

He Was Working a Desk Job at a 'Big Four' Accounting Firm 3 Years Ago. Now He's Pitching in Major League Baseball.

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Nick Raquet #70 of the St. Louis Cardinals looks on during the game between the St. Louis Cardinals and the Seattle Mariners at T-Mobile Park on Monday, September 8, 2025, in Seattle, Washington.

It was short-lived.

MLB.com reports that after about a year, Raquet was not feeling “fulfilled” and decided to go back to the sport he loved. He joined an independent league team and began the grind once again, this time with a new attitude. He was just happy to be there.

A few years later, on Monday, he made his MLB pitching debut. (The Cardinals lost, but he earned a strikeout.)

Although Raquet may be quitting accounting forever, the skills he learned at EY (identifying challenges, implementing risk

management processes, analyzing data, and participating in various training sessions, per his LinkedIn) will certainly come in handy in baseball, too.

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