

## Part One of Interview with Ernie Harwell

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Brian Borawski of The Hardball Times has a great interview with broadcasting legend Ernie Harwell. Today (Weds.) Brian publishes [Part One of his interview](#) :

**BB: Here in Detroit and up until 2006, Mike Ilitch had almost become kind of a goat because the Tigers hadn't done well in several years. I'd hear people throw around opinions like he cared more about his hockey team than he did his baseball. I don't think that was necessarily true, but how was working with him and how passionate was he about the Tigers?**

**EH:** I thought he had a passion for the Tigers. I think he admits that he's got more passion for baseball than he did for hockey. It just happened that with hockey the team was able to turn things around a little quicker but you know, they were in bad straits too when he took them over. You couldn't give away tickets. [Jim Price](#) used to tell me that he and a couple of guys would put tickets under the windshield wipers of cars in parking lots. But with baseball it just took a little longer but I think he still had the passion and he had the idea that sooner or later it would happen. And now it has happened. And that's terrific!