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Former Mt. Juliet Bear Taylor Hill got called up to the show last week, pitching in two games for the Washington Nationals as they faced off against the Milwaukee Brewers and Chicago Cubs.

“It was something I’ll never forget,” Hill told The Washington Post after the game. “It was awesome. Just pitching in front of that crowd and being able to do that was something special. I’ll never forget.”

Hill pitched in relief of Stephen Strasburg Wednesday, going 3.1 innings, allowing two runs on five hits and striking out one. Friday, he pitched an inning of relief against the Cubs, giving up only one hit.

Hill turned to Twitter Wednesday to thank everyone.

“Thanks everyone for the support! What an unforgettable experience. Now it’s time for the doers to bring it home tonight!” Hill tweeted.

His college alma mater, Vanderbilt, won the National Championship later that evening with a 3-2 win over Virginia. Another former Bear, Kyle Smith, was a part of that National Championship team.

Hill called up to the majors

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Hill was called up to help rest the Nationals bullpen, and was optioned back to the AAA Syracuse Chiefs Sunday. He remains on the Nationals' 40-man roster. For the Chiefs this year, Hill is 9-2 with a 1.92 ERA and 65 strikeouts. Hill was the Tennessee Gatorade Player of the Year for Mt. Juliet High School in 2007 before going on to pitch at Vanderbilt.