

# 1974 DETROIT TIGERS

72-90 6th

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.		
Bill Freehan #11	.297	2		123	125	141	255	254	AR		1B65, C63	R R
Gary Sutherland #3	.254	1	MW MK	112	-	123	244	236	AR		2B147, SS10, 3B4	R R
Ed Brinkman #8	.221	2		116	121	131	232	225	AR		SS151, 3B2	R R
Aurelio Rodriguez #4	.222	2	MW	112	114	131	226	226	AR	SD	3B159	R R
Jim Northrup #5	.237	0		116	121	132	226	234	AR		OF97(RF)	L R
Mickey Stanley #24	.221	5		114	115	126	232	225	AR	SD(OF)	OF91(CF), 1B12, 2B1	R R
Willie Horton #23	.298	0		132	133	144	256	254	AR		OF64(LF)	R R
Jerry Moses #12	.237	0		114	121	132	234	233	SLO		C74	R R
Al Kaline "Mr. Tiger" #6	.262	2		115	116	135	245	242	AR		DH	R R
Ben Oglivie #22	.270	12		113	116	133	242	245	AAR		OF63(LF), 1B10, DH	L L
Ron LeFlore #42	.260	23	PK	112	113	124	243	242	S		OF59(CF)	R R
Norm Cash #25	.228	1		124	131	135	224	232	SLO		1B44	L L
Jim Nettles #28	.227	3		123	125	141	231	231	AR		OF41(RF/LF/CF)	L L
Dick Sharon #27	.217	4		113	-	124	232	224	AR		OF56(LF/RF/CF)	R R
Marv Lane #21	.233	2	PK	114	116	132	233	232	AR		OF46(LF/RF)	R R
Gates Brown #26	.242	0		123	-	131	232	235	SLO	LD	DH	L R
Reggie Sanders #43	.273	1		121	-	144	245	245	AR		1B25	R R
Gene Lamont #10	.217	0		121	-	134	224	225	SLO		C60	L R
John Knox #2	.307	5		-	112	114	254	261	AAR		2B33, DH, 3B1	L R
Leon Roberts #39 #44	.270	0	MW	-	121	135	245	244	AR		OF17(RF)	R R
Ron Cash #40	.226	0	MW	-	-	121	234	226	AR		1B15, 3B4	R R
Tom Veryzer #7	.236	1		122	-	134	233	233	AR		SS20	R R
Dan Meyer #25 #37	.200	1	MW MK	131	135	143	214	222	AR		OF12(LF)	L R
John Wockenfuss #45	.138	0	MK	-	-	121	163	155	SLO		C13	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		
Mickey Lolich #29	4.15	308	126	612	41	41	0	.000	B L
Joe Coleman #15	4.32	286	146	613	41	41	0	.000	R R
Lerrin LaGrow #30	4.66	216	134	634	37	34	0	.000	R R
"Woodie" Fryman #38	4.32	142	143	611	27	22	0	.000	R L Woodrow Thompson
Luke Walker #17	4.99	92	146	621	28	9	0	.000	L L
Dave Lemanczyk #19	4.00	79	146	611	22	3	0	.000	R R
Bill Slayback #14	4.77	55	142	633	16	4	0	.000	R R
Fred Holdsworth #20	4.29	36	135	632	8	5	0	.000	R R
Vern Ruhle #31	2.73	33	122	643	5	3	0	.000	R R
John Hiller #18	2.64	150	141	545	59	0	13	.000	R L
Jim Ray #36	4.47	52	146	624	28	0	2	.000	R R "Sting"

**An aging Tigers ball club with some stars of yore ready to be put out to pasture..."Mr. Tiger," Al Kaline, retired after the season, his twenty-second with only one team. He became the twelfth player in major league history to reach three-thousand career hits. The big one came on September 24<sup>th</sup>...Two weeks after resigning as the Yankees' skipper (and 35 years in the organization), Ralph Houk was inked to a contract to manage the Tigers, a post he held through the 1978 season.**

**Team leaders: Bill Freehan (18 home runs, 60 RBI), the Tigers star catcher/part-time first baseman, was fifth in the American League with a .479 slugging percentage. Kaline rounded out his last season with a solid offensive output: 28 doubles, 13 homers, and a team leading 64 runs batted in as well as 71 runs scored. Willie Horton clubbed 15 homers while usually light-hitting shortstop, Ed Brinkman, surprised with 14 dingers and 54 RBI. Gary "Suds" Sutherland posted a team high 157 base hits. The Tigers were tenth in the A.L. after hitting .247 for the season, but finished third in the league with 131 home runs...The pitching staff was led by ace Mickey Lolich who posted a 16-21 W/L record, 202 strikeouts, 27 complete games, and three shutouts. Joe Coleman was 14-12 and punched out 177 batters. He allowed 158 bases on balls. Reliever John Hiller set an American League record by winning seventeen games out of the bullpen. Hiller finished 52 contests and struck out 138 batters... Overall, the staff was LAST in the A.L. with a 4.16 ERA...The Tigers were outscored by their opponents, 768 to 620...**

**On September 7<sup>th</sup>, the Yanks' Graig Nettles hit a home run--not surprising--but what happened in his next at bat WAS most unusual: Nettles hit a broken bat single which left the Tigers' backstop, Bill Freehan, scrambling to pick up six Superballs that had escaped the barrel of Nettles' stick. The Yankee third sacker was called out, but the homerun stood, the difference in an eventual New York, 1-0, victory...Detroit finished 19 games behind A.L. East champion Baltimore who won the season series, 14-4.**