DETROIT TIGERS GAME NOTES

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Detroit Tigers (0-0) at Cleveland Guardians (0-0)

Tuesday, September 30, 2025 ● Progressive Field, Cleveland, OH ● 1:08 p.m. ET LHP Tarik Skubal (0-0, 0.00) vs. RHP Gavin Williams (0-0, 0.00)

A.L. Wild Card Game #1 • TV: ESPN • Radio: 97.1 FM/107.9 FM

LET'S GET WILD: The Detroit Tigers and Cleveland Guardians this afternoon begin their Best-of-Three Wild Card Series at Progressive Field ... the Tigers are in the playoffs for the second year in a row and the 18th time in franchise history ... the Tigers and Guardians meet in post-season play for a second-straight year as the Tigers took the Guardians to a winner-take-all Game 5 in the ALDS last year before bowing out ... Detroit swept Houston in the Wild Card Series a season ago.

- 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 just 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 32nd game between the clubs since the start of the 2024 season, which will be the most games played between any two clubs in all of baseball within this span of time.
- The Tigers went 87-75 this year, surpassing their total of 86 wins from a season ago ... the Tigers earned 87 wins for the first time in 11 years since winning 90 games in 2014 ... Detroit reached 86 wins in consecutive seasons for the first time since 2011-14.

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 this year became just the sixth major league team in the last 20 seasons to reach 30, 40, 50 and 60 wins, joining the 2022 Yankees, 2019 Dodgers, 2015 Cardinals, 2009 Dodgers and 2006 Tigers ... 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 this 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.

IT'S ABSOLUTELY GOOD FOR SOMETHING: Tarik Skubal turned in a 6.6 fWAR this season, according to Fangraphs, the best mark of any pitcher in all of baseball (Paul Skenes finished with a 6.5 fWAR) and behind only three position players -- Aaron Judge (10.1), Cal Raleigh (9.1) and Bobby Witt, Jr. (8.0) -- for the best fWAR by any player in the A.L. ... Skubal finished 0.8-points ahead of the next closest A.L. pitcher -- Boston's Garrett Crochet (5.8) -- and wrapped up his campaign at least 1.8 points ahead of every other pitcher in the American League.

 Skubal's 6.6 fWAR finished well ahead of the 5.9 fWAR he totaled last year as part of his Triple Crown, unanimous Cy Young Award winning campaign.

WHAT AN ENCORE: Tarik Skubal this season set career bests with 195.1 innings pitched and 241 strikeouts, the 10th-highest single-season total in franchise history ... Skubal led the A.L. in bWAR, fWAR, ERA+, FIP, WHIP, BB/9 IP and K/BB ratio ... his 0.89 WHIP and 7.30 K/BB ratio are the second-lowest single-season marks in franchise history.

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 have post-season experience ... only Dillon Dingler, Jahmai Jones, Casey Mize, Troy Melton and Kyle Finnegan lack 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 (45 playoff games) and Javier Baez (36 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

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

TIGERS AT A GLANCE

Overall	
Current Streak	
At Comerica Park	
On the Road	
At Neutral Sites	0-0
Day games	37-27
Night games	50-48
Series Record	29-22-1
Series at Home	
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	
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/	
Tigers out hit opponent	64-13
Opponent out hits Tigers	19-54
Tigers and opponent have equal hits	
Tigers hit a home run	
Tigers do not hit a home run	
Come-from-behind wins	29-35

DETROIT TIGERS @ CLEVELAND GUARDIANS

WILD CARD SERIES AT A GLANCE

Game 1

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Game 2

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

Game 3 (if necessary)

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

#29 LHP TARIK SKUBAL (0-0, 0.00)

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

TARIK SKUBAL'S 2025 GAME LOG													TA	ARIK	SKU	J BA]	ĽS H	IGHS	3		
GAME	RESULT	ERA	IP	Н	R	ER	K	AVG	BB	HR	P-S	LEFT	2025						CAREER		
3/27 @ LAD	L, 4-5	7.20	5.0	6	4	4	2	.286	1	2	80-55	2-4	STAT VALUE DATE				VALUI	UE DATE			
4/2 @ SEA	L, 2-3	5.91	5.2	6	3	3	8	.279	3	1	93-65	2-3, 1 on	IP	9.0 5/25 vs. CLE 9.0 5/25/2			5/25 vs.	CLE			
4/8 vs. NYY	W, 5-0	3.78	6.0	4	0	0	6	.246	0	0	87-58	5-0	so	13	2x, 6/29 vs. MIN 13 3x, 6/29 vs. M				MIN		
4/14 @ MIL	W, 9-1	2.66	7.0	4	0	0	9	.222	0	0	91-64	9-0	Н	8	8 6/6 vs. CHC 10 7/22/24 @ CI					CLE	
4/20 vs. KC	ND, 3-4	2.83	5.0	7	2	2	4	.243	1	0	91-68	0-2	R	6 8/25 @ ATH 7 7/18/23 @ KC					KC KC		
4/27 @ BAL	W, 7-0	2.34	6.0	4	0	0	11	.233	0	0	91-61	3-0	ER	5	5 5/14 vs. BOS 7 7/18/23 @ KC					KC KC	
5/2 @ LAA	ND, 9-1	2.21	6.0	4	1	1	8	.229	0	1	73-56	0-1	HR	2					@ MIN		
5.9 vs. TEX	W, 2-1	2.08	7.0	2	1	1	12	.210	0	0	96-70	2-1	BB	BB 3 7/26 vs. TOR 4 4x, 8/18/24 vs. N					s. NYY		
5/14 vs. BOS	ND, 6-5	2.67	6.1	7	5	5	11	.219	1	1	95-67	5-3, 2 on	NP	105	7/2	0 @ TE	X	108	6/	28/22 @) SF
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		TARIK SKUBAL'S SPLITS							
6/12 @ BAL	W, 4-1	1.99	7.0	3	0	0	6	.197	2	0	98-74	4-0				2	2025				
6/19 vs. PIT	W, 9-2	2.06	5.2	6	2	2	6	.202	3	0	103-70	9-2, 2 on	SPLI	Г ІР	Н	R	ER	K	BB	HR	ERA
6/24 vs. ATH	W, 11-4	2.29	6.0	6	4	4	8	.205	1	2	97-65	7-4	HOM	E 101.1	74	24	24	133	19	7	2.13
6/29 vs. MIN	W, 3-0	2.15	7.0	1	0	0	13	.196	1	0	93-67	3-0	AWA	Y 94.0	67	31	24	108	14	11	2.30
7/6 @ CLE	ND, 7-2	2.02	7.0	3	0	0	10	.192	0	0	93-66	0-0	DAY	76.1	56	15	15	90	12	5	1.77
7/11 vs. SEA	L, 3-12	2.23	5.0	4	4	4	5	.193	2	1	87-54	1-4	NIGH	T 119.0	85	40	33	151	21	13	2.50
7/20 @ TEX	ND, 2-1	2.19	6.2	4	1	1	11	.192	0	0	105-75	1-0, 2 on	VS. I	39.0	31	7	6	44	2	1	1.38
7/26 vs. TOR	ND, 1-6	2.09	6.0	5	0	0	7	.194	3	0	96-67	0-0	VS. I	R 156.1	110	48	42	197	31	17	2.42
8/2 @ PHI	W, 7-5	2.18	7.0	5	3	3	10	.194	0	1	98-73	5-3									
8/8 vs. LAA	ND, 6-5	2.35	4.2	6	4	4	6	.198	2	2	92-60	3-4, 1 on									
8/14 @ MIN	ND, 4-3	2.42	7.0	6	3	3	3	.200	2	1	99-65	3-3						- 20 0-			
8/19 vs. HOU	ND, 1-0	2.32	7.0	3	0	0	10	.197	2	0	95-68	0-0		T_{ℓ}	ARIK	SKU	JBA	L'S SP	LIT	•	
8/25 @ ATH	L, 3-8	2.28	6.2	7	6	1	12	.200	0	2	99-72	3-6	CAREER								
8/31 @ KC	W, 5-0	2.18	7.0	4	0	0	4	.198	2	0	93-63	4-0	SPLI	Г ІР	Н	R	ER	K	BB	HR	ERA
9/6 vs. CWS	W, 6-0	2.10	7.0	2	0	0	6	.195	1	0	90-63	6-0	HOM	E 425.0	319	136	124	500	103	38	2.63
9/12 @ MIA	L, 2-8	2.26	3.1	4	4	4	2	.197	0	2	45-33	1-3	AWA	Y 398.2	329	169	150	491	90	55	3.39
9/18 vs. CLE	ND, 1-3	2.23	6.0	7	1	1	9	.200	2	1	102-71	1-1	DAY	334.1	260	117	106	402	79	32	2.85
9/23 @ CLE	L, 2-5	2.21	6.0	4	3	1	8	.200	3	0	95-67	2-3	NIGH	T 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. I	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. 1	R 660.2	515	252	231	832	173	86	3.15

TARIK SKUBAL'S REGULAR SEASON NOTES

- Detroit lost each of Skubal's final three starts in the regular season, including the final two against Cleveland.
- Had his 24-inning scoreless streak against Cleveland snapped, allowing one run on a solo home run in the fourth inning in his start on Sept. 18...the streak dated back to July 22, 2024, surpassed Justin Verlander (22 innings in 2009) and Dave Tobik (23 innings in 1982) for the longest by a Tigers starter in the last 50 years.
- 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 strike-out, 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	