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R.A. Dickey, a former Babe Ruth League player from Nashville, Tennessee, is one of the coolest athletes you will ever meet...an English lit major turned Cy Young Award winner. He has played as a pitcher for the Texas Rangers, Seattle Mariners, Minnesota Twins, New York Mets and is now with the Toronto Blue Jays

His career as a major league pitcher has been as unpredictable as his signature pitch, the knuckleball. Dickey was a first-round draft pick of the Texas Rangers in 1996. When he went for his first physical as a Ranger, they noticed he was born without an ulna collateral ligament in his throwing elbow. Doctors said he should be in excruciating pain just turning a doorknob and yet he had no problem reaching 95 miles an hour on the radar gun.

After limited success in the majors as a conventional starting pitcher, Dickey learned to throw a knuckleball. He is one of the few pitchers in the majors who uses the knuckleball as his primary pitch.

As a New York Met, Dickey was named the Cy Young Award winner for the National League in 2012, the first knuckleball pitcher to win the award. He also won the Player Choice Award for Outstanding pitcher. Dickey ended the season with 230 strikeouts and a 2.73 ERA. Other career highlights include All-Star, NL strikeout leader and Gold Glove Award recipient.

A starting knuckleball pitcher for the Toronto Blue Jays, Dickey is one of the unique figures in professional sports – noted for both his off-field eloquence as his on-field accomplishments.

Dickey has overcome many odds to achieve a career, and a life, unlike any other.

