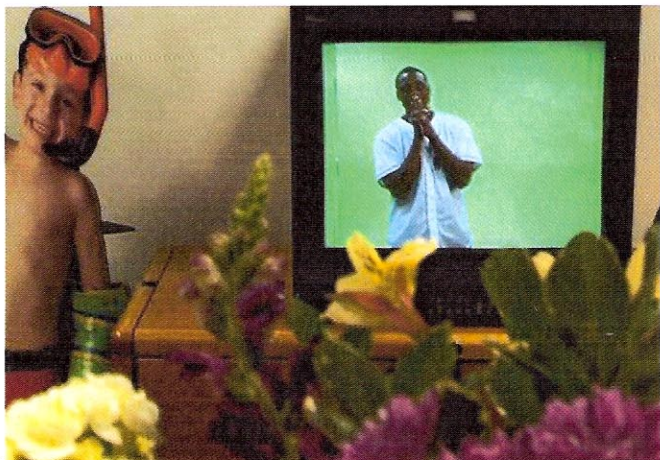


Granderson says Tigers in 'a pretty good situation'

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Detroit Tigers center fielder Curtis Granderson is seen on a monitor in the lobby of VIDCAM Productions in Grand Blanc Monday after making a mistake while filming a commercial for Randy Wise Automotive Group.

Curtis Granderson just wants to get into the postseason.

Whether it's by winning the American League Central Division title or by capturing the wild card, it doesn't matter to the Detroit Tigers' center fielder.

"Our team is not trying to win the wild card, but to qualify for the playoffs anyway possible," Granderson said. "With the way we have been playing, anything can happen in this crazy division."

Granderson was at VIDCAM Video Production in Grand Blanc on Monday afternoon to shoot television and radio commercials for the Randy Wise Automotive Team.

Afterward, the Illinois native headed back to Detroit where the Tigers suffered a 7-2 setback to the Oakland A's at Comerica Park.

The loss, the Tigers fourth in their last 10 games, drops the club into a tie for first place in the Central Division with the Cleveland Indians at 65-53.

Detroit now begins its biggest road trip of the season. The Tigers will play at Cleveland today and Wednesday before starting a four-game series at New York on Thursday.

The Yankees have won nine of their last 10 and have a two-game lead over the Tigers in the wild-card race.

"We're still in a pretty good situation," said Granderson, who went 0-for-2 with two walks Monday. "Hopefully, we're ready to make a push into September."

While the Tigers have been struggling during the second half of the season, Granderson continues to have a career year.