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JUSTIN VERLANDER NAMED TIGER OF THE YEAR BY THE DETROIT CHAPTER OF THE BASEBALL WRITERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

DETROIT – Justin Verlander has been selected as the Tiger of the Year for 2011 in voting by the Detroit Chapter of the Baseball Writers Association of America. The righthander received 25 of the 26 first place votes, with the other vote going to first baseman Miguel Cabrera.

Verlander led the American League with 24 wins, a 2.40 ERA and 250 strikeouts in 2011 to become just the second pitcher in franchise history to lead all three categories in a single season, joining Hal Newhouser, who accomplished the feat in 1945. He became the first American League pitcher to win the triple crown since Minnesota's Johan Santana did so in 2006. In addition to leading the league in wins, ERA and strikeouts, Verlander also topped all league pitchers with an .828 winning percentage, 251.0 innings pitched, a .192 batting average against, 6.24 hits per nine innings and 8.39 baserunners per nine innings.

Additional season superlatives included a 16-3 record following a Tigers loss. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, it marked the most wins by a pitcher following a team loss since Steve Carlton posted 19 such wins for the Philadelphia Phillies during the 1972 season. With 250 strikeouts, Verlander has now recorded 200-or-more strikeouts in three straight seasons, marking the longest streak by a Tigers pitcher since Mickey Lolich did so in six straight seasons from 1969-74. Verlander now ranks seventh in franchise history with 1,215 strikeouts.

Verlander further etched his name into the record books on May 7 at Toronto when he tossed the second no-hitter of his career, allowing just one walk in a 9-0 victory over the Blue Jays. He became the second pitcher in franchise history to toss two career no-hitters, joining Virgil Trucks who fired two no-hitters during the 1952 season. According to STATS, LLC, he is the 27th pitcher to record two career no-hitters in the American or National League.

This year's honor marks the second career Tiger of the Year award for Verlander as he also won the award following the 2009 season. A full list of recipients follows.

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Recipients of the Tiger of the Year Award

1965 – Don Wert	1989 – Lou Whitaker
1966 – Al Kaline	1990 – Cecil Fielder
1967 – Bill Freehan	1991 – Cecil Fielder
1968 – Denny McLain	1992 – Cecil Fielder
1969 – Denny McLain	1993 – Tony Phillips
1970 – Tom Timmerman	1994 – Kirk Gibson
1971 – Mickey Lolich	1995 – Travis Fryman
1972 – Ed Brinkman	1996 – Travis Fryman
1973 – John Hiller	1997 – Tony Clark and Bobby Higginson (tie)
1974 – Al Kaline	1998 – Damion Easley
1975 – Willie Horton	1999 – Dean Palmer
1976 – Mark Fidrych	2000 – Bobby Higginson
1977 – Ron LeFlore	2001 – Steve Sparks
1978 – Ron LeFlore	2002 – Randall Simon
1979 – Steve Kemp	2003 – Dmitri Young
1980 – Alan Trammell	2004 – Ivan Rodriguez
1981 – Kirk Gibson	2005 – Placido Polanco
1982 – Lance Parrish	2006 – Carlos Guillen
1983 – Lou Whitaker	2007 – Magglio Ordonez
1984 – Willie Hernandez	2008 – Miguel Cabrera
1985 – Darrell Evans	2009 – Justin Verlander
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