

Monofilament



When they wanted the best, they chose Football Pro

The challenge: When an alumnus isn't happy with the playing surface in Oklahoma State University's T. Boone Pickens Stadium, administrators listen – especially when the alumnus is T. Boone Pickens himself.

After the stadium was named after him in 2003, the oil executive and entrepreneur, along with business associate Sherman Smith, agreed to help fund a field renovation. Pickens had only one requirement: get the best. That included the best field architect and the best turf.

The job: OSU turned to Dan Almond, world-renowned sports architect and 1978 OSU graduate, to lead the charge. He chose to install Football Pro, a top-of-the-line synthetic turf cushioned with rubber infill and a sand base that allows for quick drainage. Each grass blade is extruded into a single strand, making it much more durable than traditional slit-film turf.

The result: The OSU Cowboys now play their home games on a turf surface with optimal traction, shock-absorbency and player comfort. Custom matched fiber colors for OSU field markings provide unequalled visual appeal as well!

"I work with a lot of different types of turf," Almond explains. "I recommended Football Pro for OSU because it's one of the best synthetic surfaces I've ever seen."

Though OSU is only the second NCAA Division 1 school to install Football Pro, the product has been proven around the world for more than a decade. "I've seen lots of fields like this in Europe," Almond says. "After eight or nine years of heavy use, they still look as good as they did in year one."

He credits the long life to the unique monofilament sports fiber, developed by Desso DLW, that doesn't break down under the stress of heavy play.

"It's a great system for football and other high contact sports," he says.

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