

Netex Center for Hitting Construction Begins

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The Okanagan College Coyotes Baseball team broke ground at historic Elks Stadium over the weekend. With a recent \$900,000.00 upgrade in 2010 and 2011; which included new lighting system, backstop, seating, and press box, the Coyote baseball team, in conjunction with the City of Kelowna and Netex Canada started work on the new Netex Center for Hitting.

This project will add another state of the art facility at the disposal of our Coyote baseball players. "We are extremely excited to see this project come to fruition, we have been working since the program's inception (Fall 2008)to develop a new batting cage and other training facilities at Elks Stadium," says Head Coach Geoff White. The project will see the left field bullpens be displaced and a 30ft x 75ft double batting cage be constructed. The cage will feature a brand new turf system that allows players to remain in spikes while not ripping the turf.

The new bullpen will be located between the third base dugout and the new Netex Center for Hitting. The bullpen will feature three mounds side by side. "When we started this project we were limited on options for the home of the new cages, with the old bullpen being moved it also allows us to build a new bullpen and continue to improve our facilities," says White, "working with the City we were able to develop two areas of Elks Stadium that directly relate to player development, which is vital to our Coyote program."



Netex Center for Hitting Site Preparation November 26th, 2011- Phase 1

Currently the timeline will see the batting cage tentatively be near complete before the New Year. New nets and finishing touches won't be complete until weather warms up in mid to late February. The Netex Center for Hitting and new bullpen will be operational when Elks Stadium opens in the spring. "It is important to recognize Mark Wilson at Netex Canada Netting. He was a major factor in this project developing it into a state of the art facility and allowing our players to train in a first class facility," says Coach White, "also thanks to Steve Fagan at the City of Kelowna who made this project a reality."

The Coyotes baseball program is currently looking for a business to sponsor the new bullpen, just like the Netex Center for Hitting. Sponsorship will include signage at the stadium and continued recognition through our Coyote baseball program which includes; website, media guide, recruiting materials, and much more. We are currently looking for a \$5000.00 donation for the __Your Business Name__ Center for Pitching Excellence. Any interested businesses or individuals looking to support the Coyote Baseball program please contact Head Coach Geoff White at 250.470.9568

