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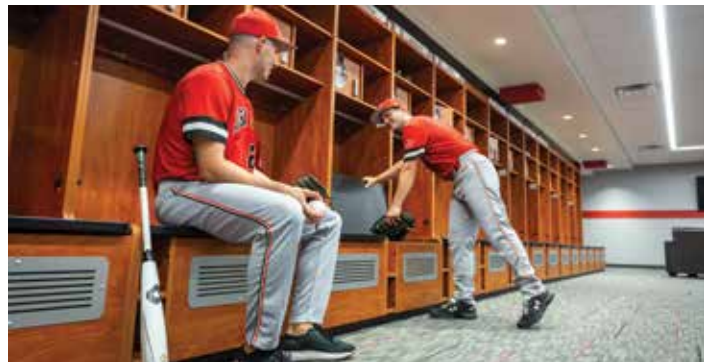
PROJECT PROFILE



GEARBOSS® ELITE WOOD LOCKERS

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MEN'S BASEBALL LOCKER ROOM

CHALLENGE

Create two new locker rooms to replace small, outdated team areas with generic lockers and inadequate, inefficient spaces.

GEARBOSS SOLUTION

Install GearBoss lockers with sport-specific features such as bat storage spots, helmet shelf, storage spot for valuables and pullout footlockers, including college logos and LED backlighting.

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BENEFITS

- Efficient locker design for better use the space
- An impressive locker room that instills pride in players and impresses new recruits
- Improved visibility with accent lighting and overall lighting improvements
- Safe storage with lockable cubby to provide security
- Convenience of USB ports for personal electronics
- Enhanced sanitation with integrated ventilation and antimicrobial surfaces



LOCKER CUBBY AND HANGER BAR



BAT STORAGE AND VENT



UNDER-SEAT STORAGE

HIGHLIGHTS

A brand-new locker room is just the thing to inject new life and new energy into any team's game.

At Austin Peay State University (APSU) in Clarksville, Tennessee, the men's baseball team just finished a locker room renovation, complete with custom GearBoss Elite™ lockers to house their sport-specific items like bats, helmets and cleats.

The women's softball team was also a beneficiary: they took over the former baseball locker room and completely remodeled it.

It was all part of baseball coach Travis Jansen and softball coach Kassie Stanfill's plan to create team spaces for student-athletes to get ready and to gather, study and connect.

They turned to GearBoss by Wenger for custom solutions.

Planning Guide

To help determine what could be done to replace the old, under-sized baseball space, Jansen worked with GearBoss representatives, using their [GearBoss Athletic Facility Planning Guide](#) to plan an athletic facility. From the design phase through construction, the guide walks the planning team through every step involved to maximize the space.

It includes considerations like team lounges and equipment storage needs, food serving and eating areas, laundry facilities and the room's overall flow and organization.

"We put our decades of experience to work to review everything holistically and provide the best solutions for the team," said Mike Mills, National Sales Manager at Wenger Corporation.

Once the architect finished the layout, the locker room details could begin.

Gather, Connect and Grow

In addition to 43 lockers in a single spacious setting, Jansen wanted a players' lounge with televisions and couches, a classroom for instruction and a kitchenette space for eating meals and snacks. Lucky for him, specialized designs are what GearBoss products are known for.

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Their new GearBoss Elite™ lockers have:

- Cherry laminate exteriors
- Attic storage for helmets or other gear
- Lockable-hinged cubbies with USB ports to keep devices charged
- Custom Governors decals and open side storage compartments
- Garment bars with hooks for jerseys and other clothes
- Deep hinged padded seats
- A custom bat storage spot

- Extended roll-out footlocker drawers for cleats and shoes
- Built-in ventilation to control odors

The entire renovation happened during the pandemic, which meant no disruptions since everyone was remote. Now, they're happy to be back in an expansive new suite.

"The guys love it," Jansen said. "They are over the moon."

Another benefit, according to Jansen, is the higher caliber of player APSU is now attracting. "It's been a great thing for recruiting," he said.

The plan also allowed for a coaches' wing with offices, a locker room, and a shower area.

"This is a huge improvement," Jansen said. "It just gives us the space to do what we need to do."

Clubhouse Chemistry

With the baseball team in its new space, the softball team could renovate the former baseball locker room and create a place of their own. The administration let Stanfill get creative to accommodate the team's needs.

"It's a real clubhouse now and that's where the team chemistry happens," Stanfill explained. "It's a great place to study, prepare for games and just be a team."

There are two entrances: one in the front and one that brings athletes in from the field into the kitchen area. The kitchen has a refrigerator and cupboards stocked with snacks and drinks, along with bar-style seating. The team room sits just off that area, with several couches and a large TV, with the locker room located behind it.

Finally, there is another room with additional seating and a dry erase board that can be used as a quiet study place or for coaches to review game plans.

"I went in there one day and there were chemistry equations written all over the board," Stanfill said. "I was thrilled they were using it that way."

The softball locker room was also outfitted with 27 GearBoss Elite™ lockers with:

- Graphite laminate exterior plates
- Attic storage with a USB port and a hinged door for helmet or other items
- Garment hooks for uniforms and street clothes
- A custom bat storage spot
- A padded bench seat that flips up to reveal a footlocker
- Stainless steel panels with a custom logo
- A lighted marquee nameplate
- An LED light strip at the base

"The students love these lockers and the new clubhouse," Stanfill said. "They were shocked that the space was transformed this way. When you walk in and the lights are off and the locker is lit up in school colors, it is really impressive. It makes the students feel like they are on that next level."

Stanfill enjoyed her interactions with the GearBoss team. They helped her understand her options and ensure she was getting exactly what she wanted.

"Now we have a space where the athletes can gather to eat, talk, study or just hang out and that's what it's all about. Once you get to know each other better, that chemistry translates onto the field."



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