

DETROIT TIGERS GAME NOTES

WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS: 1935, 1945, 1968, 1984

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Detroit Tigers (0-0) at Seattle Mariners (0-0)

Saturday, October 4, 2025 • T-Mobile Park, Seattle, WA • 5:38 p.m. PT

RHP Troy Melton (0-1, 108.00) vs. RHP George Kirby (0-0, 0.00)

A.L. Division Series Game #1 • TV: FS1 • Radio: 97.1 FM/107.9 FM

MANIFEST DESTINY: The Detroit Tigers and Seattle Mariners today begin their A.L. Division Series with Game 1 at T-Mobile Park ... the Tigers have advanced to the ALDS for the second year in a row thanks to a 2-1 Wild Card Series win at the Cleveland Guardians ... the Tigers and Mariners play Game 2 of the ALDS tomorrow in Seattle before the series shifts to Detroit for Game 3 on Tuesday.

- The Tigers are one of only four teams in all of baseball to reach the Division Series round in each of the last two seasons, joining the New York Yankees, the Philadelphia Phillies and the Los Angeles Dodgers ... the Tigers are the only team in baseball to achieve the Division Series round by first winning a Wild Card series in each of the last two seasons.
- The Tigers have won a playoff series in consecutive seasons for only the second time in franchise history, as the club once previously did so in three-straight years from 2011-13.
- The Tigers and Mariners meet in post-season play for the first time ever ... this marks Detroit's eighth playoff series vs. an A.L. West foe since divisional play began in 1969 ... the Tigers have gone 5-3 in said series, including wins in their last three opportunities.

THAT WAS WILD: The Tigers secured a 2-1 series win in the Best-of-Three Wild Card in Cleveland thanks to a 6-3 win in Thursday's Winner-Take-All Game 3 ... the Tigers improved to 6-5 all-time in their 11 Winner-Take-All affairs and have now won four of their last five such efforts.

- Dillon Dingler's solo homer in Game 3's sixth inning snapped a 1-1 tie and was Detroit's first go-ahead homer in the sixth inning or later of a post-season elimination game in franchise history ... it was Detroit's eighth go-ahead homer, regardless of inning, in an elimination game in club history, the first-ever by a Tigers catcher and the first overall since Miguel Cabrera in Game 5 of the 2012 ALDS at Oakland (fourth inning, two-run homer broke a scoreless tie).
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WHAT A TRIP: The Tigers are nearing the end of what has become quite the two-week adventure ... the club departed Detroit on Monday, Sept. 22 to play the next three days in Cleveland followed by three days in Boston to conclude the regular season ... the Tigers then returned to Cleveland the night of Sunday, Sept. 28 for their three-game Wild Card series that began Tuesday, Sept. 30th and ended with their Series win on Thursday, Oct. 2 ... following said win, the club embarked on their three-time-zone journey west to Seattle ... the Tigers will complete their sojourn when they return to Detroit on Monday in advance of Game 3 of the ALDS with the Mariners on Tuesday.

WELCOME TO OCTOBER: The Tigers are in the playoffs for the 18th time in franchise history and 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.

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.
- 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 final 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, like Detroit, finished that season 87-75 ... the Yankees 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 Greene'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).

ROSTER RUMBLINGS: On the Tigers 26-man Division Series roster, every player now has post-season experience ... only Dillon Dingler, Jahmai Jones, Casey Mize, Troy Melton and Kyle Finnegan lacked said experience prior to the Wild Card round, a stark contrast from last year.

- Tommy Kahnle leads Tigers pitcher with 28 playoff relief outings while Jack Flaherty leads with 10 post-season starts ... Gleyber Torres (48 playoff games) and Javier Baez (39 games) lead Tigers position players in post-season experience ... eight Tigers position players on this ALDS roster appeared in all seven of Detroit's playoff games a season ago.

TIGERS-MARINERS

ALDS AT A GLANCE

Game 1

Saturday, October 4 @ Seattle - 5:38 p.m. PT
 RHP Troy Melton vs. RHP George Kirby

Game 2

Sunday, October 5 @ Seattle - 5:03 p.m. PT
 LHP Tarik Skubal vs. RHP Luis Castillo

Game 3

Tuesday, October 7 vs. Seattle - 4:08 p.m. ET
 TBD vs. TBD

Game 4 (if necessary)

Wednesday, October 8 vs. Seattle - 3:08 p.m. ET
 TBD vs. TBD

Game 5 (if necessary)

Friday, October 10 @ Seattle - 1:40 p.m. PT
 TBD vs. TBD

DETROIT'S WILD JOURNEY

WC 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

WC Game 2

Wednesday, October 1 @ Cleveland
 Guardians 6, Tigers 1
 Tigers go 1-for-15 with RISP, leave 15 on base, Guardians break open 1-1 game with 5-run 8th

WC Game 3

Thursday, October 2 @ Cleveland
 Tigers 6, Guardians 3
 Tigers put series away with 4-run 7th, Advance to ALDS for second year in a row

TIGERS VS. MARINERS

2025 Record: 2-4
 2025 at Home: 0-3
 2025 at Seattle: 2-1
 All-Time Record: 234-215
 All-Time at Home: 131-95
 All-Time at Comerica Park: 49-49
 All-Time at Seattle: 103-120
 All-Time at T-Mobile Park: 41-54

2025 Game Log

| Date | Site | Result | Winner/Loser/Save |
|------|------|--------|-----------------------|
| 3/31 | SEA | W 9-6 | Holton-Hancock-Hurter |
| 4/1 | SEA | W 4-1 | Mize-Gilbert-Kahnle |
| 4/2 | SEA | L2-3 | Castillo-Skubal-Munoz |
| 7/11 | DET | L3-12 | Castillo-Skubal |
| 7/12 | DET | L7-15 | Kirby-Mize |
| 7/13 | DET | L4-8 | Brash-Kahnle |

2025 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 |
| 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 |

#52 RHP TROY MELTON (0-1, 108.00)

Height: 6-4 | Weight: 210 | Throws: Right | Bats: Right | Born: December 03, 2000 | Age: 24 | Birthplace: Newport Beach, CA

| TROY MELTON'S 2025 GAME LOG | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|------|--------|------|----|----|----|----|------|----|----|-------|-----------|
| GAME | RESULT | GS | ERA | IP | H | R | ER | K | AVG | BB | HR | P-S | LEFT |
| 7/23 @ PIT | L, 1-6 | 1 | 10.80 | 5.0 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 7 | .333 | 2 | 2 | 90-60 | 0-6 |
| 7/28 vs. AZ | W, 5-1 | 1 | 4.50 | 7.0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | .267 | 0 | 0 | 87-61 | 5-0 |
| 8/5 vs. MIN | ND, 3-6 | 0 | 3.86 | 2.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .240 | 2 | 0 | 37-21 | 1-6 |
| 8/8 vs. LAA | W, 6-5 | 0 | 3.63 | 3.1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | .226 | 0 | 1 | 46-31 | 3-5 |
| 8/13 @ CWS | W, 1-0 | 1 | 2.82 | 5.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | .192 | 0 | 0 | 56-43 | 0-0 |
| 8/18 vs. HOU | ND, 10-0 | 0 | 2.70 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .185 | 0 | 0 | 9-6 | 10-0 |
| 8/23 vs. KC | ND, 4-2 | 0 | 2.92 | 1.1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .195 | 1 | 1 | 28-18 | 3-2, 2 on |
| 8/26 @ ATH | ND, 6-7 | 0 | 2.60 | 3.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .184 | 0 | 0 | 29-18 | 4-3, 1 on |
| 8/29 @ KC | ND, 5-3 | 0 | 2.45 | 1.2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .198 | 0 | 0 | 24-17 | 4-3, 1 on |
| 9/1 vs. NYM | ND, 8-10 | 0 | 2.25 | 2.2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | .193 | 2 | 0 | 46-24 | 7-10 |
| 9/7 vs. CWS | ND, 4-6 | 0 | 2.38 | 2.0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .190 | 4 | 0 | 44-21 | 4-3, 2 on |
| 9/10 @ NYY | ND, 11-1 | 0 | 2.50 | 2.0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | .195 | 1 | 1 | 31-20 | 8-1 |
| 9/13 @ MIA | ND, 4-6 | 0 | 2.54 | 3.0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .196 | 0 | 1 | 32-21 | 3-3 |
| 9/18 vs. CLE | L, 1-3 | 0 | 2.88 | 1.2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | .200 | 1 | 1 | 27-15 | 1-3 |
| 9/20 vs. ATL | ND, 5-6 | 0 | 2.79 | 1.1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .195 | 0 | 0 | 21-14 | 3-3 |
| 9/25 @ CLE | ND, 4-2 | 1 | 2.76 | 3.2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .191 | 2 | 0 | 49-31 | 4-1 |
| 10/1 @ CLE | L, 1-6 | 0 | 108.00 | 0.1 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 0 | .750 | 1 | 1 | 14-11 | 1-3, 2 on |
| Season | 3-2 | 16-4 | 2.76 | 45.2 | 31 | 15 | 14 | 36 | .191 | 15 | 7 | -- | -- |
| Career | 3-2 | 16-4 | 2.76 | 45.2 | 31 | 15 | 14 | 36 | .191 | 15 | 7 | -- | -- |

| TROY MELTON'S HIGHS | | | | |
|---------------------|-------|-------------|--------|----------------|
| 2025 | | | CAREER | |
| STAT | VALUE | DATE | VALUE | DATE |
| IP | 7.0 | 7/28 vs. AZ | 7.0 | 7/28/25 vs. AZ |
| SO | 7 | 7/23 @ PIT | 7 | 7/23/25 @ PIT |
| H | 7 | 7/23 @ PIT | 7 | 7/23/25 @ PIT |
| R | 6 | 7/23 @ PIT | 6 | 7/23/25 @ PIT |
| ER | 6 | 7/23 @ PIT | 6 | 7/23/25 @ PIT |
| HR | 2 | 7/23 @ PIT | 2 | 7/23/25 @ PIT |
| BB | 4 | 9/7 vs. CWS | 4 | 9/7/25 vs. CWS |
| NP | 90 | 7/23 @ PIT | 90 | 7/23/25 @ PIT |

| TROY MELTON'S SPLITS | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|------|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| 2025 | | | | | | | | |
| SPLIT | IP | H | R | ER | K | BB | HR | ERA |
| HOME | 63.2 | 60 | 26 | 22 | 75 | 22 | 75 | 3.11 |
| AWAY | 57.1 | 44 | 19 | 17 | 62 | 13 | 7 | 2.67 |
| DAY | 42.1 | 31 | 21 | 19 | 43 | 18 | 5 | 4.04 |
| NIGHT | 78.2 | 73 | 24 | 20 | 94 | 17 | 8 | 2.29 |
| VS. L | 65.2 | 55 | 31 | 26 | 68 | 22 | 8 | 3.56 |
| VS. R | 55.1 | 49 | 14 | 13 | 69 | 13 | 5 | 2.11 |

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- Made his postseason debut on Oct. 1 against Cleveland...recorded just one out while being charged four runs on three hits including one home run...set to make his first postseason start in his first career game against Seattle tonight.
- Allowed one run over 3.2 innings in his last start on Sept. 25 against Cleveland.
- Pitched in 10 games (19.2 innings) out of relief between starts on Aug. 13 and Sept. 25, recording an 0-1 record with a 2.75 ERA and four holds over that span...walked nine batters compared to 14 strikeouts.
- Earned his second major league win, allowing just one run on two hits over 3.1 relief innings on Aug. 8 against the Angels.
- After two starts, was moved to the bullpen on Aug. 1 after Detroit acquired starters Chris Paddack and Charlie Morton at the trade deadline...threw 2.0 scoreless innings in his first game out of the bullpen on Aug. 5 against Minnesota.
- Made his Major League debut on July 23 against Pittsburgh...earned his first big league win on July 28 against Arizona in his first home start, tossing seven scoreless innings, allowing just five hits while also striking out five.
- Assigned to Triple-A Toledo on June 5, where he went 0-2 with a 2.72 ERA over eight games (six starts)...limited batters to a .239 batting average against him, striking out 56 over 36.1 frames.
- Began the year with Double-A Erie, going 2-1 with a 3.23 ERA in 10 starts...allowed 14 earned runs on 40 hits and 11 walks while striking out 45.
- Selected by Detroit in the fourth round (117th overall) of the 2022 MLB Draft out of San Diego State University.

| TROY MELTON'S 2025 ARSENAL | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----|-------|-------|------|------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|-------|
| PITCH | # | VS. R | VS. L | % | MPH | AB | H | 1B | 2B | 3B | HR | SO | BA | SLG |
| FOUR-SEAM | 264 | 106 | 158 | 40.2 | 97.1 | 65 | 11 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 21 | .169 | .292 |
| SLIDER | 154 | 105 | 49 | 23.5 | 85.5 | 41 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 9 | .146 | .171 |
| SINKER | 79 | 71 | 8 | 12.0 | 95.6 | 17 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | .235 | .412 |
| CUTTER | 71 | 10 | 61 | 10.8 | 90.9 | 19 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | .368 | 1.053 |
| SPLITTER | 53 | 6 | 47 | 8.1 | 88.2 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .067 | .067 |
| CURVEBALL | 35 | 7 | 28 | 5.3 | 78.8 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .400 | .400 |