**Leadership - Team Chat**

**Video:** Everyday Leadership - Drew Dudley

**What makes up a team?**

* Friendships
* Trust
* Communication
* Having common goals
* Honesty
* Open Communication
* Commitment
* Accountability
* Understanding each other as people, players and teammates
* Having a working dynamic

**Why is a team different from other groups of people?**

* Understand the passion and the work that goes into it
* More intimate and connected
* Here because we want to be, this is our choice
* Must have that connection
* Trust each other
* You must all be one in order to maintain team chemistry

**How can you impact the team?**

* Attitude (good)
* Strong communication
* Being trustworthy
* Accepting toward others, not exclude anyone
* Receive the acceptance and want to be there
* Taking initiative
* Be a part of the team, buy-in
* Holding yourself accountable if you are late or miss a practice (create a team environment and feel closer)
* Be understanding , be a good teammate
* Realize that your mood affects the team
* Grow into a person where you can ask for help
* Accept help

**What is leadership?**

* Role models
* Somebody respectable
* Influential and passionate about it
* Extremely compassionate and understanding
* Knows how to fail
* Pick each other up, never put anyone down
* Positive talk
* Vulnerable

**Why are leaders rejected?**

* Selfishness
* Talking down to your team instead of having a conversation
* Some teams feel like there should be no hierarchy (not too much leadership by one person)
* Leaders are not afraid to say things that need to be said
* Hard for women to be leaders because of gender roles
* Demand respect instead of earning it
* People don't want to be lead
* Jealousy to where they want to be the one who is leading because they want to be in charge
* Lack of understanding leadership
* People expect the all star player on the field to be a leader
* Not good at being a leader
* Not putting yourself on pedestal

**What does leadership look like in this situation? (during pandemic)**

* Engaging with zooms
* Contributing
* Checking in on everyone
* Making an effort to have a separate zoom with the team
* Pay attention during the zoom
* Send out resources
* Keeping yourself healthy and strong
* Being smart about everything that is going on and not hanging around a lot of people
* Leading by example

**What do you want out of this year?**

* Open up and be friends with everyone. Right now I don’t act how I usually do because I’m not comfortable yet (Carmen)
* Grow and mature as a person and a player. Reach out to people (Cayla)
* Season, any opportunity we can take just take it (Haley)
* Another family like last year. This year we have the opportunity to be more close. We will player better when we are closer (Lily)
* Figure out the bond between everyone. Keeping up with myself physically and with my health to be ready when we get back together (Hannah)
* Have a good year and a season in general. Have a good time. Get together and bond and become one. As a Team, I want to win and I think we have the talent to do so! (Anna)
* I want to win because I think we can do it. I have seen more of a drive from newcomers and that makes me very happy. Also, I want new friends. Make that connection and show it off on the field (Olivia)
* Come back with everyone and finish what we were trying to get started last season. (Rae)
* Have fun and a lot of team bonding. Plan to have a team zoom to bond (Abby)
* Get back on the field. Softball is my outlet and I want other teams to look at us and want our team comradery (Alex)
* I want to annihilate teams. I miss putting fear in people to play us. I want to feel that again, make friends, and have fun (Kennedy)
* Miss softball experiences. Have fun, make new friends and have a support system behind me (Emma)
* Ready to get back out and put my all out there. I want to win because I know we have it in us and I want to prove it (Katie)
* Best season I've ever had. I want to have fun and win and meet new people (Sully)
* Have a memorable season filled with friendship and winning (Kaleigh)