

Tino Martinez



Tino Martinez played 16 seasons in the major leagues with the Seattle Mariners, New York Yankees, St. Louis Cardinals, and Tampa Bay Devil Rays before finishing up his career in Yankee pinstripes in 2005. During his time in the bigs, Martinez earned two All-Star selections at first base and helped the New York Yankees to four World Series Championships in 1996, 1998, 1999, and 2000. He also brought home a Silver Slugger Award in 1997. Throughout his career he was one of the most consistent hitters in the league, posting a career batting average of .271 with 339 home runs and 1,271 runs batted in.

Even before making his big-league debut with the Mariners in 1990, Martinez had already accomplished a great deal. He played college baseball at the University of Tampa, becoming one of the best players in Division II history. He was a three-time All-American and a finalist for the Golden Spikes Award in 1988. That same year, Martinez was part of the gold medal-winning Team USA squad at the Olympics.

Since retirement, Martinez has pursued broadcasting, coaching, and commercial real estate back home in Tampa. He was enshrined in Yankees Memorial Park in 2014 and is a member of the College Baseball Hall of Fame. Each year, the top Division II baseball player is presented with the Tino Martinez Award.