Tigers Sign Brandon Inge To a Two-Year Contract

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The Detroit Tigers signaled their intention to retain <u>Brandon Inge</u> at the end of the regular season, and today they announced a done deal, bringing back the player whose service time with the club out paces all others. Inge and the club agreed on a two-year contract that includes a club option for the 2013 season.

Inge hit .247/.321/.397 in 580 plate appearances in 2010, with 13 home runs and 28 doubles. Each of the 144 games he played, included 138 starts were at third base, where his defense has been modestly above average. For his career he has hit for a .237/.307.394 batting line over ten seasons in the major leagues.

Financial terms were not released, but the average annual value of the deal should be around the \$6 million mark he averaged on the four-year deal he signed before the 2007 season that just expired. The deal secures him for his age 34, 35 and possibly 36 seasons.

UPDATE: Per <u>Jason Beck</u>, Inge's contract will pay him \$5.5 million in each of 2011 and 2012. The 2013 option would be worth \$6 million if exercised. Inge would get a a \$500,000 buyout if the option was declined, bringing the guaranteed value of the deal to \$11.5 million.

Click <u>here</u> to read the Tigers release announcing the deal.

Tigers Agree to Terms With Brandon Inge

The Detroit Tigers today announced the club has agreed to terms with third baseman Brandon
on

a two-year contract with a club option for the 2013 season.

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Inge saw action in 144 games with the Tigers during the 2010 season, batting .247 (127x514) with 28 doubles, five triples, 13 home runs and 70 RBI. He topped all American League third basemen with a .977 fielding percentage during the season.

"The Tigers organization is pleased to announce the signing of Brandon today," Tigers President, Chief Executive Officer and General Manager David Dombrowski said. "Brandon is one of the top defensive third basemen in the game and a quality individual we are proud to have as a representative of the organization."

Selected to the American League's all-star squad in 2009, Inge has hit .237 (1028x4337) with 201 doubles, 36 triples, 136 home runs and 564 RBI in 1,297 games during his major league career with the Tigers since making his major league debut during the 2001 season.

The longest-tenured current Tigers player, Inge is currently fourth in franchise history with 898 games played during his career at third base. He trails only Aurelio Rodriguez (1,236 games), Don Wert (1,036 games) and Tom Brookens (979 games) in games played at the position in Tigers history.

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