

Washington Nationals Nationals Park

In July of 2010, the Washington Nationals Baseball Club scheduled a field visit with Sports Venue Padding (SVP) to provide a comprehensive proposal to replace the field padding in Nationals Park. The Nationals noted problem areas and an overall dissatisfying feeling towards the performance of their existing 3-year-old field pads. SVP provided custom solutions for the problem areas, working closely with the teams' sponsorship department for promotional graphics and signage. The project was scheduled for completion prior to Opening Day 2011.

SVP proposed **three custom solutions** to address specific National's concerns: 1. one-piece, wood-backed, L-Shape pads to replace two-piece floppy pads on baselines and bullpens; 2. one-piece outfield wall pads to replace two-piece pads with Velcro connections on the left field wall; 3. custom, tight-fitting, wood-backed, bullpen sloping pads; 4. crosslink fence padding to replace sagging, floppy pads.

The Nationals selected an 18-ounce, high UV inhibitor, 5-year warranty, pro-stadium vinyl for this project, incorporating SVP's integrated digital printing directly onto the vinyl for a long-term smooth polished look - as opposed to vinyl decals that peel, tear, and fade over time. The job included 270 exterior impact wall pads, over 1172 lineal feet of impact padding for rails and fencing, and 263 upright pads on gates and bullpens.

SVP completed the installation on schedule and has continued to work with the Nationals and their sponsors to change out advertising and maintain the appearance of the protective padding in Nationals Park since the original 2011 installation. The team utilizes all facets and services provided by Sports Venue Padding – engineering, design, fabrication, production, installation, and, most importantly, outstanding customer service.

Project: Nationals Park
Client: Washington Nationals
Completion Date: 3/4/2011
Vendor: Sports Venue Padding



REFERENCES:

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"It has been an absolute pleasure working with Sports Venue Padding over the last several years. Their team's sense of urgency and quality of work has been outstanding in every aspect. We've collaborated on numerous projects, all of which have resulted in unqualified successes, and I will continue to recommend their services in the future."

Frank Gambino
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