



Tiger Trade Likely; Cash A Top Candidate

LAKELAND, Fla.—A Detroit Tiger trade? Those close to the club's training camp think one is very likely before the team heads north two weeks from Sunday to open the 1968 American League season against the Boston Red Sox at Tiger Stadium on Tuesday, April 9.

The most vulnerable Tiger? The finger seems to point at first baseman Norm Cash. The Tigers are desperate to land a top-notch relief pitcher and to get some they know must part company with a front-line.

Cash is said to be expendable because the Tigers have Eddie Mathews, another veteran, and Don Pepper, a rookie, to offer assistance and also serve as a pinch-hitter.

Pepper is left-handed hitter and the Tigers would like to keep him. But since Mathews and Cash both hit the same way -- from the left -- the



ON BLOCK? That's the question in Tigertown as one hears rumors that Norm Cash may be involved in a deal -- if the Bengals make one during the spring campaign.

team can't afford the luxury of carrying all three.

After one great season with the Tigers when he won the batting championship, Cash never has neared similar heights since.

ALSO CONSIDERED good trade bait is outfielder Gates Brown in whom several teams have expressed interest.

Brown is another swinger from the left side and the Tiger would like to get a right-handed pinch-hitter -- a department in which the club currently is on the shortage.

General manager Jimmy Campbell admits that he has been in daily talks with other teams.

"The fact that all of us must cut down to 25 players by the start of the season could lead to some maneuvering among the clubs," Campbell said here Friday.

The Tigers, who have had their ups and downs in exhibition play, received a jolt this past

week when No. 1 catcher Bill Freehan suffered a strained shoulder while chasing a foul ball.

The injury has put Freehan on the sidelines indefinitely, causing the Tigers to ask themselves:

"What if Freehan gets hurt and is lost for any great period of time in the regular season?"

The extra catchers on the Tiger squad are a far cry when it comes to comparing them with Freehan, last year's all-star catcher and the most valuable Tiger.

Starters Earl Wilson, Denny McLain, Joe Sparta and Mickey Lolich have wrapped up jobs along with John Hiller, Dennis Ribant, Fred Laber and Mike Marshall.

The veteran Hank Aguirre, Pat Dobson and George Korincic are battling for the other two spots.

If the Tigers are to follow a youth movement, Aguirre with him to Detroit.

NBA Standings		FINAL 1967-68	
EASTERN DIVISION		WESTERN DIVISION	
Team	W-L	Team	W-L
Philadelphia	47-25	San Diego	47-25
Boston	44-28	Los Angeles	42-34
New York	41-31	San Francisco	39-37
Detroit	40-32	Chicago	35-41
Washington	39-33	Baltimore	34-42
Baltimore	38-34	Portland	33-43
Atlanta	37-35	Phoenix	32-44
Los Angeles	36-36	San Antonio	31-45
San Francisco	35-37	Golden State	30-46
Chicago	34-38	Seattle	29-47
San Diego	33-39	Portland	28-48
Portland	32-40	Phoenix	27-49
Golden State	31-41	San Antonio	26-50
Seattle	30-42	Golden State	25-51
Phoenix	29-43	Portland	24-52
San Antonio	28-44	Phoenix	23-53
Golden State	27-45	San Antonio	22-54
Portland	26-46	Golden State	21-55
Phoenix	25-47	Portland	20-56
San Antonio	24-48	Phoenix	19-57
Golden State	23-49	San Antonio	18-58
Portland	22-50	Golden State	17-59
Phoenix	21-51	Portland	16-60
San Antonio	20-52	Phoenix	15-61
Golden State	19-53	San Antonio	14-62
Portland	18-54	Golden State	13-63
Phoenix	17-55	Portland	12-64
San Antonio	16-56	Phoenix	11-65
Golden State	15-57	San Antonio	10-66
Portland	14-58	Golden State	9-67
Phoenix	13-59	Portland	8-68
San Antonio	12-60	Phoenix	7-69
Golden State	11-61	San Antonio	6-70
Portland	10-62	Golden State	5-71
Phoenix	9-63	Portland	4-72
San Antonio	8-64	Phoenix	3-73
Golden State	7-65	San Antonio	2-74
Portland	6-66	Golden State	1-75
Phoenix	5-67	Portland	0-76
San Antonio	4-68	Phoenix	0-77
Golden State	3-69	San Antonio	0-78
Portland	2-70	Golden State	0-79
Phoenix	1-71	Portland	0-80
San Antonio	0-72	Phoenix	0-81
Golden State	0-73	San Antonio	0-82
Portland	0-74	Golden State	0-83
Phoenix	0-75	Portland	0-84
San Antonio	0-76	Phoenix	0-85
Golden State	0-77	San Antonio	0-86
Portland	0-78	Golden State	0-87
Phoenix	0-79	Portland	0-88
San Antonio	0-80	Phoenix	0-89
Golden State	0-81	San Antonio	0-90
Portland	0-82	Golden State	0-91
Phoenix	0-83	Portland	0-92
San Antonio	0-84	Phoenix	0-93
Golden State	0-85	San Antonio	0-94
Portland	0-86	Golden State	0-95
Phoenix	0-87	Portland	0-96
San Antonio	0-88	Phoenix	0-97
Golden State	0-89	San Antonio	0-98
Portland	0-90	Golden State	0-99
Phoenix	0-91	Portland	0-100

Grid Team Stymied At Oakland CC

A few weeks ago, officials at Oakland Community College were all excited. OCC announced it planned to field a football team starting next fall. But this past week came another statement from OCC: there would be no grid team, after all.

Lack of money was given by OCC president John E. Tirrell. The money was to come from a student activity fund, which now sponsors basketball, cross country, swimming, golf and tennis.

"We just didn't get the support of all concerned," said Tirrell.

Pin Ryan, who was to coach the team, agreed it was best to wait.

could be shipped elsewhere, despite the fact he turned in three neat innings of pitching here in his first exhibition effort.

The Tigers were to play at Miami Saturday night against Baltimore with the game to be broadcast by WDR at 7:55 p.m.

GETTING BIG BAT ready for the coming season is outfielder Al Kaline who has been impressive in the Tigers' spring games and is looking forward to his best season.

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855-14	850-14	14.88	2.56	825-14	800-14	15.66	2.38	855-14	850-14	16.88	2.56
690-13	670-15	11.89	2.23	855-14	850-14	16.88	2.56	600-13	650-13	14.79	1.80
815-15	710-15	11.96	2.23	690-13	670-15	12.72	2.23	735-14	650-15	12.88	2.04
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775-14	750-14	18.66	2.21	775-14	750-14	21.80	2.21	770-14	775-14	31.95	2.50
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5-0-15	12.97	1.34	845-15	760-15	23.91	2.53	770-14	775-14	31.95	2.50
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It's a hunch... but don't be surprised that if next year, or by 1970, the finals of the state high school basketball tournament come off in the new All Events Building at the University of Michigan.

For more years than one cares to remember -- something like 25 or 30 -- the grand wrap-up to the annual March Madness has been staged annually at Michigan State.

There were good reasons, too.

The Spartans boasted a fine fieldhouse... the Lansing area is located roughly in the center of the state... there is good housing for teams and fans pouring in for the finals... the extra gyms needed for the semifinals are top notch.

Over at the University of Michigan, they weren't saying much during all this time.

The Wolverines had Yost Fieldhouse and it was nothing about which to brag. Nearby motels and hotels were on the short side for many years. So were the needed extra gyms.

But now things have changed.

The new indoor sports palace at Michigan can seat about the same number as Michigan State's Jemison Field House.

The state's expressway system makes Ann Arbor as easy to reach as East Lansing; perhaps easier from some locales.

For extra gyms, there's the fine Eastern Michigan University fieldhouse a few miles down the road and two magnificent high school floors in Ann Arbor proper.

SO, IT WOULDN'T BE off beam to suspect that officials at Michigan already have put in their "pitch" to be given equal consideration for the state basketball finals.

After all, Michigan and Michigan State have alternated over the years in putting on the state finals in wrestling, swimming and track.

Why not the same in basketball?

The U. of M. took its first step forward in the cage picture by housing two of the quarterfinal Class A games last Wednesday night -- the battle which matched Detroit City East and Catholic Central in one, Detroit Austin and Birmingham Brother Rice in the other.

We can't remember when last Michigan was host to a state-tourney game, either in the districts, regionals or the quarterfinals.

Twenty years ago! Could be.

But the point is that Michigan now has all that it takes to house a state final and state prep director Charles E. Forsythe isn't about to say "no" to any Wolverine request, despite the fact things have always run very smoothly at Michigan State.

MAYBE THAT'S a misstatement to say "very smoothly" all the time.

Who'll forget the year when the banks of the Red Cedar overflowed and the waters lapped up against the field house, causing MSU President John Hannah to stand in the middle of what usually is a roadway to direct traffic?

There was a great deal of concern that day and evening. Building officials and police kept a close tab on the rising waters. So did Forsythe.

If the waters had risen another few inches, play would have had to be suspended and the building cleared.

The water would have overrun the lower seats and the basketball floor.

SHORT STUFF: The 1968 state tourney certainly proved one point -- Detroit's Metropolitan Catholic League ranks No. 1 among the state's prep cage circuits.

No less than three Class A teams -- Catholic Central, Brother Rice and Austin -- came out of the Parochial League to win a place in the quarterfinals.

At the same time Detroit Servite (Class B), All Saints (Class C) and Waterford Our Lady of Lakes (Class D) also reached the round of eight. Wouldn't it have been something if the Parish League came up with four state champs? Loop boss Ralph Owen's chest would really pop loose all the buttons on his jacket.

YOU HAVE to salute State Director Forsythe the way he runs the Michigan tourney.

He sets up headquarters for the teams at Jack Tar Hotel and nobody cares where the floors where the players stay, unless they have a special pass.

What a difference to what we saw two weeks ago in St. Louis at the hotel housing the Missouri finalists. Boys and girls, players and fans, romped merrily through the hotel floors, causing such Piston stars as Dave DeBusschere and Dave Bing to declare:

"How can schools permit anything like this to happen?"