:10	SF 23 10:10	SF 24 10:10	SF 25 4:10		HOU 26 8:10	HOU 27 7:10				
HOU 28 2:10						SD 30 9:40	SD 31 8:40				

August 2024											
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September 2024											
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