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A Project Update from
The Douglas Company



Adrian College Multi-Purpose Stadium and Track

Adrian, Michigan

Owner	Adrian College
Project Type	Athletic Complex
Completion	October 2006
Contract Amount	\$6.5 Million
Architect	Hastings & Chivetta Architects, Inc.
Challenges	Rain, rain and then more rain! An unusually wet spring and summer that featured almost weekly torrential downpours had the project bogged down early. The already compressed schedule needed to be continually managed to ensure our commitments were met, and they were! Late in the day on September 9, 2006 football returned to the campus at Adrian College, as promised.

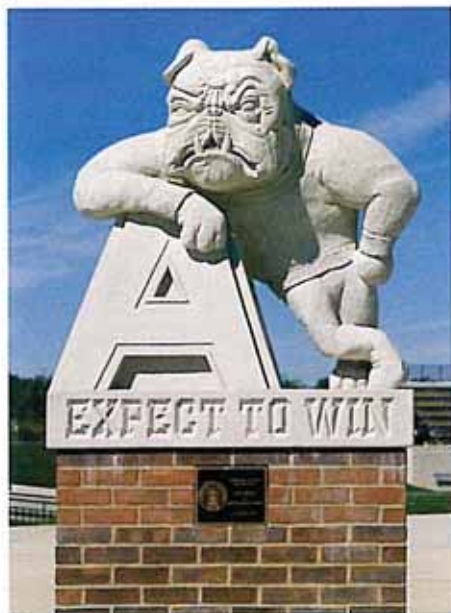
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Forty six years, nearly half a century! That's how long it had been since football had been played on campus at Adrian College. The College wanted to change that, but didn't know what a monumental task they were in for.



Starting the project in January was the only real option if it was going to be complete in time for the first football game in the upcoming season. Pete Douglas, knowing how difficult the project would be, but also knowing that his people were some of the best in the construction industry, promised the College that they would be able to play football, on campus, right on schedule. With a Core Value at



The Douglas Company that says we "keep our commitments no matter what", failure was not an option.

Adrian College's Performance Stadium features 1,750 chair-back seats with a total seating capacity of 2,500, three press boxes, a pavilion, a twenty-five by twenty foot state-of-the-art scoreboard with message board, and hillside seating. Dedication ceremonies for the stadium included fireworks, the presentation of a three-ton statue of their Bulldog mascot, and parachutists delivering the game ball and ceremonial coin just prior to the kick-off.

On a bright and sunny Saturday in early September the home opener took place in front of an estimated 6,200 fans! The Bulldogs, who for 45 years shared a football field with a local high school, inaugurated their

brand-new \$6.5 million stadium that was recognized on a national level by ESPN with their highly prized helmet sticker award. The Division III school's stadium definitely merited attention and a promise made that became a reality.



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