

DETROIT TIGERS GAME NOTES

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Detroit Tigers (1-0) at Seattle Mariners (0-1) Sunday, October 5, 2025 • T-Mobile Park, Seattle, WA • 5:03 p.m. PT LHP Tarik Skubal (1-0, 1.17) vs. RHP Luis Castillo (0-0, 0.00) A.L. Division Series Game #2 • TV: FS1 • Radio: 950 AM/107.9 FM

A LITTLE SOMETHING EXTRA: Zach McKinstry's 11th-inning, two-out RBI single snapped a 2-2 tie and Keider Montero slammed the door shut for his first-ever save at the major league level as the Detroit Tigers secured the 3-2 win in Game 1 of the ALDS at the Seattle Mariners ...the Tigers and Mariners play Game 2 today before the series shifts to Detroit for Game 3 on Tuesday.

- Yesterday marked Detroit's first extra-inning playoff game since the deciding Game 4 of the 2012 World Series vs. San Francisco (4-3 loss in 10 innings) and their first playoff extra-inning win since a 6-4, 12-inning win at New York in Game 1 of the 2012 ALCS ... it was the 12th extra-inning game in Tigers playoff history (Detroit is 6-5-1) and the 10th to go at least 11 innings.
- The Tigers have taken a 1-0 lead in a Best-of-5 Series for the first time since the 2013 ALDS vs. Oakland, a series Detroit won in five games.
- Today just about wraps up what has become quite the two-week adventure as the Tigers will finally return home for Game 3 of the ALDS on Tuesday, October 7, their first contest at Comerica Park since Sunday, September 21 ... the club has since been to Cleveland, Boston and back to Cleveland before its three-time-zone-journey West to Seattle this week.

WINNER'S CIRCLE: Zach McKinstry already has two game-winning RBI this postseason, the first left-handed hitter in Tigers franchise history to ever have multiple GW RBI within the same playoffs ... he is just the 10th different Tiger to ever have multiple GW RBI within the same postseason.

SAVE ME! Keider Montero last night became the first Tigers pitcher to ever earn his first major league save in a post-season game (since the save became an official statistic in 1969).

ENCORE, ENCORE: 2018 All Western Athletic Conference Preseason Team member and reigning unanimous A.L. Cy Young Award winner Tarik Skubal makes his second start of the postseason after a dominant 2-1 win Tuesday in Cleveland (7.2 IP/1R/14K) ... Skubal pitched for Seattle University for three seasons from 2015-16 and in 2018, is a 2018 graduate of the Albers School of Business and Economics and was inducted into the Seattle University Athletics Hall of Fame in 2024.

- In Game 1 of the Wild Card Series at Cleveland, Skubal struck out 14 batters to set the A.L. record for most strikeouts in a post-season game by a southpaw ... his 14 K's tied for the second-most ever in a playoff game by a lefthander and were the most since 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.

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.

- 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.

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.

- The Tigers have now 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.

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.

TIGERS-MARINERS ALDS AT A GLANCE

Game 1 Saturday, October 4 @ Seattle Tigers 3, Mariners 2 (11) McKinstry 2-out, GW RBI single in 11th 8 Tigers Pitchers: 11.0 IP, 6 H, 2 R/ER, 2 BB, 8 K
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
At Comerica Park.....	46-35
On the Road.....	41-40
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

#29 LHP TARIK SKUBAL (1-0, 1.17)

Height: 6-3 | Weight: 240 | Throws: Left | Bats: Right | Born: November 20, 1996 | Age: 28 | Birthplace: Hayward, CA

TARIK SKUBAL'S 2025 GAME LOG													TARIK SKUBAL'S HIGHS								
GAME	RESULT	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	K	AVG	BB	HR	P-S	LEFT	2025		CAREER						
													STAT	VALUE	DATE	VALUE	DATE				
3/27 @ LAD	L, 4-5	7.20	5.0	6	4	4	2	.286	1	2	80-55	2-4	IP	9.0	5/25 vs. CLE	9.0	5/25/25 vs. CLE				
4/2 @ SEA	L, 2-3	5.91	5.2	6	3	3	8	.279	3	1	93-65	2-3, 1 on	SO	14	9/30 vs. CLE	14	9/30/25 vs. CLE				
4/8 vs. NYY	W, 5-0	3.78	6.0	4	0	0	6	.246	0	0	87-58	5-0	H	8	6/6 vs. CHC	10	7/22/24 @ CLE				
4/14 @ MIL	W, 9-1	2.66	7.0	4	0	0	9	.222	0	0	91-64	9-0	R	6	8/25 @ ATH	7	7/18/23 @ KC				
4/20 vs. KC	ND, 3-4	2.83	5.0	7	2	2	4	.243	1	0	91-68	0-2	ER	5	5/14 vs. BOS	7	7/18/23 @ KC				
4/27 @ BAL	W, 7-0	2.34	6.0	4	0	0	11	.233	0	0	91-61	3-0	HR	2	5x, 9/12 @ MIA	3	5x, 9/30/21 @ MIN				
5/2 @ LAA	ND, 9-1	2.21	6.0	4	1	1	8	.229	0	1	73-56	0-1	BB	3	7/26 vs. TOR	4	4x, 8/18/24 vs. NYY				
5.9 vs. TEX	W, 2-1	2.08	7.0	2	1	1	12	.210	0	0	96-70	2-1	NP	107	9/30 vs. CLE	108	6/28/22 @ SF				
5/14 vs. BOS	ND, 6-5	2.67	6.1	7	5	5	11	.219	1	1	95-67	5-3, 2 on	TARIK SKUBAL'S SPLITS								
5/20 @ STL	ND, 5-4	2.87	5.2	5	3	3	8	.220	1	1	94-66	4-3, 1 on									
5/25 vs. CLE	W, 5-0	2.49	9.0	2	0	0	13	.203	0	0	94-72	5-0									
5/31 @ KC	ND, 0-1	2.26	7.0	2	0	0	7	.194	0	0	90-63	0-0									
6/6 vs. CHC	W, 3-1	2.16	7.2	8	1	1	6	.202	0	0	94-65	2-1	2025								
6/12 @ BAL	W, 4-1	1.99	7.0	3	0	0	6	.197	2	0	98-74	4-0									
6/19 vs. PIT	W, 9-2	2.06	5.2	6	2	2	6	.202	3	0	103-70	9-2, 2 on									
6/24 vs. ATH	W, 11-4	2.29	6.0	6	4	4	8	.205	1	2	97-65	7-4									
6/29 vs. MIN	W, 3-0	2.15	7.0	1	0	0	13	.196	1	0	93-67	3-0	SPLIT	IP	H	R	ER	K	BB	HR	ERA
7/6 @ CLE	ND, 7-2	2.02	7.0	3	0	0	10	.192	0	0	93-66	0-0	HOME	101.1	74	24	24	133	19	7	2.13
7/11 vs. SEA	L, 3-12	2.23	5.0	4	4	4	5	.193	2	1	87-54	1-4	AWAY	94.0	67	31	24	108	14	11	2.30
7/20 @ TEX	ND, 2-1	2.19	6.2	4	1	1	11	.192	0	0	105-75	1-0, 2 on	DAY	76.1	56	15	15	90	12	5	1.77
7/26 vs. TOR	ND, 1-6	2.09	6.0	5	0	0	7	.194	3	0	96-67	0-0	NIGHT	119.0	85	40	33	151	21	13	2.50
8/2 @ PHI	W, 7-5	2.18	7.0	5	3	3	10	.194	0	1	98-73	5-3	VS. L	39.0	31	7	6	44	2	1	1.38
8/8 vs. LAA	ND, 6-5	2.35	4.2	6	4	4	6	.198	2	2	92-60	3-4, 1 on	VS. R	156.1	110	48	42	197	31	17	2.42
8/14 @ MIN	ND, 4-3	2.42	7.0	6	3	3	3	.200	2	1	99-65	3-3	TARIK SKUBAL'S SPLITS								
8/19 vs. HOU	ND, 1-0	2.32	7.0	3	0	0	10	.197	2	0	95-68	0-0									
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9/6 vs. CWS	W, 6-0	2.10	7.0	2	0	0	6	.195	1	0	90-63	6-0	SPLIT	IP	H	R	ER	K	BB	HR	ERA
9/12 @ MIA	L, 2-8	2.26	3.1	4	4	4	2	.197	0	2	45-33	1-3	HOME	425.0	319	136	124	500	103	38	2.63
9/18 vs. CLE	ND, 1-3	2.23	6.0	7	1	1	9	.200	2	1	102-71	1-1	AWAY	398.2	329	169	150	491	90	55	3.39
9/23 @ CLE	L, 2-5	2.21	6.0	4	3	1	8	.200	3	0	95-67	2-3	DAY	334.1	260	117	106	402	79	32	2.85
9/30 @ CLE	W, 2-1	1.17	7.2	3	1	1	14	.120	3	0	107-73	1 on, 2-1	NIGHT	489.1	388	188	168	589	114	61	3.09
Season	13-6	2.21	195.1	141	55	48	241	.200	33	18	--	--	VS. L	163.0	133	53	43	159	20	7	2.37
Career	54-37	3.08	766.2	614	287	262	889	.217	172	90	--	--	VS. R	660.2	515	252	231	832	173	86	3.15

- TARIK SKUBAL'S REGULAR SEASON NOTES
- In Game 1 of the Wild Card Series at Cleveland, he struck out 14 batters to set the A.L. record for most strikeouts in a post-season game by a southpaw...his 14 K's tied for the second-most ever in a playoff game by a lefthander and were the most since Pittsburgh's John Candelaria struck out 14 on October 7, 1975, at the Reds in Game 3 of the NLCS.
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 - 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.
 - Detroit lost each of Skubal's final three starts in the regular season, including the final two against Cleveland.
 - Has made 12 starts this year in which he has pitched at least six innings and allowed zero runs, extending his franchise record for the most such starts in a season...he is one of only two pitchers in the last 60 years to make 12 such starts in a single season, joining Adam Wainwright in 2014 (Elias).
 - His 10th strikeout against Houston was also his 200th of the season, becoming the first pitcher in MLB this year to reach the mark...through his first 25 starts, he recorded 200 strikeouts while walking just 25, joining Curt Schilling (2002) as the only pitchers in major league history to accomplish that feat.
 - Named the starting pitcher for the American League in the All-Star Game this year...his second straight year being an All-Star and first time getting the starting nod.
 - On Sunday Night Baseball against Minnesota, he became the first left-handed pitcher in the pitch-tracking era to have multiple starts of 13+ strikeouts in fewer than 95 pitches...he also became just the fourth left-handed pitcher ever to have multiple starts in a single season of 13+ strikeouts, 0 runs and 2 or fewer hits.
 - Threw the first complete-game shutout of his professional career on May 25 against Cleveland, tossing a "Maddux". He needed just 94 pitches (72 strikes/22 balls) to record 27 outs, with 13 of those coming by way of strikeout, tying his career high. His 13 strikeouts were the most strikeouts by any pitcher in major league history in a "Maddux".
 - In that outing, he became the first pitcher in Tigers history to throw a complete game issuing zero walks and allowing no more than two hits with at least 13 strikeouts...he is the first pitcher in the majors to record such a start since Jacob deGrom did so on April 23, 2021.
 - Was the unanimous AL Cy Young winner in 2024, becoming the fifth Tiger to win the award, the first since Max Scherzer in 2013, and the second LHP in franchise history to ever do so (Willie Hernandez in 1984).
 - Won the American League Pitching Triple Crown last year, finishing first in wins (18), ERA (2.39) and strikeouts (228)...became the third pitcher in franchise history and the 22nd pitcher in Major League history to win the Triple Crown, joining Justin Verlander (2011) and Hal Newhouser (1945).

TARIK SKUBAL'S 2025 ARSENAL														
PITCH	#	VS. R	VS. L	%	MPH	AB	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	SO	BA	SLG
CHANGEUP	895	792	103	31.4	88.0	260	40	27	10	0	3	110	.154	.227
FOUR-SEAM	841	732	109	29.5	97.6	207	40	28	5	0	7	75	.193	.319
SINKER	675	453	222	23.7	97.3	148	42	29	7	0	6	31	.284	.453
SLIDER	356	266	90	12.5	90.0	77	16	9	4	1	2	18	.208	.364
CURVEBALL	79	78	1	2.8	81.2	12	2	1	0	1	0	6	.167	.333