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She's my friend. It doesn't bother me at all. Thanks for flyin' one of my friends in the game so she can watch it for free. On January 22, 2011, he married Holly Fisher, an aeronautics engineer and former classmate. Josh and Holly have three daughters: Ryann, Sage and Madison. Beckett is an avid deer hunter and has been since childhood. In 2002, he won the Muy Grande Reindeer Competition for knocking down the biggest dollar during the deer hunting season in Texas. He owns Herradura Ranch, a 7,000-acre (28 km2) deer hunting ranch outside Cotull, Texas. He was featured in a clip of Kevin Fowler with his teammates John Luckey, Tim Wakefield, Jon Lester and Clay Buchholz. On November 11, 2017, Beckett was arrested for public intoxication after being charged with a country band at a local bar in Texas. The singer suffered a torn rotator cuff and dislocated shoulder. 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He started seven games for the Dodgers after the trade and was 2-3 with a 2.93 ERA. Beckett struggled early in the 2013 season with a 0-5 record and a 5.19 ERA in eight starts. On May 15, he was placed on the disabled list with a groin strain. While on the disabled list he began to experience numbness and tingling in his hand, so he went to see the nerve and expressed doubts as to whether he would be able to give up his work again. The Dodgers shut him off pitching for a month while he underwent a rigorous rehabilitation program in an attempt to avoid season-ending surgery. However, the tingling sensation returned when he tried to resume his throw program at the end of June. He was diagnosed with chest syndrome, which required surgery on July 10, 2013, which ended the 2013 season. Beckett's surgery, which included removing a rib, made him a question mark for the Dodgers heading into 2014. He returned to the Dodgers on April 9 and made his first start since Last May, allowing four runs in four innings. He won on May 13 for the first time since 2012. On May 25, 2014, Beckett beat the Philadelphia Phillies at Citizens Bank Park, the 21st in Dodgers history, and the first since Hideo Nomo did so in the 1996 season. He was also the first pitcher not to be a pitcher for the Phillies since Bob Hersh in 1978. Beckett threw 128 pitches, struck out six, and walked three on the road to victory. Beckett also became the oldest pitcher (34) to not throw a hitter since Randy Johnson (40) threw a perfect game in 2004. As a result of this game, he was awarded the award as a Player of the Week national league. On July 8, 2014, Beckett was placed on the disabled list with a left hip injury that he said worsened as the season began. He returned to the rotation on July 22, but struggled when he returned. Early On August 3, he was only able to pitch four innings against the Cubs. Beckett then told the team that he had experienced new discomfort in his injured hip. An MRI scan revealed that his thigh encroaching led to a torn lab and two cysts, possibly requiring season-ending surgery. On August 8, he was placed on the 15-day disabled list. On September 3, 2014, Dodgers manager Don Mattingly told reporters that Beckett's season was likely over because of an injury. A couple of days later, Beckett confirmed he would no longer play in 2014, adding that he was also considering retirement. Beckett officially announced his retirement on October 7, 2014. Beckett's pitching style regularly threw five pitches: four-pitch fastball (91-94 miles per hour (146-151 km/h), two-foot fastball (91-94 mph (146-151 km/h) and cutter (89 mph) ) up to 91 miles per hour (143-146 km/h), curve ball (73-79 mph (117-127 km/h) and shift (86-88 mph (138-142 km/h)). Beckett used all five of his pitches against left-handed hitters but dropped a changeup against righties. He preferred to use his curveball when forward in the count, strengthened by its blow rate of 34%. Beckett also began experimenting with slider and splitter in 2012. Beckett's personal life with President Barack Obama at Bush Beckett Stadium has been linked to such celebrities model/sports commentator Leanne Tweeden and country singer Danielle Peck. On October 18, 2007, Peck was invited by the Cleveland Indians to sing the national anthem before Game 5 of the American League Championship Series between the Red Sox and Indians. Beckett was the starting pitcher in that game, and some Red Sox fans knew her invitation was an attempt by the Indians to distract Beckett. The Indians denied the allegation. That didn't seem to affect Beckett, as he beat the Indians with eight innings, five hits, one walk, one earned run and eleven hits. In a post-match interview with Beckett, when asked if he was affected by Peck's presence, Beckett replied: I don't get paid to make those decisions. She's my friend. It doesn't bother me at all. Thanks for flyin' one of my friends in the game so she can watch it for free. On January 22, 2011, he married Holly Fisher, an aeronautics engineer and former classmate. Josh and Holly have three daughters: Ryann, Sage and Madison. Beckett is an avid deer hunter and has been since childhood. In 2002, he won the Muy Grande Reindeer Competition for knocking down the biggest dollar during the deer hunting season in Texas. He owns Herradura Ranch, a 7,000-acre (28 km2) deer hunting ranch outside Cotull, Texas. He was featured in a clip of Kevin Fowler with his teammates John Luckey, Tim Wakefield, Jon Lester and Clay Buchholz. On November 11, 2017, Beckett was arrested for public intoxication after being charged with a country band at a local bar in Texas. The singer suffered a torn rotator cuff and dislocated shoulder. 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