

CAREER TRANSITION

CASE STUDY: FOOTBALLER to ACCOUNTANT

Name: Paul Rachubka **Age:** 39

From: Manchester

Playing Career Summary:

Paul made his debut for Manchester United at the age of 18, having come through the academy, also representing England at the U20's Youth World Cup. He later went on to play over 350 professional games, the majority in the Championship and League 1. He finished playing at the age of 38, after a season out in India with the Kerala Blasters.

New Career: Accountant

Support from Player Association:

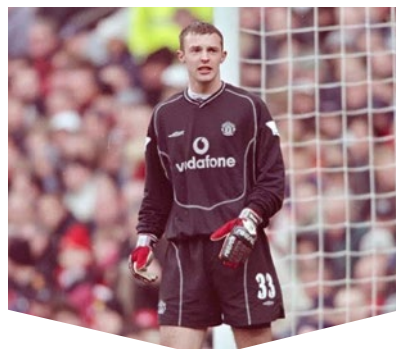
Paul was proactive throughout his career with the help of the PFA, having been sold at the age of 21, he moved down to London. The PFA supported him with cooking lessons via a local college, and he later went on to study with the Open University gaining a degree in Environmental Science whilst getting Blackpool promoted from League 1 to the Premiership.

Career Transition Highlights:

- Joining one of the big 4 consulting companies (EY) straight after deciding to retire.
- Helping lots of new clients.
- Constantly learning new things.

Career Transition Challenges:

- Being rejected for over 30 jobs he applied for, mainly due to no work experience in the area he wanted to work in.
- Having a lot less time to do the thing he used to be able to do.



“ I was lucky enough to choose when I stopped playing, the support of my family has been brilliant, it might seem like you get left all on your own but it doesn't have to be that way. ”

