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KNOWVILLE EXPLOSION FAST PITCH SOFTBALL HEAD COACH BIOGRAPHS



HANNAH BRUCE (COACH)

Occupation: Student Athlete at Maryville College

Years playing softball: Played 17 Years and Counting

Years coaching Fastpitch softball: 2 Years (2018-Present)

First Year with Knoxville Explosion Softball Organization: 2021, Previously as a Player (4 Years)

Coaches Philosophy: I started playing ball at a very young age. I am 17 years in and three years ago decided to start coaching and giving back to the community. I am a pitcher at Maryville College currently. I believe effort and attitude will carry a player on and off the field. I have a passion for teaching younger generations to work hard for things they want in life and that dedication and hard work achieves your goals. Set goals and do not stop until you meet them, then celebrate and make new goals. I 100% believe in fundamentals and being a competitor all while having fun and enjoying the sport we all share a passion for. I am so excited to potentially have an impact on the younger generations' lives and look forward to their impact on mine! I am ready to grow together with the girls on and off the field!

Coaching Certifications: Positive Coaching Alliance Double

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MADDIE SICKAU (2023 EXPLOSION - ASSISTANT)

Occupation: Student Athlete at University of Cumberland

Years playing softball: Played 16 Years and Counting

Years coaching Fastpitch softball: 2 Years (2019-Present)

First Year with Knoxville Explosion Softball Organization: 2021, Previously as a Player (8 Years), part of original organization teams

Coaches Philosophy: I started playing softball and baseball at a very young age. I am 16 years into this game and I decided to share my knowledge with the community. I currently play shortstop at the University of the Cumberland. I believe in instilling and unbeatable work ethic and drive that will carry young athletes on the field and in the classroom. I am passionate about teaching younger generations that success does not only come from schedule practices, but work at home as well. I believe fundamentals and basic softball are what wins games, but above average plays are what maintains championship status. I expect 110% during practice because that is what is expected in a game. I am so excited to help mold confident young female athletes that are ready to face adversity head on, all while having fun and celebrating success achievements.

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KYLIE CANOVA (2023 EXPLOSION - ASSISTANT)

Occupation: Student Athlete at Maryville College

Years playing softball: Played 15 Years and Counting

Years coaching Fastpitch softball: 2 Years (2019-Present)

First Year with Knoxville Explosion Softball Organization: 2021

Coaches Philosophy: Success is something that is achieved when no one is watching. It is the extra work you put in outside of practice, the extra reps you take at practice, it is the dedication you have for the game. If you slack at practice, expect the same scenarios to happen in a game. The work you put in, is what you get out of it.

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