



Star Track: Katie Bruce

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Katie Bruce of Lanexa, who has played softball for Lynchburg College for three seasons, recently garnered more accolades. She was named to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Division III All-Atlantic Region second team. Bruce, a pitcher and designated hitter, also earned first-team All-Old Dominion Athletic conference honors. The junior right-hander was 15-8 with a 2.67 earned-run average and 95 strikeouts in 146 2/3 innings. Bruce hit .323 (41-for-127), amassing six home runs, a triple and eight doubles, driving in 29 runs and scoring a team-high 34. She drew 15 walks, played in all 41 games and started 40. She pitched in 29 games, starting 22 – 11 of which she completed, including four shutouts. She also had two saves, struck out 95 batters, walked 41 and hit seven. The Hornets finished the season 24-17 overall and 12-6 in the ODAC, though their three-year streak of NCAA tournament appearances ended. As a sophomore, Bruce was the LC Female Athlete of the Year. She batted .324 with none homers and a team-best 44 RBI. She scored 34 runs and slugged .566. Bruce in 2009 was 20-3 with a 1.86 ERA in 143 innings, including 13 complete games in 19 starts. She made the all-tournament teams in the ODAC and NCAA regional in Salisbury, Md. As a freshman in '08, she was the ODAC Rookie of the Year and a first-team all-conference choice for a 39-8 squad. She was a third-team All-Atlantic Region choice that season, hitting .342 (39-for-114) with five home runs, 32 RBI, 39 runs and five steals. She was 20-5, tying for the ODAC lead in victories, had a 1.70 ERA and set an LC record with three saves. Her shutout of Ursinus gave the Hornets an NCAA regional title in Fayetteville, N.C. Bruce graduated from Lafayette High, and she was an All-Bay Rivers District first-team pitcher in her final two seasons as a Ram, as well as a second-team Daily Press All-Star. She had a 4.02 grade-point average and was known for pitching with a clear protective mask, which she has worn since a liner hit her face when she was 12. Bruce is majoring in computer science and minoring in mathematics.