2001 Hall of Fame Inductee

Ken Holtzman

Class of 1963

Ken Holtzman was christened "The New Koufax" as a 20-year-old rookie in 1966. He was then a left-handed pitcher for the Chicago Cubs. Holtzman brought the Koufax comparisons

upon himself on September 25, 1966, when he squared off against the baseball Hall of Famer for the first and only time. Holtzman was on his way to an 11-16 rookie season while Koufax was in the final weeks of his career, and on that day Holtzman took a no-hitter into the ninth inning before



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settling for a 2-1 win, according to CBS SportsLine's "The Baseball Online Library."

Holtzman went on to play with the Oakland A's and helped lead that team to three consecutive World Series Championships in 1972-74. Following his time with the Oakland A's, Holtzman went on to pitch for the Baltimore Orioles and New York Yankees before returning to play for the Chicago Cubs.

Holtzman was known for his outstanding control as well as a lively fastball, and he preferred inducing batters to hit the ball into outs rather than simply trying to overpower them.

Currently, Holtzman works as the health & physical education supervisor at the Marilyn Fox Jewish Community Center in Chesterfield.