The Detroit Tigers have found some notable success in the past when they had the opportunity to pick early in the draft! Here are some of the Tiger’s best early first-round picks and how they fared in the MLB:

**TONY CLARK (#2 in the 1990 Draft)**

Tony Clark AKA, Tony the Tiger, is one of Detroit’s all-time greats. In 1996 he hit 27 home runs and was third in AL Rookie of the Year voting. He replaced Cecil Fielder at first base and averaged 32 homers and 106 RBIs from 1997-99. In only seven years in the Motor City, Clark hit 156 home runs. He played 15 years in the majors and belted 251 home runs, 189 from the left side and 62 from the right.

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**LANCE PARRISH (#16 in the 1974 Draft)**

The Tigers got Parrish out of Walnut High School in southern California. He was originally a third baseman, but the organization shifted him to catcher and the rest was history. Parrish was a six-time All-Star and two-time Gold Glove winner in Detroit, and in 1984 he was the cleanup hitter for the World Champions.

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**KIRK GIBSON (#12 in the 1978 Draft)**

Gibson is one of the best players in the MLB of all time and I could go on and on about his success during his time in Detroit. During his 12 seasons in Detroit, he won 2 World Series with the Detroit Tigers and was the ALCS MVP in 1988 despite battling numerous injuries throughout his career.