



FURY FASTPITCH

CHOOSE TO BE AN IMPACT PLAYER

I firmly believe that every player is essential. Everyone's role is important and vital to the success of this team, no matter how small or how big it may seem on the surface.

WHERE DO YOU START?

First, figure out what it is that you contribute to the team. It doesn't always have to be an "on the field" thing. But before you can go any further, you need to identify one way you contribute most to the team. Once you do that, set out to be the best on the team at that one thing. This doesn't mean you slack off in other areas, but make it a point to be the "team leader" in at least this one area.

Start small if you have to. It can be as simple as being the best in attendance or showing up on time every day. You can be the best while in the dugout on learning the other team's signs, or yelling out what the next play might be. Or you can challenge yourself and decide you're going to be the most improved or have the least strikeouts on the team or have the best on-base percentage or be the clutch hitter who drives in the runs when they are needed most. You can be the spiritual leader or the vocal leader; every great team has one. Choose something and make it a focus when you train.

Again, don't let down in other areas, but train to be the best at something. Then feel free to add to it, revise it, or modify it as the season goes on. You may find that you're more of an "impact" player than you ever thought. You may not always get your name in the paper, but your team would not be the same without you.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE

Just like anything else in life, you have a choice. You can choose to be an impact player and make a difference on your team. Or you can be the "weak link" that everyone else has to make up for. The choice is yours. Choose to be an impact player.