

Tiger Star Eyes Record 30 Victories

It's never happened before... a Detroit Tiger pitcher winning 30 games in a season. The record for the team

stands at 29, George Mullen did it in 1909, Hal Newhouser 35 years later. Now a 24-year-old by the name of Dennis McLain looks

like he has a chance to make Detroit history. He's halfway to the charmed mark and by the time the Tigers and other teams rest following

Sunday's action for the All-Star game, the traditional mid-way point in the campaign, McLain very well may boast victory No. 15.

McLain chalked up No. 15 last Wednesday in a 5-2 victory over the California Angels and now shares the major league lead with Juan Mari-

chal of the San Francisco Giants. BOTH ARE due to hurl this weekend, Marichal against the

St. Louis Cards probably on Saturday, while McLain faces Oakland at Tiger Stadium Sunday. Then it could happen that it'll

be McLain and Marichal as the starters in Tuesday night's All-Star game at Houston. Based on their records, they deserve the nod to open the star classic.

While McLain keeps rolling along, the Tigers also are happy the way Earl Wilson appears to have recovered from a heel injury that kept him out of action for almost a month.

Wilson went the distance the evening before in a 3-1 victory over the Angels.

McLain's victory was his third of the season over the Angels and he now has a six-game personal winning streak going.

He set down 10 on strikes to lift his season's Tiger lead to 133. The first run the Angels scored was the gift—on an error by Norm Cash.

BUT CASH redeemed himself nobly. With the score tied at 1-1 in the sixth, he homered with Dick McAuliffe aboard and the Tigers were in front for keeps.

Earlier Dick Trecewski had socked his third homer of the season—he never made more than one in a campaign—and Willie Horton rocked his 19th to add to Detroit's lead. Bill Freehan doubled over Horton with the other Tiger run.

Jim Fregosi homered for the other Angels' run.

Horton's hit in the first gave Wilson a 2-0 lead and the margin went to 3-0 in the seventh when Tom Matchick socked his first homer.

Wilson lost his shutoff in the eighth as he wound up with a seven hitter. He fanned nine and walked only one.

The Tigers end their home stand with a doubleheader against Oakland Sunday. When they resume play Thursday, they'll be in Minnesota for a three-game series against the Twins.

Big Bats Boom Out 17-2 Win

The big bats of Redford's defending state baseball champions boomed a merry holiday tune Wednesday against Plymouth.

The result was a 17-2 romp over Plymouth and victory No. 2 in as many starts for Redford in the third round of play in Greater Livonia's Class A baseball league.

Chuck Vitane, ex-North Farmington and Michigan State, and Larry Salsi, fresh from the University of Detroit, coasted along on the mound for the winners, who were led by Terry Rothwell, ex-Thurston and now of Eastern Michigan, who swatted a homer, single and double and knocked in four runs.

Rothwell's homer in the second inning came with Tim Fisher aboard and shot Redford ahead, 2-0. In the third, Redford tallied three times when Sam Lamerato, Rothwell and Robby Masson singled and Dave Woloch walked.

FOUR MORE cashed in the sixth with Woloch's three-run double the big blow. In the seventh Gary Schafer homered with Masson aboard while in the eighth Dick Johnson and Russell Nelson each doubled to a pair of runs.

Both Plymouth runs came in the third inning after Bob Gillies singled and Pat Woodward walked, Lomonaco doubled 'em across.

PGA Title To Souchak

Mike Souchak of Oakland Hills captured the Michigan PGA championship when he put together rounds of 70-71-141 at Davidson Monday.

Tom Talkington of Ypsilanti and Tom Rossely of Grand Rapids tied for second at 143. Talkington had 75 and 68 while Rossely scored 72-71.

Camera Catches Tiger Manager In Many Moods



A Tiger Goes Down on Strikes

Come On Now, Let's Get Going

That's Better, We Have One On

And Willie Hits One Out of Park

Football Time Nears: Lions To Open Drills

It's football time again! The Detroit Lions usher in practice Thursday when 43 players, including four National

Football League veterans acquired in off-season drills, go to work at Cranbrook School in Bloomfield Hills.

Twenty-five other veterans will report next week for the first full-scale workout on July 16. The Lions have announced that the practices at Cranbrook will be closed to the public.

Among the 43 players checking in Thursday, there'll be 17 who were rookies or on the taxi squad last year, 11 new draftees and 11 free agents, plus the four new veterans—quarterback Bill Munson, late of the Rams, running back Dave Kopay and defensive ends John Baker and Joe Robb.

Heading the list of 17 players who were with the Lions last season are Mel Farr and Lem Barney who made it big as 1967 rookies. Joining them at early drills will be Nick Eddy, the Notre Dame All-American, who

missed the entire '67 season following knee surgery.

EDDY REPORTS that his knee is causing no trouble. "I've been playing a lot of handball," he says. "I also have been working on a weight-lifting program and now can lift more pounds with my operated knee than I can with my other one."

"I feel great. The knee doesn't bother me at all. I'm anxious to make up for missing action last year. Since I'm technically an NFL rookie, I'm shoot-

ing for one goal. And that is to see if I can do this year what Farr did last year when he was named rookie-of-the-year."

In six seasons of football in high school and at Notre Dame, Nick missed only one game by injury. That was the famous 1966 tie with Michigan State. Rookie Phil Cate of Brigham Young heads for camp after a brilliant showing in the recent Coaches' All-Star Game at Atlanta where he caught 12 passes, one for a touchdown. He

also played defense and recovered a fumble.

A GROUP of 11 free agents—players who were not picked up by a pro team in the collegiate draft—will try to elbow into the Detroit football picture. Included are Stan Kemp, former U-M punter; Roger Lopes, ex-MSU runner; John Simkus, 6-7 line-man from Wayne State; and Greg Keller, a rugged linebacker from Pitt.

Coach Joe Schmidt will start two-a-day drills for all players July 16. The annual inter-squad scrimmage will be staged under auspices of the Detroit Lions Alumni Association at U-D Stadium on Friday night, July 26 with the first pre-season game scheduled at Buffalo on Aug. 5.

The only local pre-season game in Detroit this year will

be Friday night, Aug. 23, when the Lions take on the Baltimore Colts at Tiger Stadium. Four games will be played on the road, including an Aug. 11 meeting with the Philadelphia Eagles in Mexico City's 105,000-seat Aztec Stadium.

This game will be the first NFL game ever played in Mexico and will be televised nationally.



COACH JOE SCHMIDT

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The Tiger Schedule

Sunday—Oakland at Tiger Stadium, 2 games, 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday—National League vs. American League All Stars at Houston, 8 p.m. (Channel 4).

Thursday—Tigers at Minnesota, 9 p.m. (Ch. 2).

Friday—Tigers at Minnesota, 9 p.m. (Ch. 2).

Saturday—Tigers at Minnesota, 2:15 p.m. (Channel 2).

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