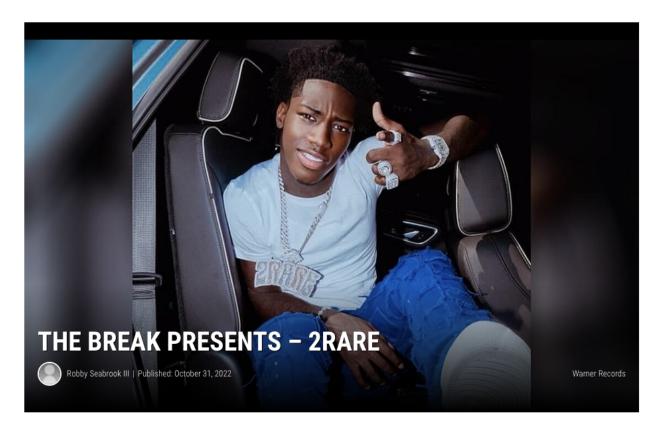


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There's always a different path out there. But it all comes down to choice. **2Rare** started out as a high school football player, believing that the sport would become his lane. Local beefs and issues around school led to the Philly youth to head out of town, way out actually, to Los Angeles. Upon his return to Philly, he found out he wouldn't be allowed to return to class due to all of his absences, separating him from the game he loved.

He was depressed, started listening to dark, "sad" beats on YouTube and made his first song, "Switch Sides" in 2018. He stuck to his new love and here in 2022, he has a viral hit with the upbeat, Philly Club-influenced "Q-Pid." Buoyed by Tik Tok, "Q-Pid" is a sweet-sounding track that's really about juggling women. The Lil Durk-assisted version of the record is creeping up on 10 million YouTube views in two months. Plus 2Rare now has a deal with Warner Records. The hard times paid off.

Since "Q-Pid" was released in January, fast-paced rap songs based around the energy packed Philly Club sound (think high-speed drums with chopped vocal samples) has been 2Rare's calling card. The song's appeal is wrapped in 2Rare's higher but raspy voice, which makes the track feel like a mid-2000s R&B gem (something in the vein of Vistoso Bosses' "Delirious"). Plus, it samples 112's 1997 hit "Cupid," setting a soundscape for 2Rare to build off of.

He's dropped other Philly Club songs since, like "Pop Shit," and "Oochie Coochie," (along with appearing on NLE Choppa's "Do It Again") but 2Rare got his start in street rap. He made that change because he wanted to be able to appeal to different audiences, along with not falling off because he belonged to any particular sound.

2Rare's music is about having fun and he's trying to become the face of modern Philly Club songs. His next single drops in November and he's excited to take that next step. In this week's edition of The Break:Live, he spoke about staying versatile, when he realized he was famous and appearing in the music video for Drake's song "Sticky." Check out the interview below.



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