## Madeline's Softball Career

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Madeline Infalvi is a student at Perry High School and plays for the varsity softball team. There are about 13 or 14 girls on her softball team and she has been playing softball for about 7 or 8 years now. She also plays on a travel team during the summer. The main reason why she chose to play softball is because her dad played baseball in college. Her sister also played softball, so it was a sport to play in the family.

Infalvi's main positions on the field are shortstop and second base. The softball season is in the spring and goes from March to May. During the softball season, practices are everyday at fields in Perry for about two hours. Most of the time the routine during practices is the team talks and prepares themselves, they warm up, and then individually do both infield and outfield work. For the end of the practices, they do infield work together as a team and then they all hit. In her free time, Infalvi practices by hitting off of her tee and she practices throwing and catching with her dad.

Infalvi thinks that one of her strengths is getting herself prepped and becoming ready for the game, not just physically but mentally as well. Infavli explains one of her weaknesses for softball, "I feel like I struggle sometimes like when it comes to mentally [sic], like if you're not in a mentally good place..., it can really effect your game." Infavli is really good at getting herself ready for a game, but she can also struggle with the same thing and have a hard time getting prepped for a game. She enjoys being on a team because the girls are really supportive and they are always hyped and cheer each other on and can also pick each other up when things go wrong. As of right now, Infalvi thinks that she would like to continue softball all through the rest of high school and move on into college. She really loves it and wants to move into the next level and represent her college in the future.