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**TIGERS DESIGNATED HITTER GARY SHEFFIELD EXPECTED TO PLAY IN
LAKELAND THURSDAY, JUNE 19**

Lakeland, FL – Detroit Tigers designated hitter, Gary Sheffield is expected to continue his major league rehab assignment with the Flying Tigers on Thursday, June 19 in Lakeland. Sheffield is scheduled to start as the designated hitter for the Flying Tigers when the team returns to Joker Marchant Stadium on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. against the Tampa Yankees. Sheffield is expected to be with the Flying Tigers until the end of the week

Sheffield suffered a strained oblique on Monday, May 26th against the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. At the time, he was batting .213 with 29 hits, 7 doubles, 3 home runs, and 12 RBI. In 2007, Sheffield became only the seventh player in major league history to total at least 2,500 hits, 450 home runs, 1,500 RBI, and 200 stolen bases.

Thursday is USO Night. All active military will receive *free admission*, and beers and sodas will be sold for \$1 to all fans. Tickets for the game can be purchased online at www.LakelandFlyingTigers.com or at the Joker Marchant Stadium Box Office located at 2301 Lakeland Hills Boulevard in Lakeland. Box office hours are Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Box seats are \$6 and reserved seats are \$5. Seniors (55 and over) and children (14 and under) receive a \$1 discount. Parking is free.

For more information, please call the Flying Tigers at (863) 686-8075.

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