

Howard Johnson

Howard Johnson nicknamed HoJo, graduated from Clearwater High School in '78. He was an outstanding Pitcher, Short Stop, and Out Fielder for the Tornadoes. He was drafted in the 23rd round of '78 summer draft by the New York Yankees and also the 1st round in '79 January draft by the Detroit Tigers.

He played 3rd Base, Short Stop, and Out Field F for the Detroit Tigers, New York Mets, Colorado Rockies, and Chicago Cubs from 1982-1995.

He also coached in the MLB with the NY Mets and Seattle Mariners.

He was probably best known for his rare combination of power and speed. He achieved the prestigious 30/30 Club 3 times ('87, '89, '91) and is one of four players in MLB history to accomplish the feat 3 or more times.

Hojo was the starting 3B for the National League in the '89 All Star Game.

He also made the NL All Star team in '91.

Was NL 3B Silver Slugger recipient in '89 and '91.

Hojo led the national League in HRs (38) and RBIs (117) in '91.

He is the only switch hitter in NL history to lead the National League in those departments.

Hojo ranks 3rd in team history for Stolen Bases (202), 4th in HRs (192), and RBIs with (629). He is an all time Mets top 10 in 10 different offensive categories.

Hoj Hojo has been married to his wife Kim for over 40 years and has 3 children Shannon, Glen, and Kayla and has 7 grandchildren.