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Two years ago, I tried out for Venom fastpitch. I got cut. I've been playing softball for most of my life and I was so confused as to how and why I didn't make the team bhe tryout went amazingly well. I wanted to make the team so bad because I wanted to be at a higher level of competition.

I wanted to have that sense that said, "This is real now, it's not just some kiddy competition anymore, this is where it really starts to count".

I wanted to prove to myself and to my past coaches that I had gone far enough as an athlete to make that team.

When they cut me, I was absolutely devastated.



However, I'm very grateful for this experience. Not making the team made me want to work harder to make it the next year, and I did. I became a stronger person and a better student athlete because of it. It gave me the boost I needed to really start pushing myself to work harder than I wanted to.

