

DETROIT TIGERS GAME NOTES

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DETROIT TIGERS (1-1) at CLEVELAND GUARDIANS (1-1)

Thursday, October 2, 2025 • Progressive Field, Cleveland, OH • 3:08 p.m. ET

RHP Jack Flaherty (0-0, 0.00) vs. RHP Slade Cecconi (0-0, 0.00)

A.L. Wild Card Game #3 • TV: ESPN • Radio: 97.1 FM/107.9 FM

FOR ALL THE MARBLES: The Detroit Tigers and Cleveland Guardians this afternoon play a Winner-Take-All Game 3 in their American League Wild Card Series after splitting the first two games ... the Tigers won Game 1, 2-1, behind a dominant, record-setting performance by Tarik Skubal before the Guardians charged back to win Game 2, 6-1, thanks to a five-run eighth inning that snapped a 1-1 tie ... the winner of today's game will travel to Seattle to start the ALDS on Saturday.

- These clubs find themselves in a Winner-Take-All affair for the second postseason in a row ... in the Best-of-5 ALDS last year, the Tigers lost Game 1 but won the next two games to earn a pair of chances to eliminate Cleveland, but Detroit lost Games 4 and 5 of the series ... that series defeat came after the Tigers swept the Best-of-Three Wild Card series in Houston.
- The Tigers today play their 11th Winner-Take-All post-season game in club history, their fifth in a row on the road ... Detroit is 5-5 in its previous 10 games ... prior to last year's setback, the Tigers won their previous three Winner-Take-All playoff contests: a 3-0 win at the Oakland Athletics in Game 5 of the 2013 ALDS; a 6-0 win at Oakland in Game 5 of the 2012 ALDS (same foe two years in a row like now); and a 3-2 win at New York in Game 5 of the 2011 ALDS.

THERE WAS A LOT LEFT: The Tigers yesterday left 15 runners on base, a post-season single-game club record ... the Tigers previous most was 14 left on base in Game 3 of the 1984 World Series, a 5-2 win vs. San Diego ... it was the most by any team in a nine-inning playoff game since the Dodgers left 16 runners on base in a 5-3 win in Game 1 of the NLDS vs. St. Louis ... the Tigers became the first team to ever leave at least 15 runners on base and score two runs or less in a playoff game.

PIECES OF FLARE: Jack Flaherty today makes his 10th-career playoff start, two more than the rest of the Tigers post-season roster combined ... today marks his third-career start in a Winner-Take-All contest, as he is 1-1 with a 1.50 ERA (2 ER/12.0 IP) in his previous two efforts.

- In Game 5 of the 2019 NLDS with St. Louis at Atlanta, Flaherty tossed 6.0 innings and limited the Braves to one run on four hits and one walk with eight strikeouts to help lead the Cardinals to a 13-1, series-clinching win.
- In Game 3 of the 2020 Wild Card Series with St. Louis at San Diego, Flaherty endured a tough-luck 4-0 setback despite limiting the Padres to one run on six hits and two walks, fanning eight.

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 34th game between the clubs since the start of the 2024 season, the most games played between any two teams in all of baseball within this span of time.

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 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 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).

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 (47 playoff games) and Javier Baez (38 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.

DETROIT TIGERS @ CLEVELAND GUARDIANS

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
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

Game 3

Thursday, October 2 @ Cleveland - 3:08 p.m. ET
RHP Jack Flaherty vs. RHP Slade Cecconi

TIGERS VS. GUARDIANS

2025 Regular Season 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 Regular Season 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

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
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

#9 RHP JACK FLAHERTY (0-0, 0.00)

Height: 6-4 | Weight: 255 | Throws: Right | Bats: Right | Born: October 15, 1995 | Age: 29 | Birthplace: Burbank, CA

JACK FLAHERTY'S 2025 GAME LOG													JACK FLAHERTY'S HIGHS								
GAME	RESULT	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	K	AVG	BB	HR	P-S	LEFT	2025				CAREER				
													STAT	VALUE	DATE	VALUE	DATE				
3/28 @ LAD	ND, 5-8	3.18	5.2	3	2	2	5	.158	2	1	83-50	2-2	IP	7.0	8/18 vs. HOU	8.0	3x, 9/3/19 vs. SF				
4/4 vs. CWS	W, 7-4	2.38	5.2	3	1	1	7	.154	2	0	95-59	6-1, 1 on	SO	9	5x, 8/18 vs. HOU	14	4/30/24 vs. STL				
4/9 vs. NYY	ND, 3-4	1.62	5.1	3	0	0	9	.155	3	0	92-58	0-0, 2 on	H	10	8/24 vs. KC	10	3x, 6/19/23 @ WSH				
4/15 @ MIL	L, 0-5	2.53	4.2	5	3	3	4	.184	2	1	98-56	0-3, 1 on	R	8	2x, 6/20 @ TB	10	5/4/23 vs. LAA				
4/22 vs. SD	L, 0-2	2.63	6.0	5	2	2	9	.190	0	1	96-66	0-2	ER	8	2x, 6/20 @ TB	10	5/4/23 vs. LAA				
4/28 @ HOU	L, 5-8	3.34	5.0	6	4	4	4	.210	2	2	89-58	3-4, 1 on	HR	4	5/10 vs. TEX	4	5/10/25 vs. TEX				
5/3 @ LAA	L, 2-5	3.79	5.2	8	5	4	8	.229	1	0	91-62	0-5, 1 on	BB	5	6/14 vs. CIN	7	4/1/23 vs. TOR				
5/10 vs. TEX	L, 3-10	4.61	3.0	4	5	5	4	.236	2	4	73-41	1-5	NP	108	5/22 vs. CLE	120	5/20/18 vs. PHI				
5/16 @ TOR	W, 5-4	4.44	5.2	5	2	2	6	.237	1	1	90-61	4-2									
5/22 vs. CLE	L, 0-7	4.39	6.2	3	3	3	8	.225	3	1	108-67	0-3, 1 on									
5/27 vs. SF	W, 3-1	3.94	6.0	2	0	0	8	.215	1	0	97-62	3-0									
6/2 @ CWS	W, 13-1	3.72	6.0	4	1	1	4	.212	1	0	99-66	10-1									
6/8 vs. CHC	W, 4-0	3.41	6.0	2	0	0	9	.204	3	0	94-59	4-0									
6/14 vs. CIN	L, 1-11	4.03	4.2	5	7	7	5	.208	5	3	94-57	1-7									
6/20 @ TB	L, 8-14	4.83	2.1	6	8	8	3	.219	3	1	74-45	3-7, 1 on									
6/25 vs. ATH	L, 0-3	4.80	6.0	5	3	3	7	.220	4	1	90-57	0-3									
7/2 @ WSH (G2)	ND, 4-9	4.84	5.0	5	3	3	9	.222	2	0	97-66	1-3									
7/8 vs. TB	ND, 4-2	4.70	6.1	7	2	2	8	.226	1	1	93-65	2-2, 1 on									
7/13 vs. SEA	ND, 4-8	4.65	5.0	4	2	2	7	.226	2	2	93-59	2-2									
7/21 @ PIT	L, 0-3	4.77	3.0	6	3	3	6	.233	3	0	78-48	0-3									
7/27 vs. TOR	W, 10-4	4.51	6.0	5	0	0	7	.232	1	0	106-70	3-0									
8/1 @ PHI	ND, 4-5	4.36	6.0	2	1	1	7	.226	3	0	95-60	3-0, 1 on									
8/6 vs. MIN	L, 4-9	4.56	4.2	8	6	5	3	.232	1	1	82-49	4-6, 1 on									
8/12 @ CWS	L, 6-9	4.76	4.1	8	5	5	6	.238	1	0	86-57	1-4, 2 on									
8/18 vs. HOU	W, 10-0	4.51	7.0	3	0	0	9	.234	1	0	90-60	6-0									
8/24 vs. KC	L, 8-10	4.87	5.0	10	8	8	3	.241	0	1	87-63	7-6, 2 on									
8/30 @ KC	ND, 1-3	4.74	5.2	4	1	1	4	.240	2	1	101-66	1-1, 1 on									
9/5 vs. CWS	ND, 5-7	4.85	4.1	6	4	4	2	.244	2	0	83-49	4-3, 3 on									
9/10 @ NYY	W, 11-1	4.69	5.0	2	0	0	7	.240	1	0	99-57	2-0									
9/17 vs. CLE	L, 0-4	4.60	5.0	3	1	1	4	.239	4	0	95-53	0-1									
9/24 @ CLE	L, 1-5	4.64	4.1	5	3	3	6	.239	0	1	83-55	1-3, 1 on									
Season	8-15	4.64	161.0	147	85	83	188	.239	59	23	--	--	VS. L	606.0	525	263	255	616	234	77	3.79
Career	63-56	3.80	990.2	836	440	418	1130	.227	351	135	--	--	VS. R	601.0	483	238	221	747	167	75	3.31

- Set to make his 10th-career playoff start, two more than the rest of the Tigers post-season roster combined... today marks his third-career start in a Winner-Take-All contest, as he is 1-1 with a 1.50 ERA (2 ER/12.0 IP) in his previous two efforts.
- Had four straight quality starts from May 22 - June 8, going 3-1 with a 1.46 ERA (4ER/24.2IP) over that span... came one out shy of a quality start on May 16 against Toronto, allowing two earned runs over 5.2 frames.
- Struck out José Ramírez to end the first inning on May 22 for his 1,000th career strikeout, becoming the 567th player in MLB history to record 1,000 strikeouts.
- Returned to the Tigers this offseason by signing a two-year contract...was with Detroit to start last season before being sent to the Los Angeles Dodgers for catcher Thayron Liranzo and infielder Trey Sweeney on July 30.
- Won the World Series with the Dodgers in 2024...went 1-2 with a 7.36 ERA in five postseason starts and start-ed the final game of the World Series.

JACK FLAHERTY'S 2025 ARSENAL														
PITCH	#	VS. R	VS. L	%	MPH	AB	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	SO	BA	SLG
FOUR-SEAM	1,327	641	686	46.9	92.9	288	76	50	13	0	13	74	.264	.444
KNUCKLE CURVE	718	333	385	25.4	77.8	166	34	17	11	0	6	72	.205	.380
SLIDER	669	303	366	23.6	84.9	152	35	24	7	1	3	42	.230	.349
CHANGEUP	72	11	61	2.5	85.8	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	.333	.333
SINKER	45	24	21	1.6	90.7	5	1	0	0	0	1	0	.200	.800