



Ohtani-Bets-Freeman Back-to-back Home Run Bang Bang & Edman's 8th-inning final hit

The Dodgers beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 8-6 in the 2024 Major League Baseball held at Chase Field in Phoenix, Arizona on Sunday (Korea time). The Dodgers won four consecutive games and secured the first two out of four consecutive postseason away series against Arizona, which ranks second in the National League West. The Dodgers recorded 81 wins and 54 losses, while the Arizona Diamondbacks recorded 76 wins and 60 losses. The gap between the two teams widened to six games.

The Dodgers won 10-9 after a close game the previous day, and it was quite unusual as well. The Dodgers was in full swing from the first inning. At the top of the first inning, No. 1, Shohei Ohtani, and Mookie Betts No. 3 Freddie Freeman hit three consecutive home runs. It was a close game from the first inning. Ohtani hit his 44th homer of this season for two consecutive days. It is the first time in the Dodgers' history that three consecutive home runs have been hit at the same time as the game started in the first inning.

Arizona immediately hit back at the bottom of the first inning. In the bottom of the first inning, leadoff hitter Corbin Carroll hit a hit that hit the top of the fence. Carroll hit all the ground and homered. He recovered one run by hitting an inside-the-park homer. Jake McCarthy and Jock Pederson had consecutive hits since then. At that time, Dodgers' defense made a mess of plays, creating chances for runners on the second and third bases with no outs. Lourdes Gurriel's two-run double made it to tie the score at 3-3. With runners on the first and third bases with one out leading to Fabin Smith's grounder and Adrian Del Castillo's walk, Eugenio Suarez's sacrifice fly made the game come from behind 4-3. In the first inning alone, both teams had back-to-back home runs and inside-the-park home runs at the same time.

However, after consecutive hits by Max Muncy and Miguel Rojas in the top of the second inning and Kevin Kiermaier's bunt, the Dodgers had a chance to load the bases with no outs. Ohtani, who returned to the batter's box, hit a sacrifice fly from the center to tie the game 4-4. Mookie Betts struck out after that, but Freddie Freeman scored a timely hit to center field with two outs and runners on the first and third bases, making it 5-4 again.

Arizona tied the game again in the bottom of the third inning. Lourdes Gurriel Jr.'s solo shot to the left balanced the game 5-5. After Gurriel's homer, the game went silent for a while.

The Dodgers led 6-5 with a double by Gavin Lux after two outs in the top of the fifth inning, followed by Max Muncy's timely hit to the right. The Dodgers had a chance to load the bases with one out with Teoscar Hernandez's double and consecutive walks by Will Smith and Gavin

Lux after one out in the top of the sixth inning, but missed the opportunity due to pinch hitter Kique Hernandez's strikeout and Miguel Rojas' fly ball to left field.[안전놀이터](#)

Arizona had a chance to hit third base with one out in the bottom of the seventh inning due to Luis Guillaume's walk and Gerardo Perdomo's sacrifice bunt and wild pitch, and tied the game 6-6 with Corbin Carroll's sacrifice fly to right field. Right fielder Mookie Betts overcame the crisis of massive runs through jump catch.

The Dodgers steadily seized the opportunity, but failed to run away. After persistently pressing ahead with the top of the ninth inning, it regained the lead. In the top of the ninth inning, Wil Smith and Gavin Lux had consecutive hits, and Kiké Hernández had a sacrifice bunt to secure the second and third bases with one out. Miguel Rojas hit a line drive ball, but second baseman Luis Guillaume's jump catch blocked the score. However, with runners on the second and third bases with two outs, Tommy Edman hit a timely two-run single to right, leading the game 8-6 again. Evan Phillips kept his team's win in the ninth inning.

Meanwhile, Arizona Merrill Kelly, a member of the KBO's reverse export myth, failed to overcome the Dodgers' lineup and was sluggish in five $\frac{1}{3}$ innings with 10 hits (three home runs), one walk, one strikeout, and six runs (four earned runs).