

Freehan, Horton And McLain To Start For AL In All-Star Game

Denny McLain pitching and Bill Freehan catching!

This figure to be the starting battery for the American League against the best of the National League a week from Tuesday in baseball's annual all-star game in Houston's Astrodome.

Freehan was picked to start behind the bat for the second straight year by a vote of the American League players.

He was selected along with fellow Tiger, Willie Horton, who'll appear in the Star's outfield for the first time.

McLain was one of seven pitchers selected by Manager Dick Williams Friday as the star for the All-Star game.

The indications are that Denny will be given the starting assignment as the winningest hurler in the American League.

McLain's selection is automatic. He's the circuit's top winner with a 13-2 record and thus appears a cinch to be honored with the starting role for the second time in three years.

STARTING WITH Freehan and Horton will be Harmon Killebrew of Minnesota at first base, Rod Carew of Minnesota at second, Jim Fregos of California at short, Brooks Robinson of Baltimore at third and Frank Howard of Washington and Carl Yastrzemski of Boston in the outfield.

Robinson is the "oldtimer" of the group. This will be his ninth All-Star game. Freehan led in the voting, collecting 248 votes, Horton received 193.

Among other Tigers, Dick McAuliffe and Don Wert ranked third at second and third base, respectively, while Jim Northrup got five votes and the injured Al Kaline and Mickey Stanley each three votes in the outfield.

The pitchers and extra players were to be named this weekend by Williams.

IN THE NATIONAL League, outfielder Hank Aaron of Atlanta was the only repeat starter. Pete Rose of Cincinnati and Curt Flood of St. Louis will form the outfield for the senior circuit, which won last year's game, 2-1, and holds a 20-17 edge in the series.

Willie McCovey of San Francisco will start at first, Tommy Helms of Cincinnati at second, Dan Kessinger of Chicago at short and Ron Santo of Chicago at third.

The catcher will be Jerry Grote of New York. Red Schoendienst of St. Louis will guide the NL stars and will select his pitchers and extra players this week.



FAN LETTERS, congratulating him for his selection to the American All-Star squad, have the attention of Catcher Bill Freehan in the Tiger locker room prior to Friday's night game.



GETTING READY for early evening workout is veteran Outfielder Al Kaline who failed to make the all-stars for the first time in several years. Al has been sidelined with an arm injury.

RESERVE Sports News

Hellier Named Franklin Coach

Ron Hellier finally is coming back home to Livonia to coach. Hellier, a former star athlete at Bentley High School who later starred at Olivet College, has been named baseball and cross country coach at Franklin High.

He'll take over for Jim Ford in baseball as Ford moves to other coaching assignments and for Dave Junkie in cross country. Junkie has resigned from teaching to enter the industrial world. He coached the track team in the spring.

Hellier, who this summer is working in Livonia's Recreation Department and assigning umpires for Little League baseball games, finished at Bentley in 1958.

DURING HIS prep career he played baseball and ran on the cross country team. He then played baseball at Olivet and a year ago served as an assistant baseball coach at Eastern Michigan University.

Hellier taught and coached ninth-grade teams at Covington Junior High in Birmingham during the past school year. He presently is the manager of Livonia's Class A team, which is locked in a three-way tie with Dearborn Heights and Redford for the second-round title.

Rain washed out three "A" games last week.



SMILING AT THOUGHT of playing with the stars in the major league classic is Willie Horton, who has been one of the big reasons why the Bengals are on top of the AL standings. A year ago he was plagued with an ankle injury — now he's the darling of fans in every American League city.

Township Netters Star

Kathy Beck of Redford Township, lost to Marcia Coskey, of Hamtramck, 6-2, 6-1, in the final of the 14 and under championships in the Detroit Public Parks Junior tennis tournament.

Ex-Indy Victor NewTrack Aide

Peter DePalo, former winner at Indianapolis, has been named director of industrial relations for the new Michigan International Speedway race track.

Good Fortune For Auto Pilot

LANGHORNE, PA.—Good fortune finally broke for Gordon Johncock of Hastings, Mich., Sunday when he won the Langhorne 150-mile for big cars.

The Tiger Schedule

SUNDAY—Chicago at Tiger Stadium, 1:30 p.m. (Free balls for youngsters 14 and under). MONDAY—California at Tiger Stadium, 8 p.m. TUESDAY—California at Tiger Stadium, 8 p.m. WEDNESDAY—California at Tiger Stadium, 8 p.m. THURSDAY—California at Tiger Stadium, 1:30 p.m. FRIDAY—Oakland at Tiger Stadium, 8 p.m. SATURDAY—Oakland at Tiger Stadium, 2:15 p.m. SUNDAY—Oakland at Tiger Stadium, 2 games, 1:30 p.m.

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