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World Series 2026: Brewers Won 4–1 After Trading at 62.1% Before Game 1

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Abstract

The Milwaukee Brewers beat the Tampa Bay Rays in five games. Polymarket priced Milwaukee at 62.1% before Game 1 and 2.2% on 1 February. The Dodgers led the market on 264 of its 271 days before Milwaukee swept them.

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62.1%

Milwaukee Brewers, 2026 champion price. Polymarket, 12:00 UTC on 20 October 2026, three days before Game 1. 2.2% on 1 February

37.7%

Tampa Bay Rays, 2026 champion price. After winning the American League pennant. 32.0% before Game 6 and 0.9% on 1 February

264 of 271

Days the Dodgers led the 2026 market. From 22 January 2026. The Brewers swept them in the National League series

10.5%

Dodgers at their low point in Game 7 of 2025. Polymarket series price at 03:14 UTC on 2 November 2025, Blue Jays 89.7%. The Dodgers won 5–4 in 11 innings

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The short answer

Milwaukee beat Tampa Bay 4–1 in the 2026 World Series, according to **Major League Baseball**. Before Game 1, Polymarket priced the Brewers at 62.1% and the Rays at 37.7%, at 12:00 UTC on 20 October. The

Rays had won the American League pennant the day before, beating Cleveland 7–3 in Game 6 to take the series 4–2.

For most of the year this market belonged to the Los Angeles Dodgers. They were 27.0% on 1 February and led on 264 of its 271 days; the Brewers swept them 4–0 in the National League series. On 1 February the Brewers were 2.2%, 13th of 30 teams, the Rays 0.9% and the Guardians 3.3%.

A series price moves hard within a single game. In Game 7 of 2025 the Dodgers fell to 10.5% at 03:14 UTC and won 5–4 in 11 innings. This page reads the public price record; it is not a forecast of the winner.

World Series 2026 odds on Polymarket

The Brewers reached the World Series with a 4–0 sweep of the Dodgers in the National League series, their first since 1982. The Rays beat the Guardians 4–2 for their third pennant, after 2008 and 2020. Neither team has won a World Series, so 2026 will have a first-time champion. At 13:00 UTC on 19 October, before Game 6, the pennant market had the Rays at 80.6% and the Guardians at 18.2%.

Before the pennant was settled, the two markets together gave a head-to-head estimate. Dividing a team's champion price by its pennant price gives its chance to win the World Series once there: 39.7% for the Rays before Game 6, which put the Brewers at about 60% against them. With the pennant decided, the champion market prices that matchup directly: 62.1% for the Brewers. The estimate from two separate markets was 1.8 points away.

Team	Win the World Series, 20 Oct	Win the World Series, before Game 6	Win the AL pennant, before Game 6
Milwaukee Brewers	62.1%	61.9%	NL champion
Tampa Bay Rays	37.7%	32.0%	80.6%
Cleveland Guardians	Out	6.4%	18.2%

Polymarket Yes prices at 12:00 UTC on 20 October 2026 and at 13:00 UTC on 19 October 2026, before Game 6 of the American League series: each market's last minute price at or before that time. Live prices are in the MLB odds room.

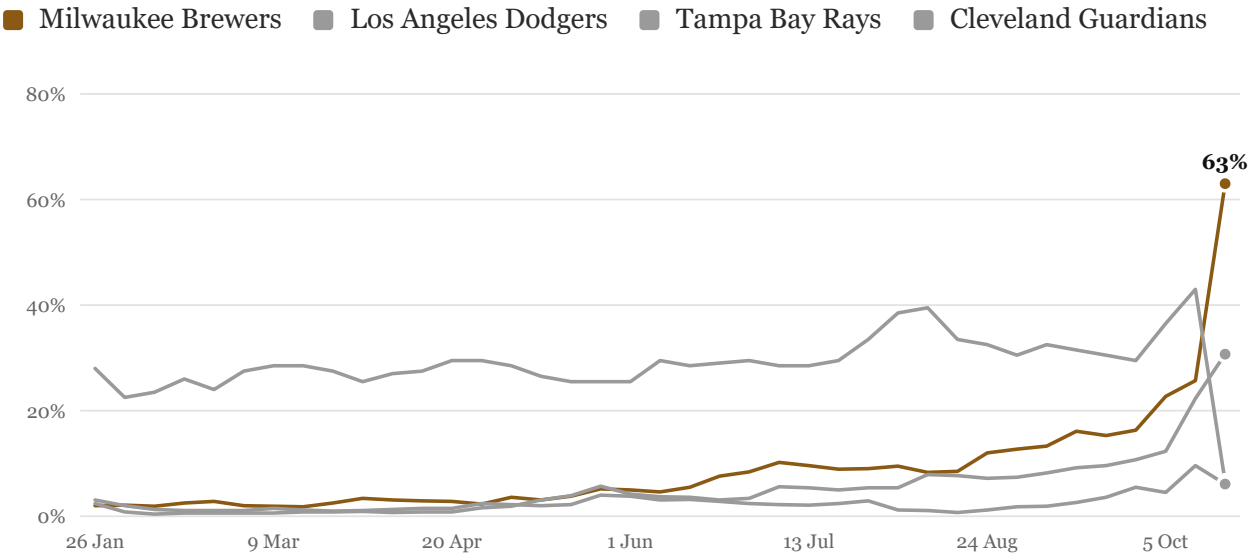
The 2026 market: a season of Dodgers

Polymarket's 2026 champion market opened on 21 January. On 1 February the Dodgers were 27.0%, more than twice the next team, the New York Yankees at 11.5%. They peaked at 43.5% and were still 29.5% on 1 October, when the Brewers were 16.9%.

The lead in the market changed hands only once all year, on 13 October, in the middle of the Brewers' sweep. The Brewers have risen from 2.2% to 62.1%, and the Rays from 0.9% to 37.7%.

2026 World Series champion price, four teams

Polymarket, Monday readings, 26 January to 19 October 2026. Percent.



The Dodgers line ends near zero after the sweep; a closed market keeps its last price.

Chart: Vultax Research

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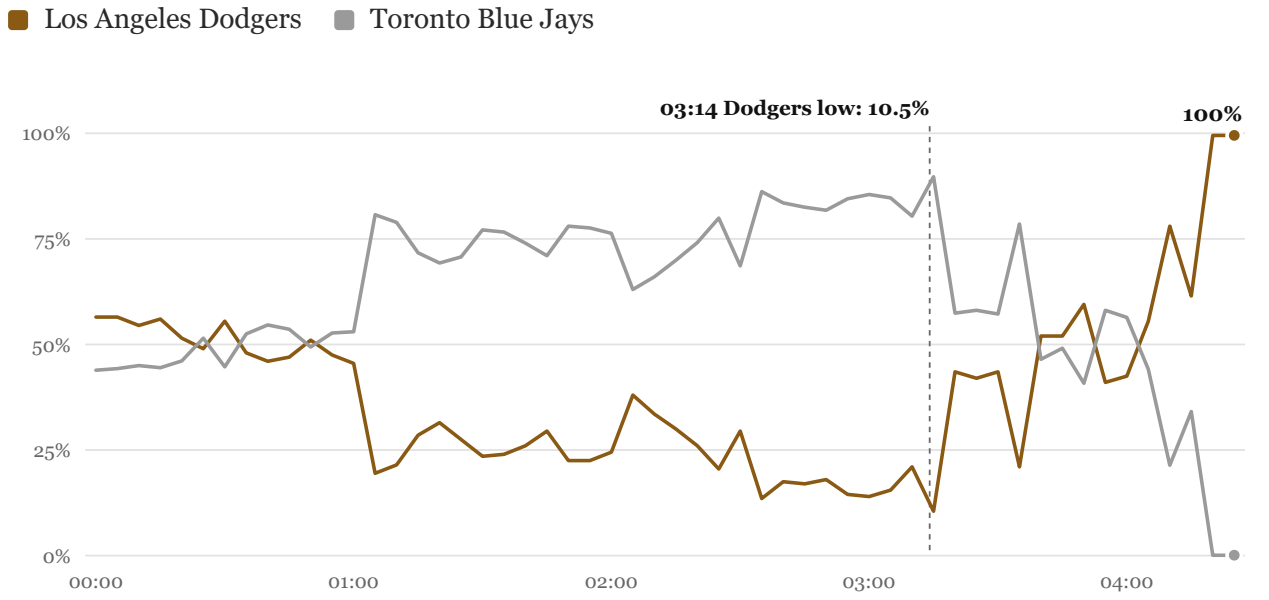
2025: the Game 7 the Dodgers won from 10.5%

The Dodgers were 69.0% before Game 1 in Toronto. The price then moved with every game: down after the Blue Jays won Game 1, up after Games 2 and 3, down to 32.5% after Toronto won Games 4 and 5, back to 56.5% after Game 6.

In Game 7 the Dodgers were 56.5% at 00:00 UTC. At 03:14 UTC they were 10.5%, with the Blue Jays at 89.7%. They won 5–4 in 11 innings, and their price reached 99% at 04:18 UTC.

Dodgers and Blue Jays during Game 7 of the 2025 World Series

Polymarket series price, every 5 minutes, 00:00 to 04:25 UTC on 2 November 2025. Percent.



Times are UTC; the game started on the evening of 1 November in Toronto.

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After	Result	Dodgers	Blue Jays
Before Game 1	Series starts	69.0%	31.1%
Game 1, 24 Oct	Blue Jays 11–4	54.5%	46.0%
Game 2, 25 Oct	Dodgers 5–1	68.5%	31.7%
Game 3, 27 Oct	Dodgers 6–5 in 18 innings	79.5%	20.0%
Game 4, 28 Oct	Blue Jays 6–2	63.5%	36.5%
Game 5, 29 Oct	Blue Jays 6–1	32.5%	67.3%
Game 6, 31 Oct	Dodgers 3–1	56.5%	43.8%
Game 7, 1 Nov	Dodgers 5–4 in 11 innings	Won	Lost

Polymarket series prices before Game 1 (22:00 UTC on 24 October) and at 12:00 UTC on the day after each game. Results from the series record.

2024: the favourite from the first week

Polymarket's 2024 market opened in late August with the Dodgers on top at 20.0%. They led on 55 of its 65 days and were 54.0% against the Yankees' 46.0% before Game 1.

Their lowest point came in that first game, 43.0% at 02:16 UTC on 26 October; they won it and the series in five. The price reached 99% at 03:52 UTC on 31 October.

The favourite at each stage

In both finished years the team on top at the start won. Two seasons are too few for a rate, and the 2026 favourite at the start did not reach the final.

Season	Favourite at the start	Favourite before Game 1	Champion
2024	Dodgers 20.0%	Dodgers 54.0%	Dodgers
2025	Dodgers 24.0%	Dodgers 69.0%	Dodgers
2026	Dodgers 27.0%	Brewers 62.1%, 20 Oct	Not decided

The start is the market's third day of prices: 30 August 2024, 1 March 2025 and 24 January 2026. Before Game 1 is 22:00 UTC on the day of the opener; for 2026, 12:00 UTC on 20 October 2026.

How to read a World Series price

The same reading, what a price did before a result, is applied to award markets in our **Ballon d'Or study**.

- A series price is the chance to win four games, not the next one. 62.1% for the Brewers means the market expects them to lose the series about 4 times in 10.
- One game moves the series price a long way. In 2025 a single loss took the Dodgers from 63.5% to 32.5%.
- Before the pennant is settled, a champion price mixes two questions: who reaches the final and who wins it. Dividing by the pennant price separates them.
- A closed market keeps its last price. A team that is out shows a small number, not zero, until the market settles.

Method and limits

Prices are Polymarket's Yes prices from its public price-history API: minute values for the 2024 and 2025 World Series and for 19 and 20 October 2026, daily values for everything else. A team leads on a day when it has the highest daily price.

The head-to-head figures divide two prices from separate markets; their sum does not have to be exactly 100%, so treat them as approximate. Game results come from the series record, not from the market.

The recorded prices are from before the series, and the final result comes from MLB. It reads public prices; it is not a forecast by Vultax and not advice to trade.

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