

Tigers to honor Kaline on Sunday

Tiger fans will be able to share in the glory of Al Kaline's 3,000th hit on Sunday, September 29. Tiger GM Jim Campbell has announced.

Campbell, in making the announcement said, "If Al has attained his goal of 3,000 hits on or before Saturday, September 28, the observance will be held on Sunday, September 29. If he gets his 3,000th hit on one of the remaining days of the season, the observance will be scheduled for the day following the historic hit."

When the celebration is held, every fan entering Tiger Stadium

will receive a colorful 2-foot-by-3-foot souvenir poster marking Kaline's admission into the 3,000 Hit Club.

For Kaline, there will be special ceremonies before the game, along with a commemorative gift from Tiger owner John Fetzer. Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn is also expected to be on hand.

The Tiger veteran became the 12th player to reach the 3,000 hit plateau Tuesday night in Baltimore. He is the first in the American leagues to reach that mark since 1925.



Eight year pro veteran Mike Weger sees the world as being larger than a football field (drawing by Corrine Gignac)

Weger at home

Entering the home of Mike Weger would tend to make the visitor imagine him as a folk singing minstrel rather than the hard-hitting strong safety that he is.

The Troy resident is a lover of music and the decor of the house certainly reflects this fact. Records line the living room neatly arranged in cabinets and guitars are resting at two of the chairs.

A typical evening at the Wegers finds Mike and teammate Dick Jauron strumming away the tunes of James Taylor and others of the folk genre. Mike's attractive (and very pregnant) wife Becky joins in the singing and the house atmosphere is a million light years away from the 50-yard line at Tigerlife Stadium.

Mike met his bride when she performed as a Lion cheerleader. Becky, a native of Rochester has joined Mike's interest in the area, and today they are involved in several building operations here and in Great Oaks.

Mike, an extremely intelligent man in several spheres, was a business administration major at Bowling Green. When he retires from the pro football battlefields, Weger plans a career in building development in the area.

IT WASN'T always Mike's desire to play football, in fact he didn't go out for the sport until his junior year in high school. His father urged Mike in the direction of a musical career and influenced him to attend Bowling Green, where his father is a professor of music.

Mike looks upon his father as the guiding force in his life. "My father taught me that no matter what course I should plan for my life, I should go in that direction and do as well as I am possibly able."

Mike is currently suffering through a season in which he is sidelined for the duration due to a leg injury. The difficulty he is experiencing isn't due so much to the pain as it is to the frustrations involved.

WEGER'S CAREER is quite an impressive one.

In his very first game as a professional, Mike latched on to a Joe Namath aerial and returned it for sizeable yardage. If that effort were one of future promise, Weger has fulfilled it.

"I would say the most personal satisfaction I've derived from the game was during the last five games of the 1970 year, when the defensive team finally became a

single being. I'm in pro ball purely for the enjoyment of the game, and nothing lends itself to enjoyment more than winning."

In the cup

Chuck Joseph of Oak Park recorded a hole in one on the 180-yard fifth hole at Southfield's Plam Hollow Golf Course during a round of golf Sept. 17. He used a six iron.

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