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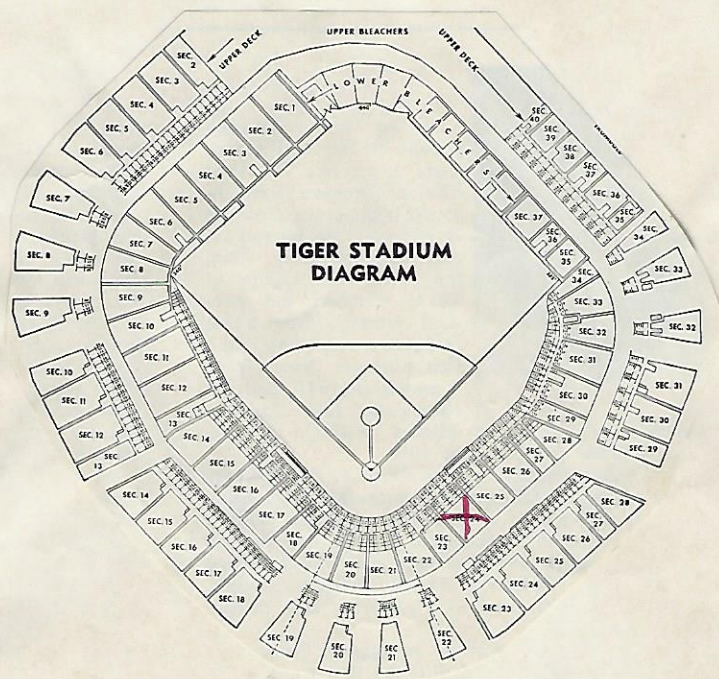
Ron Rowland  
Toledo, Ohio 1963-1964

1963

## TIGER STADIUM ---

Tiger Stadium is located in close proximity to Downtown Detroit at the corner of Michigan and Trumbull Avenues. It is easily accessible by city transportation from both downtown and out-lying areas. Only two blocks from the Lodge Expressway, the Stadium is easy to reach from Michigan's network of freeways and highways.

Opened to the public in 1938, Tiger Stadium stands on the site of the old Navin Field and its predecessor, Bennett Park. The Stadium is so constructed that it can be emptied in a few minutes with ramps and exits at convenient locations. Facilities for patrons, press, radio and television are unexcelled.



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**How Good Is Kaline?**

# How Good Is Al Kaline?

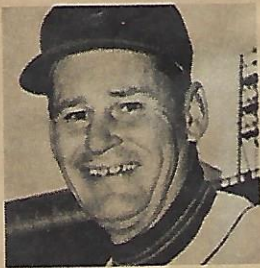
Ten American League Managers

Appraise Star Of The Tigers

**I**T'S not exactly news that Al Kaline, the Detroit Tigers' outfielder, is a star.

In the decade Kaline has been in the American League much has been written about this quiet man. He lets his bat, arm, glove and legs do the talking. This isn't a story about Kaline's batting averages or fielding ability. It is, however, an appraisal of a million-dollar baseball player.

The 10 managers in the league were asked by three Blade sports writers (Tom Bolger, Eddie Jones and Tom Loomis) the question: How good is Al Kaline? Here are their answers:

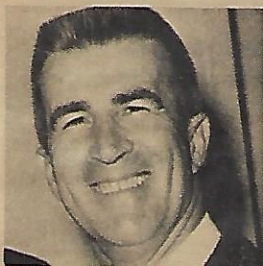


**Billy Hitchcock**

**Billy Hitchcock, Baltimore Orioles:** "You name it and Al Kaline can do it as good if not better than the next player. He's a bear-down player and plays every game like it's for a championship."

"If this fellow has a weakness—then I don't know what it is."

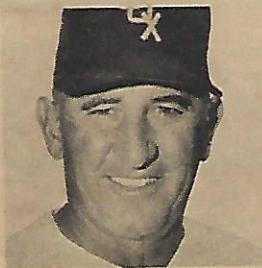
"Kaline is a polished and poised ballplayer in every respect. It's very difficult to pitch to him, particularly with runners on. He also can field, run and throw with the best . . . so what more can I add? He's a fine all-around man and a credit to the game."



**Johnny Pesky**

**Johnny Pesky, Boston Red Sox:** "I'm new here. I close my eyes when Al comes to bat with men on, against us. It is said that he is the best right fielder in the business, and I do not think that is a fair appraisal."

"I think he might be the best in any field, and even in the infield. He is a master with the bat. He is one of those hitters who sacrifices his batting average for a right-side grounder that might move a man along to scoring position. There have been darn few Kalines in this league in the last 20 years."



**Al Lopez**

**Al Lopez, Chicago White Sox:** "He's a helluva ballplayer. I wish we had him."

"Kaline's a great right fielder—especially in Detroit. I used to think Jim Piersall was the best right fielder I'd seen (when he was with Boston and Dom DiMaggio was in center) but this guy is even better."

"And he does so many things. He's one of the best ballplayers in the league. There's no doubt about that."

**Bob Scheffing**, who managed Kaline for three years until he was fired June 18, had this to say:

"I'm biased, I suppose, because I have seen him play so often, and he never ceases to amaze me. Aside from the fact he is one of the better hitters in the league, Al has other qualities to match.

"I have been playing, coaching or managing in the major leagues for the better part of two decades, but I never have seen a player who can do so many things, at the right time, to help his club win a game. Others steal more bases, others hit more homers.

"If I had my pick of American League players, it would be Kaline."  
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**Ralph Houk**

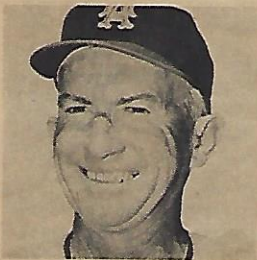
**Ralph Houk, New York Yankees:** "What impresses me most about Kaline is his burning desire to play. We all know about his batting and fielding prowess. Those figures are stamped indelibly into the records. He came to me at the All-Star game last summer, and casually mentioned that he would like to get into the lineup somewhere if I thought he could help.

"Now, remember, Kaline had played very little for almost two months because of a broken shoulder. But he wanted to be there and to play, if he could. A lot of players would have begged off, had they been injured as Kaline was. A lot of them in top condition did not show up.

"As I recall, I put Kaline in to pinch-hit in the seventh, and he walked and went to third on a single to right. He also scored. It was the inning we needed.

"After the game, he came to me and thanked me for letting him play. I thanked him for playing. Let's say this about Kaline—wouldn't any of the 20 major league clubs want him?"

Asked if he would compare him with Mickey Mantle, Houk replied: "I never compare ball-players for I stuck my foot in my mouth a couple of times and I learned a lesson. Kaline is great . . . so is Mantle."



**Bill Rigney**

**Bill Rigney, Los Angeles Angels:** "I have to rate this fellow A-plus in everything for he ranks with the best. Kaline is an instinctive player and has capitalized on his God-given ability.

"He could play two positions for me . . . and I don't think he needs any coaching or managing in any department. Al can't be fooled but he can fool you and you must constantly be alert with him in the lineup. He doesn't have to be told and he knows how to go about winning the ball game for you. He should make a great manager some day."



**Chuck Dressen**

**Chuck Dressen, Detroit Tigers:** "I was managing Washington when he broke in. He had it from the moment he put on his uniform.

"Put it in two words—great ballplayer. I know he's our big gun. And every player I've ever talked with, and the managers he has worked for, place him on their all-time list among outfielders. What else can you say?"



**Ed Lopat**

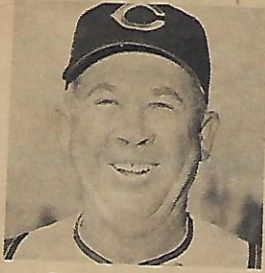
**Ed Lopat, Kansas City Athletics:** "Kaline? He has been great all along. Right now I'd say he's the best ballplayer in the American League.

"Maybe a sound Mantle would have an edge on him. Maybe. But no one does the things Kaline does as well as he does them. He hits for average and he can give you the long ball. He's a tremendous fielder and he can run. He has a great arm.

"He goes all out on every play. It's difficult to find a veteran who hustles the way he does all the time.

"Now put all those things together and what more could you possibly ask for?"



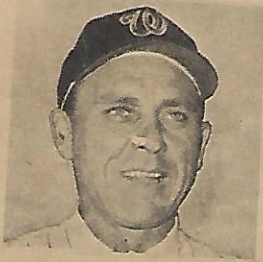


**Birdie Tebbetts**

**Birdie Tebbetts, Cleveland Indians:** "He scares me, and I don't even have to pitch against him."

"They talk about players who can run, hit, throw and run bases. Kaline is the one who does all of these things."

"He has that marvelous arc in his swing. Even when he misses, you visualize what might have happened if he connected. It is difficult to say Kaline is the best in a league like this, but tell me one player who can do all things any better than he can."



**Gil Hodges**

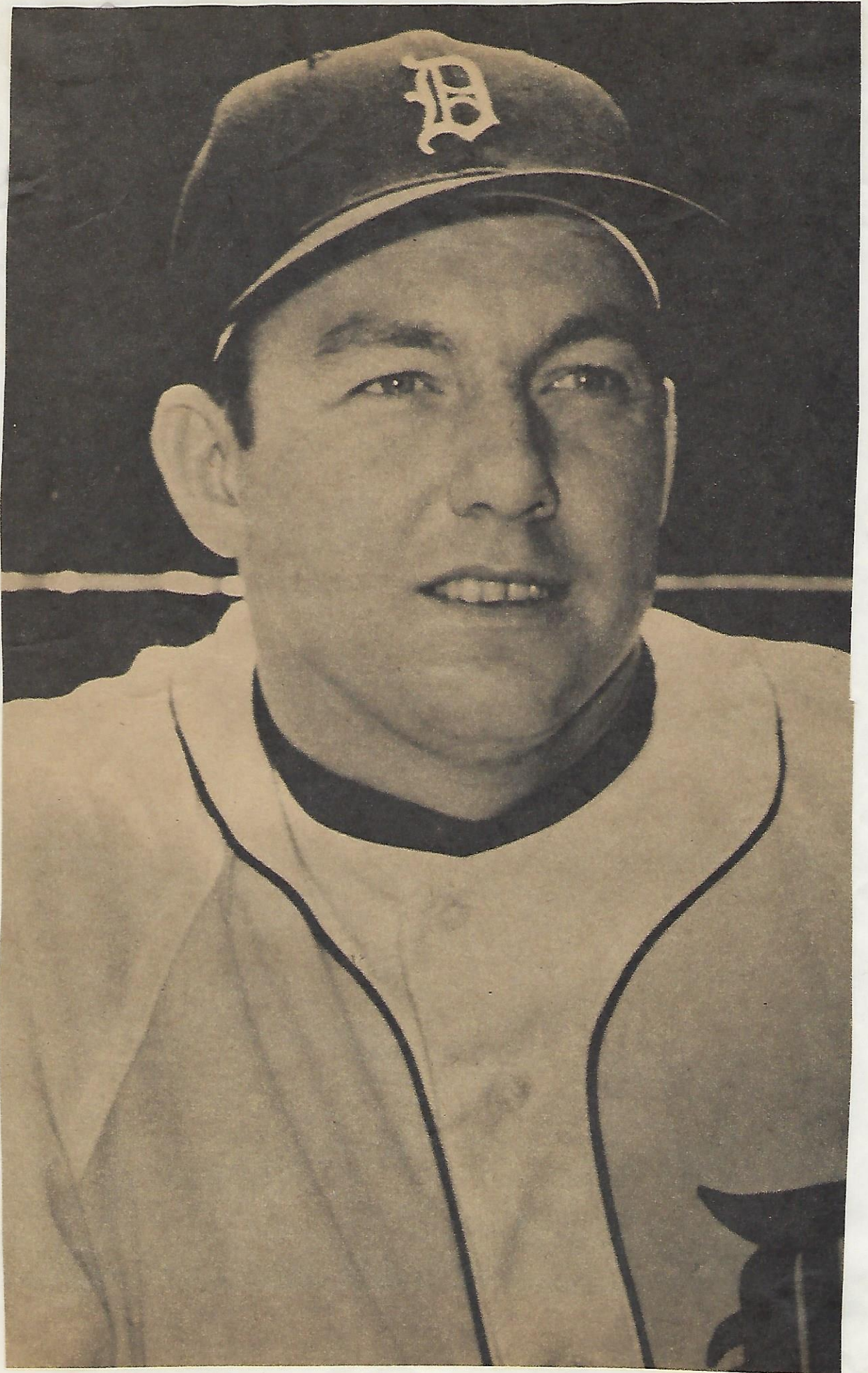
**Gil Hodges, Washington Senators:** "I haven't seen very much of him but you'd have to say he's the complete ballplayer. He's fast and he has a great arm. He hits with power. He hits to all fields. In fact, he is above average in all of those things. And he likes to play. That's a big part of it all—desire. He'd have to be classified with Mays and Aaron as far as all-around ability."

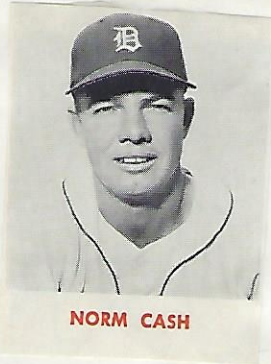


**Sam Mele**

**Sam Mele, Minnesota Twins:** "Everybody knows Kaline can do everything, but I think he's one of the smartest in the game in addition to his great all-around ability. Al is also a great hustler and team performer and that doesn't show in the record books."

"This guy can beat you in many ways and often does. I tell my boys not to take any chances on the bases if the ball is hit in the direction of Kaline. He has power and hits to all fields. He's one of the best all-around players I've ever seen."





## CLEARING THE ROOF

Before 1956, only one home run had been hit over the roof of Tiger Stadium. Since then, the feat has been accomplished eight times—with four shots by Norm Cash, three by Mickey Mantle, one by Ted Williams and one by Harmon Killebrew.

Williams was the first, the former Boston star topping the right field pavilion in 1939 when it was new. Until 1956, no one could duplicate his blast but Mantle broke the spell that year and touched off a cannonading which hit its peak in 1962, when four homers sailed over the roof.

Three were by Cash over the rightfield stands and the other by Killebrew over the leftfield roof. The poke by the Minnesota Twins' slugger is the only homer ever hit over that part of the Tiger Stadium roof.

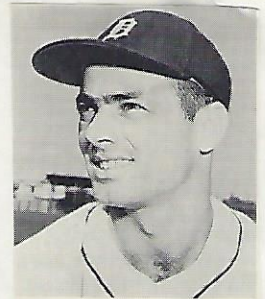
The power parade in a nutshell:

Year, Date	Batter, Team
1939 May 4	Ted Williams, Boston
1956 June 18	Mickey Mantle, New York
1958 Sept. 17	Mickey Mantle, New York
1960 Sept. 10	Mickey Mantle, New York
1961 June 11	Norm Cash, Detroit
1962 May 11	Norm Cash, Detroit
July 27	Norm Cash, Detroit
July 29	Norm Cash, Detroit
Aug. 3	*Harmon Killebrew, Minnesota

\*—Over left field roof; others right field



**AL KALINE**



**ROCKY COLAVITO**

### **NOW YOU KNOW THAT...**

**AL KALINE** has a lifetime batting average of .308, topped by only one active player in the American League (Mickey Mantle at .309). In spite of missing 61 games with a broken collarbone in 1962, Al set a career record with 29 home runs and finished with a .304 average.

**ROCKY COLAVITO** completed the 1962 season with a string of 422 straight games to his credit, and added 36 more in 1963 before missing a game for a string of 458 consecutive games. The record for major league outfielders is 694, set by Richie Ashburn (1950-54 Philadelphia Phillies).

**JIM BUNNING** is one of the hardest-working pitchers in the game. His 258 innings on the mound in 1962 brought his six-year total to 1,515 during which he fanned 1,139 batters.

**HANK AGUIRRE**, the Tiger's earned run leader of the American League in 1962 who had only two hits in 75 appearances at the plate, wants to give batting lessons to Bob Buhl, National League righthander. Buhl was 0-for-70 in '62.



**JIM BUNNING**



**HANK AGUIRRE**

Manager: CHUCK DRESSEN (9)  
 Trav. Sec.: CHARLEY CREEDON  
 Trainer: JACK HOMEL

## Det. Tigers 1963 Roster

Coaches: WAYNE BLACKBURN (54)  
 PAT MULLIN (52)  
 STUB OVERMIRE (53)  
 BOB SWIFT (51)

Player	Position	B	T	Height	Weight	Residence	Birthdate	Birthplace
Aguirre, Hank	Pitcher	R	L	6-4	200	Dearborn, Mich.	1-31-32	Azusa, Calif.
Anderson, Bob	Pitcher	R	R	6-4	210	Hammond, Ind.	9-29-35	E. Chicago, Ind.
Brown, Gates	Outfielder	L	R	5-11	195	Crestline, Ohio	5-2-39	Crestline, Ohio
Bruton, Billy	Outfielder	L	R	6-0½	169	Milwaukee, Wis.	12-22-29	Panola, Ala.
Bunning, Jim	Pitcher	R	R	6-3	195	Ft. Thomas, Ky.	10-23-31	Southgate, Ky.
Cash, Norm	Infielder	L	L	6-0	190	Eldorado, Tex.	11-10-34	Justiceburg, Tex.
Colavito, Rocky	Outfielder	R	R	6-3	190	Temple, Pa.	8-10-33	Bronx, N. Y.
Faul, Bill	Pitcher	R	R	5-10	183	Pleasant Plain, Ohio	4-21-40	Cincinnati, Ohio
Foster, Larry	Pitcher	L	R	6-0	175	Lansing, Mich.	12-24-37	Lansing, Mich.
Fox, Terry	Pitcher	R	R	6-0	175	Midlothian, Ill.	7-31-35	Chicago, Ill.
Freehan, Bill	Catcher	R	R	6-3	200	Birmingham, Mich.	11-29-41	Detroit, Mich.
Gladding, Fred	Pitcher	L	R	6-1	220	Knoxville, Tenn.	6-28-36	Flat Rock, Mich.
Goldy, Purnal	Outfielder	R	R	6-5	204	Blackwood, N. J.	11-28-37	Camden, N. J.
Herzog, Whitey	Outfielder	L	L	5-11½	187	Independence, Mo.	11-9-31	New Athens, Ill.
Horton, Willie	Outfielder	R	R	5-11	190	Detroit	10-18-42	Arno, Va.
Kaline, Al	Outfielder	R	R	6-2	180	Franklin, Mich.	12-19-34	Baltimore, Md.
Koch, Al	Pitcher	R	R	6-4	195	Demopolis, Ala.	3-25-38	Decatur, Ala.
Lary, Frank	Pitcher	R	R	5-11	185	Northport, Ala.	4-10-31	Northport, Ala.
Lolich, Mickey	Pitcher	R-L	L	6-1	195	Portland, Oregon	9-12-40	Portland, Ore.
McAuliffe, Dick	Infielder	L	R	5-11	175	Southfield, Mich.	11-29-39	Hartford, Conn.
McLain, Dennis	Pitcher	R	R	6-1	185	Markham, Ill.	3-29-44	Chicago, Ill.
Mossi, Don	Pitcher	L	L	6-1½	200	Redwood City, Calif.	1-11-30	St. Helena, Calif.
Phillips, Bubba	Infielder	R	R	5-9	173	Hattiesburg, Miss.	2-24-30	West Point, Miss.
Regan, Phil	Pitcher	R	R	6-3	200	Grand Rapids, Mich.	4-6-37	Otsego, Mich.
Roarke, Mike	Catcher	R	R	6-2	190	W. Warwick, R. I.	11-8-30	W. Warwick, R. I.
Smith, George	Infielder	R	R	5-10½	170	St. Petersburg, Fla.	7-7-38	St. Petersburg, Fla.
Smith, Willie	Pitcher	L	L	6-0	185	Anniston, Ala.	2-11-39	Anniston, Ala.
Sullivan, John	Catcher	L	R	6-0	195	Basking Ridge, N. J.	1-3-41	Somerville, N. J.
Thomas, George	Outfielder	R	R	6-3	190	Minneapolis, Minn.	11-29-37	Minneapolis, Minn.
Triandos, Gus	Catcher	R	R	6-3	225	San Francisco, Calif.	7-30-30	San Francisco, Calif.
Wert, Don	Infielder	R	R	5-10	165	New Providence, Pa.	7-29-38	Strasburg, Pa.

## WHO ARE YOUR ALL-TIME TIGER STARS?

Want to match your baseball knowledge against that of the experts? Then try picking your own all-time all-star Tiger team.

Going back through the years, there are a lot of great performers to be considered.

Here is one lineup which was selected in 1949 by the late H. G. Salsinger, for many years the sports editor of The Detroit News:

**Pitchers** — Bill Donovan and George Mullin, righthanders; Hal Newhouser and Harry Covel-eski, lefthanders.

**Catchers**—Mickey Cochrane and Oscar Stan-age.

**First base**—Hank Greenberg.

**Second base**—Charley Gehringer.

**Third base**—George Kell.

**Shortstop**—Donie Bush.

**Outfielders** — Ty Cobb, Harry Heilmann and Bobby Veach.

Missing from the above lineup is Sam Crawford, 1903-07 outfield slugger who is in the game's Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, along with Cobb, Heilmann, Gehringer, Greenberg and Cochrane.

Incidentally, if you wonder why they are called Tigers, it goes back to 1896—before the American

League was organized. Detroit was in the West-ern League and George Stallings, the manager, took credit for the move which led to the team's nickname when he put his players in black-and-brown stockings with stripes which some fans fancied as "tiger stripes."

Here are some of the greatest of the Tigers of the past and present:

### BATTING CHAMPIONS (22)

Ty Cobb—1907-15 and 1917-19.  
 Harry Heilmann—1921, 1923, 1925, 1927.  
 Heinie Manush—1926.  
 Charley Gehringer—1937.  
 George Kell—1949.  
 Al Kaline—1955.  
 Harvey Kuenn—1959.  
 Norm Cash—1961.

### HOME RUN CHAMPIONS (8)

Sam Crawford—1908, 1914 (tie).  
 Ty Cobb—1909.  
 Hank Greenberg—1935 (tie), 1938, 1940, 1946.  
 Rudy York—1943.

### RBI CHAMPIONS (6)

Hank Greenberg—1935, 1937, 1940, 1946.  
 Rudy York—1943.  
 Ray Boone—1955.

**Roberts Loses 3-Hitter**

SEPT. 14, 1963

# Tigers Do It With Home Runs

## Orioles Bow In 3-2 Game

By Associated Press

A rookie and an old-timer collaborated for the Detroit Tigers yesterday afternoon, hitting homers to account for three runs in the Tigers' 3-2 victory over the Baltimore Orioles in Detroit.

Rookie Willie Horton hit a two-run homer off Robin Roberts in the eighth inning to tie the score, and catcher Gus Triandos, former batterymate of Roberts at Baltimore, snapped a 2-2 tie in the 10th with the clinching homer.

The Tigers, hottest team in the American League for the better part of five weeks, are



only three and one-half games behind the fourth-place Orioles.

Roberts tossed a three-hitter and had a no-hitter going through five innings. John Orsino's two-run homer off Jim Bunning in the third accounted for Baltimore's runs.

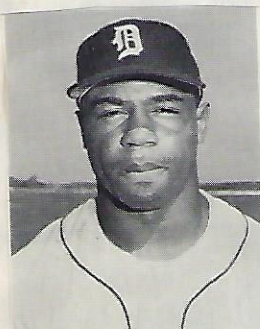
## Kaline To Forget Batting Crown, Stay On Bench

DETROIT Sept. 14 (AP) — Al Kaline is forgetting about his challenge for the batting title and plans to bench himself for the rest of the season as soon as he drives in four more runs.

The Tiger right fielder's ailing right knee is getting worse and today he was limping badly. Another four runs batted in would give Kaline 100, a figure he hasn't reached since 1956.

"Four more RBIs and I'm through for the season," said Kaline. "That's all I want and I hope it doesn't take me the last 13 games to get them.

"I've got too many years ahead of me in this game to risk hurting myself permanently. I know I'm sacrificing my chance for the batting title, but this is more important to me. So as soon as I get those four RBIs I'm going on the bench and just pinch hit if I'm needed."



WILLIE HORTON

BALTIMORE				DETROIT					
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Aparicio ss	5	1	1	0	Bruton cf	4	0	0	0
Snyder cf	5	0	1	0	McAuliffe ss	4	0	0	0
Powell lf	4	0	0	0	Kaline rf	3	0	0	0
Orsino c	3	1	2	0	Colavito lf	4	0	0	0
Gentile 1b	3	0	0	0	Cash 1b	4	0	0	0
Robinson 3b	4	0	1	0	Phillips 3b	4	0	0	0
Bowens rf	3	0	0	0	Triandos c	4	1	1	1
Brandt rf	1	0	0	0	Smith 2b	2	0	0	0
Saverine 2b	4	0	1	0	Wert 2b	0	0	0	0
Roberts p	4	0	0	0	G. Brown	0	1	0	0
					Bunning p	2	0	1	0
					bHorton	1	1	1	2
					Fox p	0	0	0	0
Totals	36	2	5	2	Totals	32	3	3	3

a- Walked for Smith in 8th; b- Homered for Bunning in 8th.

Baltimore ..... 002 000 000 0-2  
 Detroit ..... 000 000 020 1-3

E. Smith, Bowens, Roberts, PO-A-Baltimore 23-3 (one out when winning run scored), Detroit 30-4, DP Saverine, Aparicio and Gentile, LOB-Baltimore 6, Detroit 3.

2B-Snyder, 3B-Robinson, HR-Orsino, Horton, Triandos.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Roberts L, 13-13	91.3	3	3	3	2	8
Bunning	8	3	2	0	1	8
Fox W, 8-5	8	2	0	0	0	2

HBP-Gentile (by Bunning), U-Flaherty, Valentine, Drummond, Hurley, T-2:06, A-5,394.

This guy hit a Home run.

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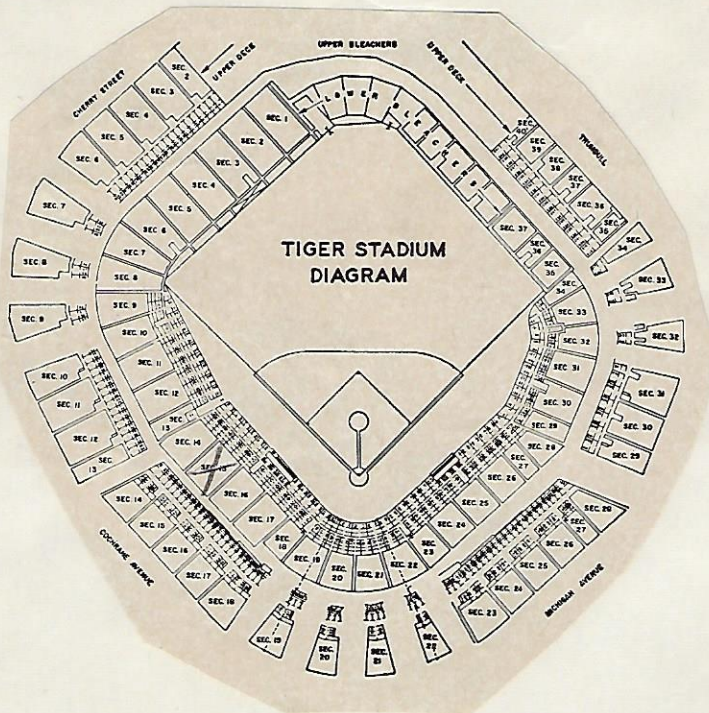
## Renowned Home of The Tigers

Welcome to Tiger Stadium! This is one of baseball's most famous parks; easily accessible to all parts of Detroit and quickly reached over the highways and freeways of Michigan, Ohio and Indiana.

Baseball has been played here since 1900, a year before the birth of the American League. First known as Bennett Park, it became Navin Field in 1912, Briggs Stadium in 1938 and Tiger Stadium in 1961.

Its seating capacity is 53,089 with 9,377 box seats, 22,210 reserved, 11,502 unreserved grandstand and 10,000 bleacher seats.

The fence in left field is 340 feet from home plate, in center field 440 and in right field 325. The outfield fence is uniformly nine feet in height.



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## Seasoned Additions Bolster Tigers for '64



**Jerry Lumpe**



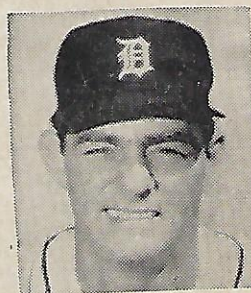
**Ed Rakow**

Two significant off-season trades are credited with giving the Tigers new stature in the American League. The deals brought Jerry Lumpe, Dave Wickersham and Ed Rakow to Detroit from the Kansas City Athletics and Don Demeter to the Tigers from the Philadelphia Phillies.

Lumpe, 30, is recognized as the peer of any second baseman in baseball following five successful seasons with the Athletics. First signed by the New York Yankees, he brought to the Tigers a lifetime average of .278 with a peak of .301 in 1962.

Wickersham and Rakow, both righthanded pitchers, were considered the pick of the Kansas City staff, each with three years of major league experience. Wickersham, 28, is noted for his sinker pitch and ability to work often. He had a three-year record of 25-20 with the A's and last season appeared in 38 games for a total of 238 innings. Rakow, 27 and originally with the Los Angeles Dodgers, is another hard worker and was sought because of Al Kaline's personal recommendation.

Demeter, 28 and also a former Dodger, was the Phillies' most versatile performer in 1963, playing first, third and three outfield posts. He led the Phils three years in RBI and two years in home runs. His credentials as the Tigers' new centerfielder include a perfect fielding record in the outfield last season.

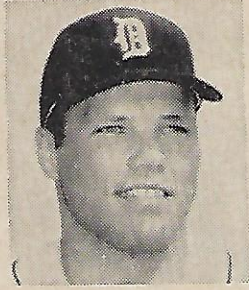


**Don Demeter**



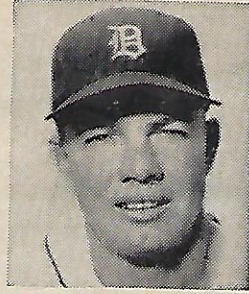
**Dave Wickersham**





Bill Freehan

catcher,



Norm Cash

1<sup>st</sup> base



Al Kaline

Right Field



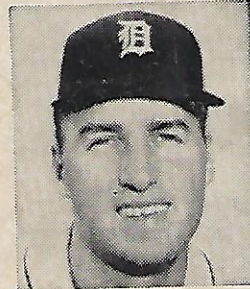
Dick McAuliffe

Short-Stop



Billy Bruton

Center Field



Phil Regan

Pitcher

**Tigers at Home**

April 14 ..... Kansas City  
 April 17, 18(R).... Los Angeles  
 April 19\* ..... Minnesota  
 May 6, 7 ..... Boston  
 May 8, 9, 10\*.... Baltimore  
 May 12, 13, 14 ..... New York  
 May 15, 16(R), 17\* .. Cleveland  
 May 29, 30, 31\* ..... Chicago  
 June 2, 3 ..... Washington  
 June 8, 9, 10, 11 ... Minnesota  
 June 12, 13(R) 14\* .. Los Angeles  
 June 16(TN), 17, 18(L) K. City  
 July 1, 2..... Cleveland  
 July 3, 4, 5\* ..... Washington  
 July 9, 10(TN), 11(R) .. Boston  
 July 12\*, 13(L) ..... Baltimore  
 July 24, 25, 26\* ..... New York  
 July 28, 29, 30(L) ... Chicago  
 Aug. 7, 8(R), 9\* .. Kansas City  
 Aug. 18(TN), 19 .. Los Angeles  
 Aug. 21, 22(L), 23 .. Minnesota  
 Sept. 9, 10 ..... New York  
 Sept. 11, 12(R), 13 Washington  
 Sept. 15, 16 ..... Chicago  
 Sept. 18, 19(L), 20 .. Cleveland  
 Sept. 22, 23 ..... Baltimore  
 Sept. 25, 26, 27 ..... Boston

Night Games in Bold Figures  
 \*Doubleheaders  
 L-Ladies Day; R-Retirees Day

Tigers play Yankees on my Birthday Sept. 9,

**Detroit Climbs Above .500 Mark**

# Tigers Wallop

# Red Sox, 8-1

July 11, 1964

BOSTON		DETROIT				
ab	r h bi	ab	r h bi			
Jones 2b	3 0 0 0	Wood 1b	4 2 2 1			
Conigliaro lf	4 0 0 0	G.Thomas rf	4 2 2 2			
Y'tze'ski cf	4 0 2 0	Brown lf	5 0 0 0			
Stuart 1b	4 0 0 0	Demeter cf	4 1 3 2			
L.Thomas rf	4 0 0 0	Freehan c	3 0 1 1			
Malzone 3b	4 0 1 0	Lumpe 2b	4 0 0 0			
Bressoud ss	3 0 0 0	McAuliffe ss	3 2 1 0			
Hillman c	3 1 1 1	Wert 3b	3 1 2 2			
Earley p	0 0 0 0	Sparma p	4 0 0 0			
Mantilla ph	1 0 1 0					
Nixon ph	1 0 0 0					
<b>Totals</b>	<b>31 15 1</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>34 8 11 8</b>			
Boston	000 000 010-1					
Detroit	102 012 11x-8					
E-None DP-Detroit I. LOB-Boston						
5. Detroit 7.						
2B-G. Thomas, Demeter, McAuliffe.						
3B-Wert, Wood, HR-Hillman (7), Wood						
(1), Wert (5), G. Thomas (6), SB-						
Demeter.						
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Earley, L. 0-1	5	8	4	4	1	6
Spanswick	2	3	3	3	0	2
Gray	1	0	1	1	4	1
Sparma, W. 3-1	9	5	1	1	2	8
WP-Sparma 2	T-2.52	A-7.127				



