

# DETROIT TIGERS GAME NOTES

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## DETROIT TIGERS (1-0) AT CLEVELAND GUARDIANS (0-1)

Wednesday, October 1, 2025 • Progressive Field, Cleveland, OH • 1:08 p.m. ET

RHP Casey Mize (0-0, 0.00) vs. RHP Tanner Bibee (0-0, 0.00)

A.L. Wild Card Game #2 • TV: ESPN • Radio: 97.1 FM/107.9 FM

**ONE FOR THE BOOKS:** Tarik Skubal etched his name in post-season lore, Zach McKinstry laid down a timely sacrifice bunt and Will Vest shut the door with 1.1 scoreless frames as the Detroit Tigers yesterday earned a 2-1 win at the Cleveland Guardians in Game 1 of the Best-of-Three A.L. Wild Card Series ... the clubs continue their series this afternoon as the Tigers attempt to win the series while the Guardians aim to force a winner-take-all Game 3 on Thursday.

- Skubal yesterday struck out 14 batters to set the American League record for most strikeouts in a post-season game by a southpaw ... his 14 strikeouts are tied for the second-most ever in a playoff game by a left-handed pitcher and are the most in nearly 50 years when Pittsburgh's John Candelaria struck out 14 on October 7, 1975 at the Reds in Game 3 of the NLCS.
- Only one left-handed pitcher in post-season history has topped Skubal's single-game strikeout total: Sandy Koufax, 15 Ks, October 2, 1963, Game 1 of the World Series at the Yankees.
- Skubal's 14 Ks were the most by any pitcher in a post-season game since Houston's Gerrit Cole struck out 15 Tampa Bay Rays on October 5, 2019 in Game 2 of the ALDS, and the most on the road since Roger Clemens had 15 Ks on October 14, 2000 in Game 4 of the ALCS at Seattle.
- Skubal's 14 strikeouts tied Detroit's single-game post-season club record set once previously by Joe Coleman on October 10, 1972 in Game 3 of the ALCS vs. the Oakland Athletics.

**SMALL BALL:** Zach McKinstry yesterday became the first Tiger ever to notch a game-winning RBI in a playoff game via a sacrifice hit as he squeezed home Riley Greene in the seventh inning to snap a 1-1 tie ... the Tigers ranked 29th in the majors with five sacrifice hits this year (Baltimore had four).

**WELCOME TO OCTOBER:** The Tigers are in the playoffs in back-to-back seasons for the first time since a four-year run from 2011-14 ... this marks the fourth time ever that the Tigers have made the playoffs at least two seasons in a row, joining the aforementioned 2011-14, 1934-35 and 1907-09.

- The Tigers and Guardians had never met in the postseason until last year ... today marks the 33rd game between the clubs since the start of the 2024 season, the most games played between any two clubs in all of baseball within this span of time.
- In the ALDS last year, the Tigers lost Game 1 but won the next two games to earn a pair of chances to eliminate Cleveland, but they dropped Games 4 and 5 of the series ... the Tigers swept the Astros in the Best-of-Three Wild Card series last year in Houston.

**HOW DID WE GET HERE?:** Describing Detroit's path to the postseason as somewhat of a circuitous yet earned journey could be a bit of an understatement, as the club experienced the very best of times while also overcoming moments of angst at various points throughout the year.

- The Tigers this year woke up on May 1, June 1, July 1, August 1 and September 1 with the best or tied-for-the-best record in the A.L., a feat the franchise had previously done only thrice, including only two other times in the last 115 years: 1984, 1968, 1909.
- The Tigers were the first team in the majors to 30, 40, 50 and 60 wins this year for just the fifth-time ever, joining the 2006, 1984, 1961 and 1911 Tigers clubs ... thanks to Elias.
- The Tigers became just the sixth major league team in the last 20 seasons to first reach 30, 40, 50 and 60 wins (2022 Yankees, 2019 Dodgers, 2015 Cardinals, 2009 Dodgers, 2006 Tigers).
- Despite losing 12 of 13 games during a stretch surrounding the All-Star Break, the Tigers still had the best record in the A.L. on August 1 and were the first A.L. team to reach 80 wins, getting there on August 31 to run their record to 80-58 with one month to play.

**SEPTEMBER MOURN:** The Tigers then went 7-17 (.292) in September, the second-lowest winning percentage in the majors that month ahead of only the Rockies (4-21, .160) ... meanwhile, the Guardians led the majors with a 20-7 (.741) record in September, allowing them to leapfrog the Tigers and erase a deficit that stood at 10.5 games through August and 15.5 games through July 8.

- The Tigers finished September with a sub-.300 winning percentage for only the ninth time in franchise history, the first time since doing so three out of four years in 2017, 2019 and 2020.
- Detroit's .292 winning percentage in September is the lowest in that particular calendar month by a playoff qualifier dating back to when the World Series began in 1903.
- The Tigers lost 22 of their last 31 games starting August 24 ... Detroit went 28-41 in its last 69 games after going 59-34 in its first 93 games through July 8.
- The Tigers went 3-13 in their final 16 games to become the second team in major league history to lose 13 of their final 16 games yet still make the postseason, joining the 2000 Yankees, who also finished that season 87-75 ... they went on to win the World Series.

**A SEASON FOR THE AGES:** Riley Greene finished with 31 doubles, 36 homers and 111 RBI, just the second Tiger in the 125-season history of the franchise to reach those numbers in his age-24-or-younger season, joining Hank Greenberg in 1935 (46 doubles/36 homers/168 RBI) ... Greene (2025), Greenberg (1935, 1937, 1940) and Miguel Cabrera (2008, 2010, 2012) own the only seven individual seasons in the history of the franchise that reach those totals, regardless of age.

- Only five other major leaguers in the past 20 years reached Riley's 2025 totals in their age-24-or-younger season: Rafael Devers (BOS, 2021), Cody Bellinger (LAD, 2019), Nolan Arenado (COL, 2015), Mike Trout (LAA, 2014) and Prince Fielder (MIL, 2007).
- Overall, Greene is the second Tigers left-handed hitter to reach 36 homers in the past 50 years, the first in the last 40 years when Darrell Evans slugged 40 bombs in 1985 ... Greene is the first Tigers lefty to reach 36 homers and 111 RBI since Norm Cash in 1961 (41 HR, 132 RBI).

**POST-SEASON PROWESS:** On the Tigers Wild Card Series roster, 12 position players and nine pitchers entered this series with post-season experience ... only Dillon Dingler, Jahmai Jones, Casey Mize, Troy Melton and Kyle Finnegan lacked said experience, a stark contrast from last year.

- Tommy Kahnle leads Tigers pitcher with 27 playoff relief outings while Jack Flaherty leads with nine post-season starts ... Gleyber Torres (46 playoff games) and Javier Baez (37 games) lead Tigers position players in post-season experience ... eight Tigers position players this year appeared in all seven of Detroit's playoff games a season ago.

### TIGERS VS. GUARDIANS

2025 Record: 5-8  
2025 at Home: 1-6  
2025 at Cleveland: 4-2  
All-Time Record: 1164-1162-12  
All-Time at Home: 630-528-5  
All-Time at Comerica Park: 109-116  
All-Time at Cleveland: 534-635-7  
All-Time at Progressive Field: 105-159

#### 2025 Game Log

Date	Site	Result	Winner/Loser/Save
5/22	DET	L0-7	Bibee-Flaherty
5/23	DET	L1-3	Cecconi-Jobe-Clase
5/24	DET	L5-7	Herrin-Haniffee
5/25	DET	W5-0	Skubal-Allen
7/4	CLE	W2-1	Holton-Cecconi-Vest
7/5	CLE	W1-0	Mize-Allen-Kahnle
7/6	CLE	W7-2 (10)	Lee-Smith (HOF)
9/16	DET	L5-7 (10)	Smith-Vest
9/17	DET	L0-4	Williams-Flaherty
9/18	DET	L1-3	Bibee-Melton-Gaddis
9/23	CLE	L2-5	Williams-Skubal-Smith
9/24	CLE	L1-5	Bibee-Flaherty
9/25	CLE	W4-2	Hurter-Messick-Vest

### TIGERS AT A GLANCE

Overall .....	87-75
Current Streak .....	L1
At Comerica Park .....	46-35
On the Road.....	41-40
At Neutral Sites.....	0-0
Day games .....	37-27
Night games .....	50-48
Series Record.....	29-22-1
Series at Home .....	16-10
Series on the Road.....	13-12-1
vs. RH starting pitchers .....	62-58
vs. LH starting pitchers .....	25-17
vs. AL East .....	19-12
vs. AL Central.....	30-22
vs. AL West .....	15-16
vs. NL East.....	4-11
vs. NL Central.....	8-10
vs. NL West .....	11-4
Tigers score first .....	61-23
Opponents score first .....	26-52
Scoring five-or-more runs.....	60-15
Scoring four-or-less runs.....	27-60
Extra innings .....	5-8
One-run games.....	21-12
Two-run games .....	15-14
Tigers get quality start .....	40-12
Tigers starter works 6+ innings.....	44-12
Lead after 6th/7th/8th inning .....	71-6/74-8/77-1
Trail after 6th/7th/8th inning .....	4-55/3-55/2-64
Tied after 6th/7th/8th inning ....	12-14/10-12/8-10
Tigers out hit opponent .....	64-13
Opponent out hits Tigers.....	19-54
Tigers and opponent have equal hits .....	4-8
Tigers hit a home run .....	64-37
Tigers do not hit a home run .....	23-38
Come-from-behind wins.....	29-35

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#### WILD CARD SERIES AT A GLANCE

##### Game 1

Tuesday, September 30 @ Cleveland  
Tigers 2, Guardians 1  
Skubal dominates with 7.2 innings of one-run ball, Sets A.L. LHP post-season game record with 14 Ks

##### Game 2

Wednesday, October 1 @ Cleveland - 1:08 p.m. ET  
RHP Casey Mize vs. RHP Tanner Bibee  
ESPN/97.1 FM/107.9 FM

##### Game 3 (if necessary)

Thursday, October 2 @ Cleveland - 1:08 p.m. ET  
RHP Jack Flaherty vs. RHP Slade Cecconi  
ESPN/97.1 FM/107.9 FM

# #12 RHP CASEY MIZE (0-0, 0.00)

Height: 6-3 | Weight: 212 | Throws: Right | Bats: Right | Born: May 1, 1997 | Age: 28 | Birthplace: Springville, AL

CASEY MIZE'S 2025 GAME LOG													CASEY MIZE'S HIGHS				
GAME	RESULT	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	K	AVG	BB	HR	P-S	LEFT	2025		CAREER		
4/1 @ SEA	W, 4-1	0.00	5.2	1	0	0	6	.059	3	0	82 - 48	3-0, 1 on	STAT	VALUE	DATE	VALUE	DATE
4/7 vs. NYY	W, 6-2	0.77	6.0	4	1	1	6	.132	3	0	88 - 57	5-1	IP	7.0	3x, 7/5 @ CLE	7.2	5/17/21 @ SEA
4/13 @ MIN	L, 1-5	2.60	5.2	7	4	4	3	.194	0	2	74 - 53	1-4, 2 on	SO	10	8/16 @ MIN	10	2x, 8/16/25 @ MIN
4/19 vs. KC	W, 3-1	2.22	7.0	4	1	1	3	.182	1	1	88 - 63	3-1	H	10	7/22 @ PIT	10	7/22/25 @ PIT
4/26 vs. BAL	W, 4-3	2.12	5.1	8	1	1	5	.216	0	1	87 - 59	3-1, 2 on	R	6	7/12 vs. SEA	6	5x, 7/12/25 vs. SEA
5/1 @ LAA	W, 10-4	2.70	7.0	7	4	4	4	.226	2	2	95-58	2-4	ER	6	7/12 vs. SEA	6	4x, 7/12/25 vs. SEA
5/8 @ COL	W, 10-2	2.53	6.0	3	1	1	8	.217	0	0	86-63	9-1	HR	3	8/4 vs. MIN	3	5x, 8/4/25 vs. MIN
5/24 vs. CLE	ND, 5-7	2.45	5.0	4	2	1	6	.215	1	1	77-53	3-2	BB	4	6/5 @ CWS	4	5x, 6/5/25 @ CWS
5/30 @ KC	ND, 7-5	2.82	3.1	8	3	3	4	.236	2	1	79-49	4-3, 2 on	NP	102	7/5 @ CLE	103	6/15/21 @ KC
6/5 @ CWS	ND, 2-3	2.91	4.2	6	2	2	3	.244	4	0	93-59	0-2, 1 on	CASEY MIZE'S SPLITS				
6/11 @ BAL	L, 1-10	2.95	5.1	8	2	2	7	.254	2	1	90-62	0-2, 1 on	2025				
6/17 vs. PIT	W, 7-3	2.96	6.0	5	3	2	4	.251	0	0	92-58	3-3	SPLIT	IP	H	R	ER
6/22 @ TB	ND, 9-3	2.88	5.0	6	1	1	5	.254	0	1	80-52	1-1	HOME	73.1	72	33	30
6/28 vs. MIN	W, 10-5	2.86	6.2	5	2	2	5	.249	1	1	94-64	7-2, 1 on	AWAY	75.2	81	35	34
7/5 @ CLE	W, 1-0	2.63	7.0	4	0	0	4	.243	2	0	102-68	1-0	DAY	65.0	62	25	25
7/12 vs. SEA	L, 7-15	3.15	3.0	6	6	6	4	.251	1	1	68-47	1-6	NIGHT	84.0	91	43	39
7/22 @ PIT	L, 5-8	3.40	4.0	10	5	4	5	.264	1	0	86-62	0-5	VS. L	80.2	85	33	30
7/29 vs. AZ	ND, 12-2	3.43	1.2	3	2	1	2	.266	3	0	59-33	0-2, 2 on	VS. R	68.1	68	35	34
8/4 vs. MIN	W, 6-3	3.50	6.0	4	3	3	4	.263	0	3	67-45	2-3	CASEY MIZE'S SPLITS				
8/10 vs. LAA	W, 9-5	3.50	5.0	3	2	2	5	.259	2	1	91-55	7-2	CAREER				
8/16 @ MIN	W, 8-5	3.63	6.1	4	4	4	10	.255	1	0	89-58	6-3, 1 on	SPLIT	IP	H	R	ER
8/22 vs. KC	ND, 7-5	3.68	5.2	9	3	3	0	.262	1	0	87-51	1-3	HOME	218.0	219	113	101
8/27 @ ATH	L, 0-7	3.95	3.1	7	5	5	4	.268	2	1	78-49	0-5, 1 on	AWAY	236.1	241	114	111
9/3 vs. NYM	W, 6-2	3.87	5.0	5	1	1	3	.267	0	0	69-48	1-1	DAY	177.1	178	79	76
9/9 @ NYY	W, 12-2	3.83	6.0	4	2	2	8	.264	0	2	88-58	2-2	NIGHT	277.0	282	148	136
9/16 vs. CLE	ND, 5-7	3.88	5.1	7	3	3	8	.265	1	1	87-62	1-3, 2 on	VS. L	228.0	234	115	105
9/21 vs. ATL	L, 2-6	3.91	5.2	5	3	3	5	.264	3	1	97-58	0-3	VS. R	226.1	226	112	107
9/26 @ BOS	ND, 3-4	3.50	6.1	6	2	2	8	.263	0	0	80-58	3-1, 2 on					
Season	14-6	3.87	149.0	153	68	64	139	.263	36	21	--	--					
Career	23-25	4.19	440.0	446	220	205	365	.261	121	64	--	--					

- After being left off last year’s playoff roster, is now Detroit’s game two starter...faced Cleveland three times this year in the regular season, going 1-0 with a 2.08 ERA (4 ER / 17.1 IP).
- Mize (14-6) and Tarik Skubal (13-6) are the first Tigers teammates to reach 13 wins since 2014, when Max Scherzer (18), Justin Verlander (15) and Rick Porcello (15) each did so...New York’s Max Fried and Carlos Rodón were the only other A.L. teammates with at least 13 wins this year.
- Named a 2025 All-Star for the first time in his career on July 11, becoming the sixth Tigers’ player to be named to the team.
- Placed on the 15-day IL on May 10 (retro May 9) with a left hamstring strain...was activated and made his first start back against Cleveland on May 24.
- Became the first Tigers pitcher to win four games in April since Jordan Zimmerman won five games in 2016... went 4-1 with a 2.12 ERA (6 ER/24.1 IP) in five starts in April.

CASEY MIZE'S 2025 ARSENAL														
PITCH	#	VS. R	VS. L	%	MPH	AB	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	SO	BA	SLG
FOUR-SEAM	801	282	519	34.0	94.6	182	46	29	10	1	6	43	.253	.418
SPLITTER	569	161	408	24.2	88.6	172	51	32	11	1	7	51	.297	.494
SLIDER	360	127	233	15.3	88.5	66	15	10	3	1	1	6	.227	.348
SLURVE	336	230	106	14.3	83.6	75	18	12	2	1	3	30	.240	.413
SINKER	286	275	11	12.2	94.7	86	23	15	4	0	4	9	.267	.453