

Stovall eager to break loose for Panther running game

By J.R. Ogden
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Western Illinois has the Gateway Conference's top-rated quarterback. Northern Iowa has the No. 2 passer. Both teams also have outstanding receivers — Western's Gunnard Twyner has caught a pass in a league-record 26 straight games and UNI's Deric Ward will tie a Gateway mark with his next TD reception.

So who's going to make a difference Saturday when these two Gateway rivals meet at 1:30 in Macomb, Ill.?

UNI Coach Terry Allen hopes it's Jeff Stovall.

In last year's 36-27 UNI win at the UNI-Dome, Stovall — playing with a cast on his arm — pounded his way for

137 yards and two touchdowns. Allen said UNI must rush the ball effectively if it wants to win this weekend.

That makes Stovall an important commodity.

"We could ride his shoulders a little bit more," Allen said.

A junior who rushed for 1,191 yards as freshman, Stovall has yet to start in UNI's first three games, but leads the team with 159 yards on 35 carries. Marvin Sims started two games at tailback and James Porter one, but neither is the bruising type of runner UNI needs in league games.

"He's going to physically move the pile and pound at you a little bit and we'd like to be able to pound it at them

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a little bit," Allen said.

That would be just fine with Stovall. "That would be perfect," he said of extended duty. "That's what I've been waiting for all year."

"That's my type of play . . . You gotta be able to break the tackles."

Stovall was slowed by an ankle injury earlier in the season, but said he feels "100 percent" now.

"I could go the whole game if possible," he said. "But I'll be happy anytime they give it to me."

■ **TWYNER WATCH** — One person UNI's defense will have to keep an eye on is Western's Twyner.

A senior from Bettendorf who prepped at Pleasant Valley, Twyner has 105 career receptions for 1,613 yards. He leads the team this year with 15 catches for 201 yards after collecting 48 for 852 last year and earning all-Gateway and honorable mention all-American honors.

"He's a great young man; a tremendous person as well as an outstanding football player," Western Coach Randy Ball said. "He's a real competitor, plays hard and plays aggressive."

■ **STAT LEADERS** — UNI quarterback Chris Berg ranks second in the Gateway and 13th nationally with a 142.0 rating.

Berg, a fifth-year senior, has completed 38 of 65 passes for 576 yards and

three TDs. Western's Jeff Hecklinski (61 of 95 for 820 yards, 5 TDs) tops the league with a 145.7 rating.

Hecklinski, a sophomore transfer from Illinois, also leads in total offense with an average of 191.75 yards a game.

UNI's Ward, who is gunning for his 20th regular-season TD reception, is seventh nationally with an average of 101.33 receiving yards per game. Team-mate Ty Talton ranks first in the league and fourth nationally with an average of one interception per game — getting all three in a loss to the University of Iowa.

Team-wise, Western ranks first in the league in passing offense (226.5), scoring offense (36.8) and total defense (262.3).

Rams run by Jefferson

DUBUQUE — Ryan Johnson and Mike Brown teamed for 285 yards rushing as Dubuque Senior ran over Cedar Rapids Jefferson, 35-18, in Mississippi Valley Conference football last night at Dalzell Field.

Johnson, who ranks second in the league in rushing, rushed 22 times for 194 yards and a touchdown. But the

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ball went to Brown near the goal. He rushed for three touchdowns and finished with 91 yards on 21 carries.

Jefferson (0-5) found success on the ground as well, rushing for 225 yards and three scores.

Brown opened the scoring with a 1-yard touchdown run

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in the first quarter. Jefferson's Curtis Dennis brought the J-Hawks within one after his 6-yard run in the second quarter. The two-point extra point attempt failed.

Two big plays by Senior (2-3) put the Rams up, 28-6, at halftime. Johnson broke free on a 30-yard touchdown run, and quarterback Mike Studier connected with Steve Ruden on a 60-yard scoring strike.

The teams played even in the second half, both scoring a touchdown in each quarter. Jefferson's Aaron Kingsbury sprinted 67 yards for a score.

Jefferson has lost 18 straight games.

Tech clobbers No. 17 Maryland

ATLANTA (AP) — C.J. Williams scored on runs of 37 and 14 yards and Georgia Tech's defense had a night filled with big plays as the Yellow Jackets snapped a 13-game losing streak against Division I-A foes with a 31-3 upset of No. 17 Maryland last night.

The Jackets (2-2, 1-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) had six sacks and an interception against Scott Milanovich, making his first appearance for the Terrapins (4-1, 2-1) after an NCAA-imposed four-game suspension for gambling.

Tech also snapped its ACC

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losing streak at nine games dating back to its last I-A victory, 38-28 over Wake Forest Nov. 13, 1993. It was the Jackets' first victory over a ranked team since beating No. 23 North Carolina State, 16-13, Oct. 3, 1992.

Besides the sacks for 51 yards, Tech's pass rush also deflected two of Milanovich's passes at the line of scrimmage. The Jackets defense also stopped three fourth-down gambles by the Terps in the second half, at the Tech 34, 40 and 35.

Sanders 'ready to go'

IRVING, Texas (AP) — After ducking reporters and cameras Thursday at Valley Ranch, Deion Sanders later proclaimed himself "psyched to be in Dallas" although still nursing his injured left ankle.

"The guys were yelling at me to slow down and take it easy," the newest member of the Dallas Cowboys said. "I'm eager and ready to go."

"It's almost scary to get out there and be able to jog a good pace. I'm not ready for that."

Earlier this week, Sanders underwent arthroscopic surgery on his ankle for an injury received in the spring while playing for the Cincinnati Reds.

Sanders admitted that his body is tired, but will play when able. Meanwhile, he said, he will learn offensive and defensive schemes so he can make the transition when he takes the

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field.

The NFL defensive player of the year for Super Bowl champion San Francisco said he would like to play offense, but it's Coach Barry Switzer's decision.

Sanders signed a seven-year, \$35 million deal with the Cowboys that included a \$12 million signing bonus. He left the San Francisco Giants last week when the team was eliminated from the playoff picture.

Sanders said Thursday he's tired of reporters and cameras following him and his family through airports, and he just wants to be "one of the guys."

As evidence, the team's second highest-paid player evaded media during lunch break by ducking into the equipment room to make a telephone call.

Rams propose game swap

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The St. Louis Rams are trying to buy more time for construction crews racing to finish the Trans World Dome, proposing a swap of home dates with the San Francisco 49ers.

The Rams are scheduled to open the dome Oct. 22 against San Francisco and play at San Francisco Nov. 26.

The team made the formal request to the NFL and the 49ers this week after three other events set for early October at the dome were postponed to give crews more time to finish the \$260 million building.

The Rams want the dome opener to be a big event and they also want to play five games there this season. Attendance at the dome is 66,000 vs. 59,000 at Busch Stadium, where the Rams are playing at least their first three games.

If the Rams play one fewer home game in the dome, they also stand to lose more than \$1 million, because they don't get a share of concessions or advertising at Busch Stadium, as they do at the dome.

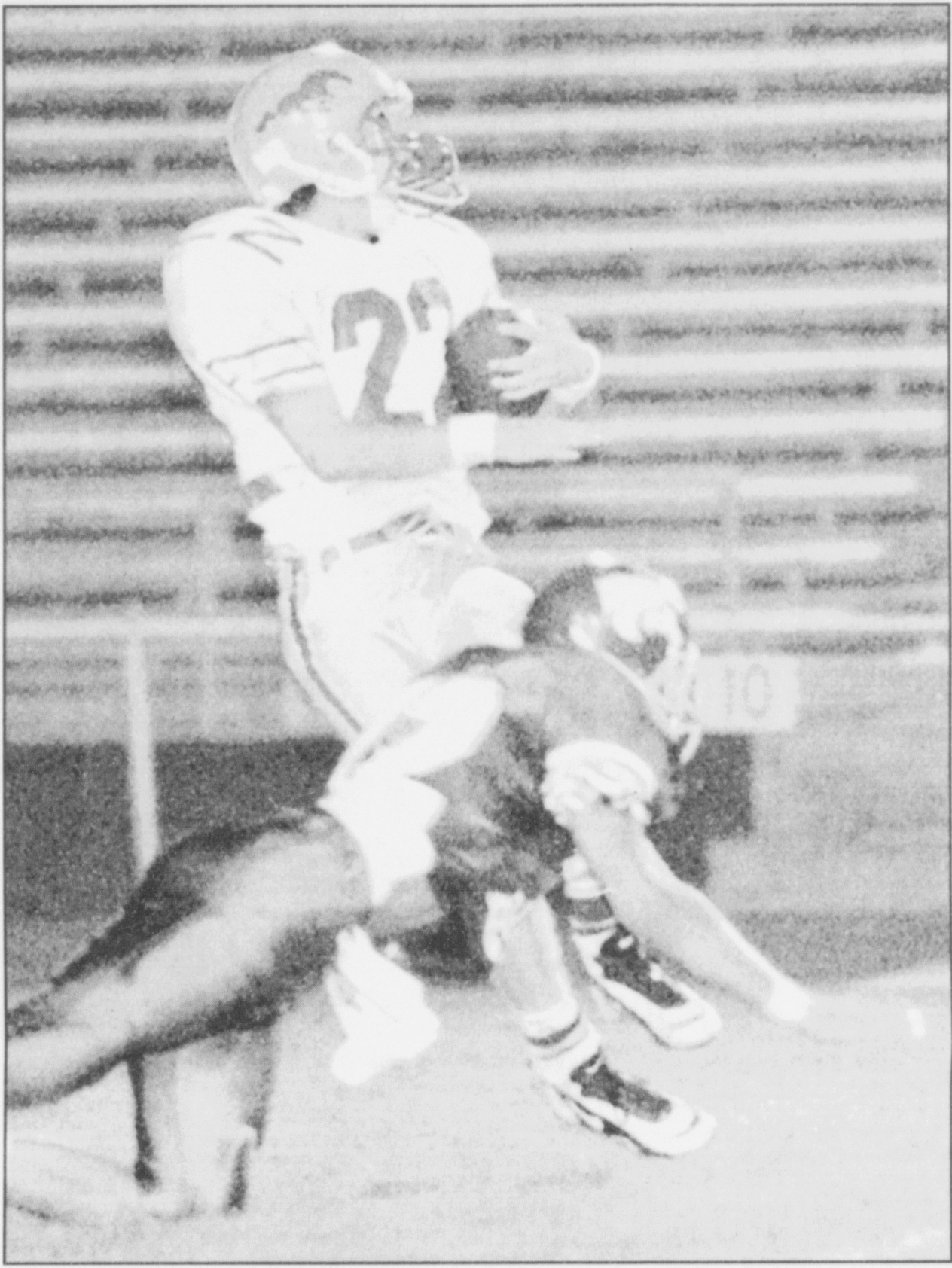
"They have not guaranteed it will be ready, they won't guar-

antee that it will be ready," Rams Vice President Bob Wallace said.

"With the uncertainty, it makes the most sense for them to make the switch."

Wallace visited the dome last week and said the concession stands, the scoreboard, the field and locker rooms were all concerns.

The St. Louis Regional Convention and Sports Complex Authority expects to discuss today whether the Oct. 22 deadline can be met.



Justin Fensterman pulls in a pass for Dubuque Hempstead last night during a 34-6 victory over Cedar Rapids Kennedy at Kingston Stadium. In the foreground is Kennedy's Jared Korf.

Hempstead routs Kennedy

By Jeff Dahn
Gazette sportswriter

A lot of attention has been paid this prep football season to the two Mississippi Valley Conference entrants from Iowa City.

But Cedar Rapids Kennedy can now attest that there's some pretty good football being played in Dubuque these days, too.

Class 4A ninth-ranked Dubuque Hempstead rolled into Kingston Stadium Thursday night and demolished Kennedy, 34-6, in a Mississippi Division showdown.

"Our kids played very well and we hit very well," said Hempstead Coach Roger Baylor, whose Mustangs nipped arch-rival Wahlert, 6-3, last week. "The kids showed a lot of diversity and we're back a little more on our game. They showed a lot of character."

Kennedy Coach Don Knock was impressed with the Mustangs.

"They played a lot better than they looked on tape," he said. "They really came out and played good football, and I think knocking off Wahlert probably was the thing that got them going."

"They have a good football team. They run hard, they block and tackle, and you can't be

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standing the whole football season. And Koch . . . is just a superior performer. He's been pressuring the quarterback all season and tonight he was in (Kennedy QB Cory Hennen's) face most of the night."

"They've really done a real good job. The defense is just playing excellent."

Kennedy (2-3) simply never got untracked. It failed to convert any of nine third-down situations into first downs, and the result was nine punts.

Hendricks, meanwhile, was unstoppable. He had five runs of 12 yards or more, including a 52-yard scamper in the first quarter and a 43-yarder for a touchdown in the third.

His other TD runs covered 1 and 4 yards.

Hempstead also scored on a 42-yard pass from Doug Stockel to Steve Kapparos in the second quarter and on a 1-yard run by reserve quarterback Brian Breen in the fourth.

Kennedy got on the board with 3:01 left in the game when Hennen hit B.J. Hammes with a 24-yard scoring pass against the Hempstead defensive reserves.

"We've got some real good defensive football players," Baylor said. "Kemp is a load by himself. He's played just out-

SATURDAY'S GAME

- **OPPONENTS**
Iowa (2-0) vs.
New Mexico State (1-3)
- **KICKOFF** - 1:05 p.m.
- **SITE** - Iowa City
- **LINE** - Iowa by 28
- **TV** - None

Ledbetter

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"For me it's about getting through this game healthy and not making many mental mistakes, just giving our team a chance to do the best they can and not be humiliated and not be embarrassed."

Hess thinks Ledbetter, a 6-2, 205-pound senior, has pro potential.

"He's good. He's real good," Hess said. "I think he'd be one of the top five quarterbacks in the country."

The Aggies (1-3) have lost to Nevada (45-24), Georgia (40-13) and New Mexico (36-24) after opening the year with a 45-17 victory over Texas-El Paso. The Hawkeyes say they respect New Mexico State, but Ledbetter thinks the Hawks deserve to be heavy favorites.

"They still think they're going to beat us pretty bad," he said. "I think they all know it deep in their heart it's going to happen. We're not worried about that."

"This is a chance for us to go up and prove that we're not scrubs and we're not that bad, that we can still play football."

Penalties will be told for Aggies

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — New Mexico State President J. Michael Orenduff will announce internal penalties against the men's basketball program today, the Albuquerque Journal said in a copyright story Thursday.

The action follows an investigation into allegations of academic fraud.

"We'll be announcing a whole series of penalties," Orenduff

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said. "I think they go to the issue of what happened."

He would not elaborate but said: "If the issue is recruiting, you want to look at recruiting. You have to look at where the violations occurred."

The school also will release an internal report by attorney Michael Glazier of Overland Park, Kan., a former NCAA investigator.

The Aggies are under investigation by the NCAA, which is looking into correspondence courses taken by junior college players who committed to play at New Mexico State.

The investigation initially involved courses taken by players in summer 1993 from Southeastern College of the Assemblies of God in Lakeland, Fla. The investigation later expanded to include courses from other years.

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METRO PREPS
Football — Waterloo West vs. Regis at Kingston Stadium, 7:30 p.m. **DeWane** at Marion, 7:30 p.m. **Bellevue** at LaSalle, 7:30 p.m. **Cedar Falls** at Prairie, 7:30 p.m. **Washington** at Waterloo East, 7:30 p.m. **Dubuque** at Dubuque Senior, 7:30 p.m.
Boys' golf — Kennedy, Davenport West at Bettendorf.

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Volleyball — Michigan at Iowa, 7 p.m. **St. Clare** at Cornell, 7:30 p.m. **Southwestern** at Northern Iowa, 7 p.m. **Luther**, Upper Iowa at Macalester Invitational.
Field hockey — Michigan at Iowa, 3 p.m.
Men's soccer — Colorado College at Grinnell, 4:30 p.m.
Men's cross country — Northern Iowa at Illinois Invitational.
Women's tennis — Cornell at Lake Forest, Luther, Coe in Roles ITA Invitational at Decorah.
Women's golf — Luther at Central Invitational.

TV SLATE

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Golf — Buck Challenge, Second Round. **ESPN**
Golf — Vintage Senior Championship, First Round, 2 p.m. **ESPN**
Baseball — Kansas City Royals at Cleveland Indians, 7 p.m. **NBC**
Prep Football — Iowa City West at Iowa City High, 7:30 p.m. **KGAN**
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Baseball — Houston Astros at Chicago Cubs, 1 p.m. **WGN**
Golf — Vintage Senior Championship, Second Round, 1:30 p.m. **ESPN**
College Football — Notre Dame at Ohio State, 2:30 a.m. **ABC**
College Football — Super Bowl XVI, 3:30 p.m. **ESPN**
College Football — Wisconsin at Penn State, 4:45 p.m. **ESPN**
Baseball — Minnesota Twins at Chicago White Sox, 6 p.m. **WGN**
College Football — Colorado at Oklahoma, 7:45 p.m. **ESPN**
High School Football — 8 p.m. **KTCN**
Baseball — Roy Jones vs. Tony Kotton, Super Middleweights, 9 p.m. **HBO**
College Football — Wisconsin at Penn State, (Tape) 2 a.m. **ESPN**

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East	West	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	84	57	596	—	
New York	76	65	539	8	
Baltimore	68	73	482	16	
Detroit	60	81	426	24	
Toronto	56	85	397	28	

Central Div.	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Cleveland	97	44	688	—
Kansas City	70	71	496	27
Chicago	66	75	468	31
Milwaukee	64	77	454	33
Minnesota	55	86	390	42

West Div.	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	77	64	546	—
California	75	66	532	2
Texas	72	69	511	5
Oakland	67	74	475	10

Wild Card	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	76	65	539	—
California	75	66	532	1
Texas	72	69	511	4

x-clinched division title

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
 Cleveland 12, Minnesota 4
 Kansas City 4, Chicago 0
 Seattle 6, Texas 2
 Boston 11, Milwaukee 6
 California 4, Oakland 1
 Only games scheduled

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East	West	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Atlanta	90	51	638	—	
Philadelphia	68	73	482	22	
New York	66	75	468	24	
Florida	65	75	464	24 1/2	
Montreal	65	76	461	25	

Central Div.	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Cincinnati	83	58	589	—
Houston	74	67	525	9
Chicago	72	69	511	11
St. Louis	60	80	429	22 1/2
Pittsburgh	57	84	404	26

West Div.	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	76	65	539	—
Colorado	75	66	532	1
San Diego	69	72	489	7
San Francisco	65	75	464	10 1/2

Wild Card	W	L	Pct.	GB
Colorado	75	66	532	—
Houston	74	67	525	1
Chicago	72	69	511	3

x-clinched division title

WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULT
 Los Angeles 7, Colorado 4
THURSDAY'S RESULTS
 Chicago 12, Houston 11 (11)
 Cincinnati 9, Montreal 7
 San Francisco 12, Colorado 4
 Only games scheduled

TODAY'S GAMES

American League

Game	Pitchers	W-L	ERA	TEAM REC	LAST 3 STARTS
New York at Toronto (7:05 p.m.)	Pettitte (LHP) Guzman (RHP)	11-9 4-14	4.20 6.66	12-12 6-17	2-1 23 1/3 1-2 16 1/3
Minnesota at Chicago (7:05 p.m.)	Parra (RHP) Andujar (RHP)	1-5 2-1	7.94 2.67	4-7 2-2	0-2 14 1/3 1-1 22
Seattle at San Francisco (7:05 p.m.)	Bosio (RHP) Witt (RHP)	10-8 3-4	5.02 4.64	12-18 2-6	1-0 17 0-2 18 1/3
Detroit at Atlanta (7:05 p.m.)	Lira (RHP) Brown (RHP)	9-12 9-9	4.22 3.80	10-11 11-14	0-2 17 2-0 21 1/3
Boston at Milwaukee (7:05 p.m.)	Hanson (RHP) Bones (RHP)	14-5 10-11	4.06 4.24	18-10 17-11	1-1 19 1/3 1-1 21 1/3
San Francisco at Oakland (7:05 p.m.)	Appier (RHP) Harshbarger (RHP)	15-9 15-6	3.84 4.04	19-11 17-8	2-1 23 1/3 3-0 22 1/3
Los Angeles at Philadelphia (10:05 p.m.)	Ortiz (RHP) Abbott (LHP)	9-5 11-8	4.15 3.51	13-8 9-7	0-0 19 1/3 1-1 24 1/3

Team Record — Team's record in games played by today's pitcher.

Team record — Team's record in games started by today's pitcher.

National League

Houston at Chicago (2:20 p.m.)	Hampton (LHP)	9-8	3.48	14-9	0-2	18 1/3	2.89
Cincinnati at Montreal (7:05 p.m.)	Navarro (RHP)	14-6	3.23	18-10	1-0	21 1/3	2.95
Atlanta at New York (7:05 p.m.)	Wells (LHP)	6-4	3.59	6-4	2-1	23	1.57
San Francisco at Colorado (7:05 p.m.)	Alvarez (RHP)	1-4	5.25	2-5	0-2	12 1/3	7.11
Los Angeles at Philadelphia (7:05 p.m.)	Glavin (LHP)	16-6	2.87	17-1	2-0	21	1.71
San Francisco at Colorado (7:05 p.m.)	Jonas (RHP)	10-11	4.22	15-14	1-2	17 1/3	4.22
Los Angeles at Philadelphia (7:05 p.m.)	Leiter (RHP)	10-11	3.53	15-13	1-2	21 1/3	3.53
Los Angeles at Philadelphia (7:05 p.m.)	Reynoso (RHP)	7-7	5.20	8-9	2-1	—	—
Los Angeles at Philadelphia (7:05 p.m.)	Morel (RHP)	0-0	0.00	0-0	—	—	—
Los Angeles at Philadelphia (7:05 p.m.)	Osborne (LHP)	3-6	3.89	7-11	2-0	19	—
Los Angeles at Philadelphia (7:05 p.m.)	Springer (RHP)	0-2	3.93	0-3	0-2	18 1/3	—
Los Angeles at Philadelphia (7:05 p.m.)	Hammond (LHP)	8-6	3.92	12-11	1-1	16 1/3	—
Los Angeles at Philadelphia (7:05 p.m.)	Valdes (RHP)	13-11	2.97	13-13	2-1	21 1/3	—
Los Angeles at Philadelphia (7:05 p.m.)	Hammond (RHP)	6-9	3.06	15-14	0-1	18	—

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