



## **Duke Redo: SCG Brought in to Replace Inferior Field Hockey System**

*Year-old Duke University's Div I Field Hockey System failed; SCG chosen to replace it with the "perfect field" -- AstroTurf 12 over a new sub base.*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (September, 2007) – Scarcely a year old, Duke University's field hockey system failed a series of quality tests, said the school's sports engineering consultant, Joe DiGeronimo, Principal of DiGeronimo-Mikula Associates, Sturbridge, Mass.

And the contractor on the job failed to address the problems, he added. So the University turned to sport field contractor Sports Construction Group (SCG) to replace the system with a new sub base and the latest generation of AstroTurf from General Sports Venue.

"We brought in SCG to remove the inferior system and install a quality base, and that's exactly what they did," said DiGeronimo.

The system – AstroTurf 12 – is the "gold standard," said Beth Bosman, Head Field Hockey Coach for Duke University.

"We really wanted to install the absolute best possible field," said Bosman, who added that General Sports Venue and SCG did a "tremendous job" installing the field. "They made us feel that installing a perfect field was as important to them as it was to us, and in the end that's what we have."

DiGeronimo, too, was impressed with SCG's performance on the job. "They were nothing but professional– not self serving, not hard to deal with – they were good team players, which is extremely important on a job like this.

"Now the owner is satisfied above and beyond expectations," he added. "Most important, it was completed on time and on budget."

Bosman said both SCG and General Sports Venue "involved us in every aspect of the construction. They started construction when they said they would and finished construction when they promised."

As for the athletes, she said they love the new field. "The ball roll is great; it's fast; and surprisingly it isn't too slippery for a new field. It's been great to play on."

**About Sports Construction Group, L.L.C.**

Sports Construction Group, L.L.C., is headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio, with offices near Austin, Texas. The company, a family- and employee-owned sport field specialty contractor, has construction roots that began nearly 50 years ago. Today SCG handles all phases of natural and synthetic turf jobs, from excavation and sub base through installation and maintenance.

SCG's client roster includes some of the most recognizable sport facilities in the nation: Soldier Field, Jacobs Field, Yankee Stadium, Shea Stadium, Citizens Bank Park, Notre Dame Stadium and Johns Hopkins University, to name a few -- along with dozens of Minor League, collegiate, high school and community systems.