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2004 IWU grad Ryan Balogh

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Ryan Balogh, a 2004 Illinois Wesleyan graduate and former Titan baseball player, is representing the Chicago Cubs on a national game show, currently airing on the MLB Network. Baseball IQ is a recall-based trivia show featuring two participants, 30 minutes and a chance to win up to \$45,000 for charity.

"Baseball IQ", MLB Network's first-ever game show, airs Tuesdays through Thursdays at 8 p.m. Central time. Hosted by MLB Network's Matt Vasgersian, questions cover all things baseball, from current players and managers to World Series champions, MVPs, Cy Young Award winners, Hall of Famers, milestones and more.

Balogh, 29, an account executive in the Cubs' marketing department, won an in-house competition. MLB Network contacted the Cubs' marketing department, and they created an in-house showdown. Twelve people competed, and the field was whittled down to Balogh vs. Lucas Luecke, the team's telecommunications and A/V systems specialist.

The two competed in a format similar to what will be used on "Baseball IQ," and Balogh won.

[Go here for MLB story on Balogh](#)

Participants include front office personnel, equipment managers, scoreboard operators and museum curators. When possible, participants were matched up opposite club rivals.

The winning player of each episode will win \$5,000 for the organization's charity they represent. The championship episode will award \$25,000 for the winner's charity and \$15,000 to the runner-up's charity.

Balogh was a freshman on the 2001 Illinois Wesleyan team that advanced to the NCAA Division III World Series and played in 30 games for the 2002 team as a sophomore.

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