

# 2006 DETROIT TIGERS

95-67 2nd  
MGR Jim Leyland (#10)

DP: 311 to 336

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		BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Chris Shelton #26		.273	1	PK	123	125	142	245	245	SLO	SD	1B115	R R
Placido Polanco #14		.295	1	MK	112	-	124	256	253	AR	SD	2B108	R R
Carlos Guillen #9		.320	20		122	124	152	264	263	AAR		SS145, 1B8	B R
Brandon Inge #15		.253	7	PK	125	126	146	243	236	AR		3B159	R R
Magglio Ordonez #30		.298	1		123	-	143	256	254	AR	SD/T-1	OF148(RF), DH	R R
Curtis Granderson #28		.260	8	PK	121	124	143	235	243	AAR	SD	OF157(CF)	L R
Craig Monroe #27		.255	2	PK	125	126	152	241	241	AR	T-1	OF116(LF/CF), DH	R R
Ivan Rodriguez "Pudge" #7		.300	8	MW	115	121	136	262	254	AAR	SD-C	C123, 1B7, DH, 2B1	R R
Marcus Thames #33		.256	1	PK	134	135	155	242	241	SLO		OF59(LF/RF), DH	R R
Omar Infante #20		.277	3		114	122	141	253	245	AAR		2B37, DH, SS10, 3B7, OF4(CF)	R R
Sean Casey #21	X	.245	0		116	-	132	235	235	SLO	SD	1B51	L R
Dmitri Young #25		.250	1	PK	123	124	133	236	236	SLO		DH, 1B3	B R
Vance Wilson #13		.283	0	MW PK	121	-	142	252	251	SLO		C55	R R
Alexis Gomez #45		.272	4		112	116	134	244	245	AR		OF52(LF/RF), DH	L L
Ramon Santiago #39		.225	2		-	113	116	233	226	AR	SD(SS/2B)	SS27, 2B12, 3B1	B R
Neifi Perez #8	X	.200	1	MW MK	-	-	113	222	221	AR		2B14, SS7, 3B1	B R
Matt Stairs #25	*	.244	0	PK	125	-	153	234	235	SLO		DH	L R
Brent Clevlen #27		.282	0	PK	135	154	164	251	251	AR		OF29(CF/RF/LF)	R R
Kevin Hooper #19		.000	0		-	-	-	-	-	AAR		2B3, 3B2	R R
Pitcher R		.110	-	MW PK	111	-	113	153	145	SLO			
Pitcher L		.110	-	MW PK	111	-	113	145	146	SLO			

		ERA	IP	W	K	G	GS	SV		
Jeremy Bonderman #38		4.08	214	132	544	34	34	0	.000	R R
Nate Robertson #29		3.84	209	132	611	32	32	0	.167	R L
Kenny Rogers #37 SD		3.84	204	132	625	34	33	0	.143	L L "The Gambler"
Justin Verlander #35		3.63	186	132	611	30	30	0	.000	R R
Zach Miner #31		4.84	93	133	613	27	16	0	.167	R R
Mike Maroth #46 SD		4.19	54	131	632	13	9	0	.000	L L
Joel Zumaya #54		1.94	83	146	514	62	0	1	.000	R R "Zoom Zoom"
Fernando Rodney #56		3.52	72	144	542	63	0	7	.000	R R "Benjamin"
Todd Jones #59		3.94	64	122	632	62	0	37	.000	L R
Jason Grilli #49		4.21	62	136	624	51	0	0	.000	R R
Wil Ledezma #41 LD		3.58	60	135	612	24	7	0	.000	L L
Jamie Walker #32		2.81	48	122	561	56	0	0	.000	L L
Roman Colon #43		4.89	39	133	614	20	1	1	.000	R R
Bobby Seay #44		6.46	15	152	555	14	0	0	.000	L L (last name pronounced SEE)
Jordan Tata #53		6.14	15	143	633	8	0	0	.000	R R
Chris Spurling #48	+	3.18	11	134	636	9	0	0	.000	R R
Andrew Miller #50 LD		6.10	10	166	613	8	0	0	.000	L L "Miller Time"
Chad Durbin #52		1.50	6	111	624	3	0	0	.000	R R

The Tigers had lost an American League record 119 games just three years before, but under the direction of skipper Jim Leyland, a sure Hall of Fame manager, a new era had begun. The so-called "experts" did not give the Tigers much of a chance to contend for the AL Central title, but some underachieving players matured and a young pitching staff--which would lead the majors in ERA--evolved into a first-class group. Detroit got off to a sluggish start, 7-6 on April 17<sup>th</sup>, before Leyland lit into his team for less-than-inspiring play. Leyland's loud locker room chastising of his ball club at that point turned on the lights in Tiger Town. When the calendar showed May 21<sup>st</sup>, the Tigers were 29-14 and had completed a 28-7 run that propelled them into sole possession of first place, a spot they held until September 27<sup>th</sup>. Now tied with Minnesota, Leyland's ball club lost the season's final three games to lowly Kansas City while the Twins, who won ONE of their last three, leap-frogged into first place...Detroit boasted FOUR players with at least 24 homers: Craig Monroe (28), Brandon Inge (27), Marcus Thames (26), and Magglio Ordonez (24). Ordonez was also the team leader with 104 RBI and 177 base hits. Carlos Guillen's 100 runs scored topped the ball club. He provided a powerful stick as well with 174 base hits, 19 home runs, 41 doubles, and 85 RBI. For the year, the Tigers hit .274 and 203 homers, the latter third-most in the league...Veteran Kenny Rogers, 41, and A. L. Rookie of the Year Justin Verlander both won 17 games to lead the pitching corps. Two members of that 2003 Detroit team which set the A. L. record for futility, Jeremy Bonderman and Nate Robertson, won 14 and 13 games, respectively. Bonderman's 202 strikeouts led the staff; Robertson followed with one hundred thirty-seven. Verlander posted 124 K's. Closer Todd Jones, 38, received high praise from Leyland for his consistently good, dependable work out of the bullpen all season long. The staff ended the year with a 3.84 ERA...Detroit, the A. L. Wild Card team, knocked off the favored Yankees in the ALDS, 3-1, before eliminating the Oakland A's in the ALCS, 4-0. The World Series was a big disappointment to Tigers fans who had waited for a playoff team since 1987. Detroit and the St. Louis Cardinals split the first two games in Detroit, then the Cards won the next three at Busch Stadium. Verlander was the losing pitcher in Game Five, 4-2. The Tigers hit .199 to The Redbirds .228 in the Series; St. Louis outscored Detroit, 22-11.