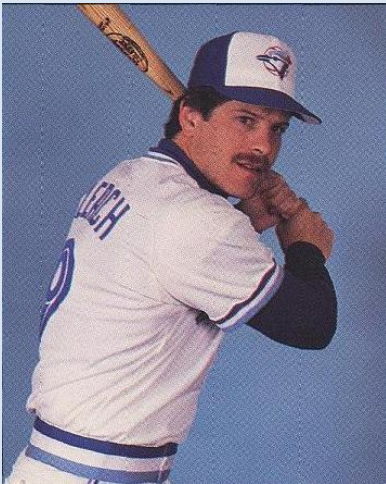




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Rick Leach



Rick Leach was “Bo” before Bo was! In 1976, as a 19-year old, Leach would lead the Michigan Wolverines to the first of three straight Rose Bowls, and in his four years at Ann Arbor he would set two NCAA records: most touchdowns running and passing (79) and most points responsible for (474), both since broken. Leach was drafted by the Denver Broncos of the NFL and the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League, but he chose to pursue a career in baseball. That seemed wise. Rick, a Michigan native who had played centerfield brilliantly for the Wolverines, was drafted by the Detroit Tigers in the first round in 1979, and he looked forward to playing close to home. But he would learn that sometime best-laid plans often go awry.

Leach was not an instant sensation with the Tigers. He spent two seasons in the minors and another two bouncing between the bushes and the parent club. He finally stuck with Detroit in 1983, but he hit only .248 in 99 games as a part-timer. The Tigers dropped him in 1984, and he signed a minor league contract with the Toronto Blue Jays. He played his first full season in Toronto in '86 and had his best year, batting .309 in 110 games. Rick then signed with the Texas Rangers as a free agent in 1989, and the next year he signed with the San Francisco Giants. Leach was immensely popular with Giants players and fans.

Rick conquered drug issues that plagued his career and has gone on to be a respected businessman and father.



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