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Randy Johnson, a graduate of the Livermore, California Babe Ruth League was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 2015.

“The Hall of Fame was never something that I surely ever thought about,” said Johnson, who has been pursuing a photography career since his retirement. “I don’t think people quite understand how difficult it is to be 6-foot-10 and be throwing a ball 60 feet, 6 inches away,” Johnson added. “In order to do that, you have to be consistent with your release point and where you’re landing and your arm slot and all that. For someone 6-1, 6-2, there’s less body to keep under control, so it’s a lot easier.”

In 22 seasons (playing for six teams, primarily the Seattle Mariners and the Arizona Diamondbacks), Johnson led his league in strikeouts nine times, earned four ERA titles and recorded 100 complete games to go along with 37 shutouts. He was named to 10 All-Star Games, and his 4,865 strikeouts ranked No. 2 behind Nolan Ryan’s 5,714. Johnson’s 10.61 strikeouts per nine innings rank first all-time. Johnson owns six of the 33 300-strikeout seasons in the modern-era history of the game. Five of the top 11 single-season strikeout seasons belong to the pitcher known as the Big Unit. “

