

Zip Ball™™ Success Stories

Description:

We are starting 3 sophomores and 2 freshman. Going into this season we have won 9 conference championship and the first 10 ball games we averaged 4 errors a game. Then we start using the [Zip Balls™](#) in our mass infield drill (4 coaches hitting fungoes to each position) going from [Zip Balls™](#) to regular balls. All four of our infielders are playing position that they never played before. 1st and 3rd baseman caught all their life, SS a junior is being recruited as an outfielder, and our 2nd baseman is our soph. #2 pitcher that we moved there because we thought she could do it. Since using the [Zip Balls™](#) our errors have been cut down to averaging .5 a game. We have broke the all time school fielding record for the least amount errors. Since using the [Zip Balls™](#) in the last 17 games we have only made 5 errors and the last error was in our 20th ball game. We won our 10th straight conference championship and the best thing is our infielders demand using the [Zip Balls™](#), but this is not it. Our outfielders got jealous of the infield using the [Zip Balls™](#) that we now have started using the [Zip Balls™](#) for them and hitting mass outfield and they have not made an error since using the [Zip Balls™](#). They love it, we have not hit with the [Zip Balls™](#) yet because our defensive coach will not let us use them when hitting.

I am going to have to buy more next year. The biggest success is losing all of our starting infielders a year ago and playing with 1 junior, 2 sophomores, and a freshman in the infield because of the [Zip Balls™](#) we have broke the school record in fielding, least errors, and continue our success in winning conference championships with an infield that is playing positions they have never played before. Thank You [Zip Ball™](#). Plus have started using the [Zip Balls™](#) for my catchers to block.

Who Was Successful?

Infield and outfield, their coach and themselves will not let us use them in hitting because they call the [Zip Balls™](#) their success to championships. As our centerfielder says, "Coach, the quote of all time is DEFENSE WINS CHAMPIONSHIPS so leave our [Zip Balls™](#) alone."

How Were They Successful?

We are playing with an infield that not one of them has ever played their position and we have set school records in our fielding and numbers of errors because of one reason the [Zip Ball™](#). We hit [Zip Balls™](#) for 5 minutes then regular ball, then [Zip Balls™](#) for 5 minutes and then regular ball. We bunt the [Zip Ball™](#) for 5 minutes then we bunt regular ball for 5 minutes live against our defense. From errors to no errors the [Zip Ball™](#) was well worth the money.

Coaching Point

Our players started making plays in games and cutting down errors to where they (the players) believe in the [Zip Balls™](#). They will not practice unless we, the coaches, use the [Zip Balls™](#) at least 1/2 the time in our defensive fundamental time. There was no coaching point because the players believe in the fact that the [Zip Ball™](#) makes them better. We use the [Zip Ball™](#) to teach routine plays, forehand, backhands, and infield in hot shots. The biggest selling point is our players believe in the [Zip Ball™](#) and that is good enough for me.

Aldine Payne
Head Coach
Glenn High School
Kernersville, NC

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Description:

[Zip Balls™](#) gave our indoor practices life. Our players were immediately drawn to the [Zip Ball™](#) because of the realistic weight and leather feel. I was happy to see that the [Zip Ball™](#) never left a mark on the gym floor nor did they do any damage anywhere else. Players enthusiastically paced themselves through fielding and throwing routines. Pitchers worked on mechanics with a smile on their face being challenged by something different and yet very familiar.

The surprising thing was at the end of each session, our players without instruction would carefully returned each ball to the small cardboard box it came in ready for use for the next day.

If that doesn't tell you how much they think of them, nothing will.

Who Was Successful?

Our entire team benefited from the [Zip Ball™](#). They bring a refreshing something new to any practice.

How Were They Successful?

Open gyms in Iowa by design cannot be regulated. Out-of-season practices cannot be planned. Nor can any coaching by a softball coach take place. The only thing a softball coach can do in the off-season is supervise.

Players immediately figured out ways to incorporate [Zip Balls™](#) into every session. The added stimulus just added to fun of getting a workout in when it was too cold to go outside.

Coaching Point

I let the players figure out what to do with the balls. I gave them complete control without ever saying a word. They ended up doing exactly what I would have wanted them to do had I given them a detailed plan.

Kevin Schuchmann
Head Coach
West Delaware High School
Manchester, Iowa

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Description:

I use [Zip Balls™](#) on ground ball fielding drills with no gloves. Our success has been incredible.

Here's how the drill works: With two lines - one at 2nd base, one at shortstop - my players rotate through fielding tossed ground balls with bare hands and work the double play. It really forces players to use their hands and eyes to field the ball. As a fun contest, we set up a pop-up net at first base and divide the girls into teams. The team with the most balls in the net after 20 ground ball attempts wins. The other teams must gather the [Zip Balls™](#) for the next round.

Who Was Successful?

My team leads the county in double plays this season. More importantly the entire team fields ground balls much more cleanly than ever before. Their confidence and execution are phenomenal. Thanks [Zip Balls™](#)!

How Were They Successful?

Previous to our using [Zip Balls™](#) we struggled to consistently field ground balls cleanly. Often times we would make multiple errors in an inning, forcing our pitchers to get more strikeouts - which usually meant more losses that should have been wins. We really had to remain patient with the [Zip Ball™](#) drill because at first the team seemed to get worse. After working with the team for several weeks we began to see the transformation. All of our girls have showed vast improvement in the fundamentals in ground ball execution.

Coaching Point

Again, patience was the key. After two or three days of working these drills it seemed like the girls were not really improving. Sometimes the less consistent players would get frustrated as they struggled to field the [Zip Ball™](#). Keep in mind, we only rolled or bounced the balls - we were NOT hitting them. After a few days the girls saw this drill was not going away, and that some of the players who had struggled mightily were now beginning to show improvement. With that, the entire team began to work harder and confidence soared.

Another key was adding the "game." Let's face it, our girls are competitive and adding an element of competition really lit a fire on the team. Improvement was almost forced.

Mark Stansell
Middle School Coach
Boynton Beach, FL