

# 1977 DETROIT TIGERS

74-88 4th

MGR Ralph Houk (#35)  
"The Major"

DP: 311 to 334

Error: 351 to 355

	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Jason Thompson #30	.270	0		125	131	144	242	245	SLO	1B158		L L
Tito Fuentes #3 #44	.309	4		112	116	131	263	256	AR	2B151		B R
Tom Veryzer #7	.197	0	MW	111	112	123	222	216	AR	SS124		R R
Aurelio Rodriguez #4	.219	1		121	122	136	226	225	AR	SD 3B95, SS1		R R
Ben Oglivie #22	.262	9		124	125	145	241	243	AAR	T-1 OF118(RF)		L L
Ron LeFlore #8	.325	39		115	122	136	265	264	S	OF152(CF)		R R
Steve Kemp #33 #43	.257	3		121	123	142	236	242	AR	T-1 OF148(LF)		L L
Milt May #12	.249	0		121	123	132	235	236	SLO	C111		L R
"Rusty" Staub #10 <u>Dan</u>	.278	1		122	123	143	246	246	SLO	DH		L R
Phil Mankowski #2	.276	1		112	114	123	244	246	AR	3B85, 2B1		L R
Mickey Stanley #24	.230	0		122	123	136	234	231	AR	OF57( <u>RF</u> /CF/LF), 1B3, SS3		R R
John Wockenfuss #14	.274	0		126	131	146	246	245	SLO	C37, OF9( <u>LF</u> /RF)		R R
Tim Corcoran #25	.282	0		116	-	126	251	251	AR	OF18( <u>RF</u> /CF/LF)		L L
Chuck Scrivener #9	.083	0		-	-	-	136	136	AR	SS50, 2B8, 3B3		R R
Mark Wagner #5	.146	0		115	124	-	163	161	AR	SS21, 2B1		R R
Lance Parrish #13	.196	0	PK	132	-	145	221	216	AR	C12		R R
Alan Trammell #42	.186	0	PK	-	-	-	215	214	AR	SS19		R R
Lou Whitaker #1	.250	2		-	-	121	236	236	AAR	2B9		L R
Bruce Kimm #11	.080	0		-	-	123	136	135	SLO	C12		R R
Bob Adams #40	.250	0		136	-	153	236	236	AR	PH, 1B2, C1		R R
Pitcher R	.110	-	MW PK	111	-	113	153	145	SLO			
Pitcher L	.110	-	MW PK	111	-	113	145	146	SLO			

	ERA	IP	W	K	G	GS	SV			
Dave Rozema #19	3.09	218	121	632	28	28	0	.000	R R	"Rosey"
Fernando Arroyo #36	4.17	209	125	644	38	28	0	.000	R R	
Bob Sykes #27	4.41	133	134	632	32	20	0	.000	B L	
Dave Roberts #17 +	5.15	129	132	636	22	22	0	.000	L L	
Jim Crawford #28	4.79	126	135	566	37	7	1	.000	L L	"Catfish"
John Hiller #18	3.56	124	143	545	45	8	7	.000	R L	
Milt Wilcox #39	3.64	106	134	556	20	13	0	.000	R R	
Mark Fidrych #20	2.89	81	121	623	11	11	0	.000	R R	"The Bird"
Vern Ruhle #31	5.70	66	124	634	14	10	0	.000	R R	
Jack Morris #47	3.74	46	144	613	7	6	0	.000	R R	
Ray Bare #21	12.56	14	141	646	5	4	0	.000	R R	
Steve Foucault #29	3.15	74	125	555	44	0	13	.000	L R	
Steve Grilli #49	4.83	73	154	611	30	2	0	.000	R R	
Bruce Taylor #32	3.38	29	134	566	19	0	2	.000	R R	
Ed Glynn #48	5.27	27	136	631	8	3	0	.000	R L	

There were a lot of new faces on the '77 ball club which introduced a special group of players that would raise the Tigers to prominence in the mid '80s. Rookie pitcher Dave Rozema led the pitching staff with a 15-7 won/loss record and 16 complete games. Outfielder Steve Kemp, also a rookie, swung a powerful bat by hitting 18 homers and driving home eighty-eight. Pitcher Jack Morris would join the ball club in July while 19-year old Alan Trammell, Lou Whitaker (20), and Lance Parrish (21) were September call-ups...The star on this particular team was Ron LeFlore, the former prison inmate, who got a tryout by the Tigers and aced it for a professional contract. The speedster hit a "triple double": 30 doubles, ten triples, and 16 home runs. He led the team in hits (212) and runs scored (100). LeFlore ended the season with the most outfield assists for a centerfielder in the A.L. (12). Jason Thompson led the Tigers with 31 taters and 105 RBI. DH "Rusty" Staub popped 22 homers and drove in 101 runs. Ben Oglivie was good for 21 round-trippers. The ball club was eighth in the league with a .264 batting average and fourth in homers (166)...Mark "The Bird" Fidrych tore up a knee during Spring Training; and then, upon his return, developed a sore arm by favoring the healing leg. Fidrych was 6-4 in wins and losses while completing seven ball games. He had 42 K's and 12 walks. Reliever John Hiller went 8-14 for the season and topped the pitching staff with 115 strikeouts. Starter Fernando Arroyo won eight ball games while Steve Foucault and Jim Crawford were both seven-game winners. Rozema struck out 92 batters, second on the staff. Tiger pitchers ended the year ninth in the league in ERA (4.13)...Detroit was never over .500 during the season. On July 27<sup>th</sup>, they were 45-53 and moved into fourth place for the remainder of the year on the back of a 29-35 record to round out the campaign.