

# 9 Tigers On All-Star Ballot

The Tigers' enthusiastic fans are sure to set a volume record in the voting — already underway — for the starting players in the 1972 All-Star Game to be played in Atlanta July 25.

For the third straight year, the fans are picking the starters in a punch-card, computer - counted balloting system. Ballots are available at Tiger Stadium and at most retail stores handling Gillette

products during the voting period which ends July 9. Last year, only Kansas City and Pittsburgh topped Detroit in All-Star voting totals, as 421,000 ballots were mailed by individual fans. With the 1972 Tigers running

and 195,000 were returned to national headquarters for counting. Other thousands, including most of those picked up at Gillette outlets, were mailed by individual fans.

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pennant fever, with nine of their players on the ballot (more than any other team), and with the voting period extended a week longer than last year, Detroit voting records are sure to fall.

THE TIGERS among the 128 nominees (64 in each major league) on the pre - printed ballot are Ed Brinkman, Norm Cash, Bill Freehan, Mickey Stanley, Jim Northrup, Aurelio Rodriguez and Mickey Stanely.

Here is a complete list of nominees selected before the season opened, which can be supplemented with write - in preferences:

AMERICAN LEAGUE  
FIRST BASE - Briggs, CASH, Minch, Kilkenny, Carlos May, Miner, Peacock, Spencer.  
SECOND BASE - Alomar, Carew, Clarke, Green, Griffin, Dave Johnson, McAluliffe, Rose, Roberto Clemente, Rodriguez, Scioscia, Williams.  
THIRD BASE - Bando, Matton, McRae, McRae, McRae, Brooks.  
CATCHER - Duncan, Foss, FREE, Hargan, Hendricks, Herrmann, Joseph, Morris, Morris, Morris, Morris.  
OUTFIELD - Allin, Blair, Butord, Harper, HORTON, Howard, Jackson, Jim Johnson, KARL, Matson, Dave Meltzer, McRae, McRae, McRae, Piniella, Pino, Richards, Rietman, Smith, STANLEY, Taver, White, Yastrzemski.

NATIONAL LEAGUE  
FIRST BASE - Capella, Celiberti, McCovey, May, Parker, Rapone, Roberts.  
SECOND BASE - Beckert, Dave Cash, Funes, Helms, Hunt, Miller, McRae, McRae, McRae.  
SHORTSTOP - Boas, Harrelson, Hendrie, Kessinger, McNeil, Mattingly, McRae, McRae, McRae.  
THIRD BASE - Bailey, Fregosi, Garkovich, Heber, Money, Rader, Santo, Tore.  
CATCHER - Borch, Diaz, Grote, Hendley, McCravy, Sangillan, Simmons, East Williams.  
OUTFIELD - Arana, Agosto, Alou, Bork, Cey, Davis, Cey, Cey, Clemente, Davis, Grote, Handerick, Jones, Mays, Monday, Montanez, Oviedo, Rose, Stargel, Taver, Williams, Yastrzemski.

(from left) Willie Horton, Norm Cash, Aurelio Rodriguez, Al Kaline, Ed Brinkman, Bill Freehan, Mickey Stanley, Jim Northrup, and Dick McAluliffe. (Observer photo)

ALL STAR HOPEFULS - Detroit Tigers boast nine candidates on the punch card All Star ballots. With Tiger Manager Billy Martin are two "vote getters" in Denise Hodge and Connie Delgado. The Tigers in the running are

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## Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

Today (Saturday) just happens to be the biggest single day for the thoroughbreds and the standards of the season.

The reason ... Hazel Park is presenting the \$50,000 Michigan Derby, the track's No. 1 event of the year, and Wolverine Raceway is countering with a excellent card that includes a Grand Circuit stakes.

Believe it or not, but the harness racing is the most impressive racing. Secretary Ron Giehls had to book the Breeders' Trot, with a value of \$8,678, as a pre - race event with no betting.

There is a reason for that decision. Delmonica Hanover, a speedy three year old from the Del Miller barn, stands out in the field like a giant among a bunch of midgets.

Matter of fact, Miller thinks so much of the filly that he believes she could become a prime favorite in the Hambletonian championship in late August, and that would be a novelty for a filly to be an early favorite in the three year old trotting classic. The story is a bit different in the \$25,000 Marion three year old trot that attracted a field of six of which no less than four could be Hambletonian hopefuls.

Stan Dancer's Super Bowl appears to be the best in the field but can expect stiff competition from Del Miller's Flash, Joe the Gris Darrow and Lou Huber's Klaus.

It was the first time a mare had been clocked in 2:00 at Wolverine since Belle Acten did it in 1958 over the half mile strip while winning the \$10,000 Trans - America pace.

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gave Greg his 39th at Wolverine and 119th of the year.

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Top programming, excluding the Michigan, is the \$10,000 invitational pace with seven going postward. The field includes five past winners of invitational in Bramble Hall, Scram, Windy Way, Shaway Lad and Tricky Dale.

But there's a newcomer in this race who could take it all. That happens to be Tarport Skipper, one of the top stars of the Del Miller stable, who just could be preparing for next Friday's Matron four year old pace.

That's the seventh starter that is expected to bring the great Abbotts to town in search of the winner's share of the purse which probably will go as high as \$60,000. If so, that will be the largest amount ever offered in metropolitan Detroit for a harness race.

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LEAGUE CHAMPION RU

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second base and Mike Johnston in the outfield. Bentley sports Pat Perino at

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the outfield.

Plymouth has Jim Grimmer as All - League catcher and Larry Graves at third base.

The pitching staff is composed of Belleville's Varn

Gowen and Edsel Ford's

Randy Owen. John Renko of Dearborn nailed down the first base slot with Allen Park's

Mike Tomes rounding out the

outfield.

TRENTON failed to place a

player on the first team.

Perhaps this could be the night.

Also listed on the program, which could well bring the first million dollar handle for trotters and pacers in Michigan, are an \$8,000 international - preferred pace that has eight entrants including Spring's Pride who was clocked in 1:59.4 a week ago.

Those slated to bid for the \$9,000 are: Local Time, Ray Forsythe's speedster who won last Saturday; Knock Patch, the 1971 Ontario Derby winning Worth's Yankee Cred and the always dangerous Keystones Aaron.

Also on tap for the evening are two \$6,300 paces, one for \$4,900 and one worth \$3,200.

GREG WRIGHT, the Canadian driver - trainer who ranks third in the national standings, accomplished quite a few things when he drove Hawk Good, a four year old Gelding, to a 2:00 mile record.

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