

# Collectors go crazy over Al's autograph

By MIKE SCANLON

Right off the bat — so to speak — let's get the tough stuff out of the way.

Early Wynn and Nolan Ryan; Phil Rizzuto and PeeWee Reese; Bill Freehan and Dick McAlliff; German-Irish.

The first two are the toughest pitchers Al Kaline ever faced. The second two are — except, of course, for George Kell — the guys he would most like to see elected to the Hall of Fame, but who haven't been. The next two are the Tigers Kaline most admired.

The last entry is Kaline's extraction. One old gentleman was sure he was Lithuanian.

Albert William Kaline, who will be formally inducted into the Hall of Fame Sunday, made a timely promotional appearance last week at Detroit & Northern Savings' Livonia office.

Now, if you think financial institutions routinely deal in blizzards of paperwork, you're right — but nothing like what Kaline got Monday afternoon.

Kaline does television commercials for the savings company, and as part of the deal, he's obligated to spend five days a year in autograph sessions.

"Could you make it to Glenn, with two N's?"

The folks in the office had a stack of Al Kaline photos ready to sign, but some of his fans weren't satisfied with the canned stuff.

He also signed a couple hundred baseball cards, a baseball glove or two, and a bunch of just plain baseballs.

"Sign it, 'Happy Third Birthday, Jamie'."

He signed one baseball already autographed by many of the players he

broke into the majors with in 1953. Kaline read them off in a tone that said he knew them well, but the names must have sounded like a foreign language to the 8- and 9-year-olds standing in line. Next came a 1979 baseball already scrawled with autographs.

Kaline read it carefully for a moment or two.

"I don't know half these people," Al concluded.

A WOMAN approached with two children, one of whom was wearing a Detroit Express T-shirt and squinting through an apparently terminal attack of shyness.

"They don't know you, but I do," said the woman.

"You've given us many happy hours. You're a dear man."

This raised an obvious question — the 11-year-olds who cruised up on their bikes for an autograph were 4 years old when Kaline retired in 1974. Do they think of him as the Tiger's television announcer, of all things?

"That was probably true a year or two ago, but since the Hall of Fame thing, they pretty much know I was a ballplayer and probably a good one," said Kaline.

Ray Vassas showed up with his baseball card collection — every card on which Kaline appeared, from 1954 to 1974.

"One of the disadvantages of playing too long — you've got a lot of blizzard cards to sign," said Kaline as he went to work.

"Could you sign it, 'Happy Anniversary, Don'?"

Some poor soul a desk away was actually trying to conduct some banking while 15 or 20 awestruck children waited patiently a foot or two away.

"You have to sign the check, sir," a loan officer was telling him.

"I wish I could play forever," said Kaline.



Left to right, you're looking at Fred Buchhold, 8, Christopher Jordano, also 8, Jill Buchold, 11 and Sandy Jordano, 9. Oh, yeah. The guy signing the baseball on the right is Al Kaline. (Staff Photo by Bill Bresler)

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Charter number 15049 National Bank Region Number 7

Statement of Resources and Liabilities		Thousands of dollars
Cash and due from depository institutions		2,283
U.S. Treasury securities		685
Obligations of other U.S. Government agencies and corporations		200
Obligations of States and political subdivisions in the United States		2,712
All other securities		26
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell		1,100
Loans, Total (excluding unearned income)	17,413	
Less: Allowance for possible loan losses	227	
Loans, Net		17,186
Lease financing receivables		-0-
Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises		873
Real estate owned other than bank premises		55
All other assets		304
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>28,252</b>
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations		7,612
Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations		16,449
Deposits of United States Government		98
Deposits of States and political subdivisions in the United States		871
All other deposits		336
Certificates and officers' checks		25,366
Total Deposits		25,366
Total time and savings deposits		16,645
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase		-0-
Interest-bearing demand notes (note balances) issued to the U.S. Treasury and other liabilities for borrowed money		-0-
Mortgage indebtedness and liability for capitalized leases		-0-
All other liabilities		361
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES (excluding subordinated notes and debentures)</b>		<b>26,727</b>
Subordinated notes and debentures		500
Preferred stock	No. shares outstanding 52,168	(par value) 522
Common stock	No. shares authorized 52,168	(par value) 522
Surplus		369
Undivided profits and reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves		1,134
<b>TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL</b>		<b>2,025</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL</b>		<b>28,252</b>
Amounts outstanding as of report date:		
Standby letters of credit, total		-0-
Time certificates of deposit in denominations of \$100,000 or more		1,775
Other time deposits in amounts of \$100,000 or more		-0-
Average for 30 calendar days (or calendar month) ending with report date		25,938
Total deposits		25,938

We, the undersigned directors attest the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief is true and correct.

*John J. Lodigiano*  
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