

Keeping score



Improvements are making scoreboards more versatile and cost effective

There have been several product improvements regarding scoreboards and timing systems during the past few years that are making scoreboards easier to install, operate, view and maintain.

According to Mike Evke, CEO of Eversan Inc., a Whitesboro, N.Y. scoreboard manufacturer, LED displays are providing low power consumption and more than 100,000 hours of operation for indoor applications. For outdoor applications, reflective digits allow view of scoreboards in direct sunlight. Portable scoreboards allow users to keep score anywhere with battery power. Dynamic wireless network communications provide hassle-free installation and operations of single or multiple scoreboards within the same facility, indoor or outdoor.

"The biggest improvement is dynamic wireless communications with 2.4 Ghz digital spread spectrum data transmission with auto-channel setting allowing interference free operations," said Evke. "For LED systems and reflective systems, dynamic network communication protocol is capable of integrating cabled and wireless scoreboards. This allows auxiliary display systems such as shot clocks or additional timers within the same network setup, providing cost savings as well as being able to integrate with older installations."

According to Evke, when considering multiple scoreboard installation with a wireless setup, the dynamic network is ideal because it allows users to operate scoreboards independently as well as in unison.

There are a lot of functions that are use-

ful additions to conventional display systems. For example: Eversan's surface-mounted, unexposed LED's that make the scoreboards resistant to vibration or shock; indoor LED scoreboards do not require an additional protective screen, allowing clear visibility to spectators; and wireless technology has 2.4Ghz radios embedded within its systems, which provides auto channel settings as well as interference free operation.

According to Evke, if a customer has an athletic facility where there is more than one sport being played, they don't have to buy multiple scoreboards. Multipurpose scoreboards are capable of providing scoring, timing and all other necessary information for multiple sports. The systems setup time from one sport to another is fast and simple.

Regarding installation, Evke said that Eversan's scoreboards are designed in a modular format so that typical sign companies or maintenance crews at an athletic facility can easily install them. If customers choose not to install the product themselves, they can have the scoreboard installed for them.

According to Evke, there are several new solutions that Eversan can foresee in the near future for its customers.

"One thing we're focusing on now is hardware/software system integration solutions," said Evke. "This system would provide coaches and athletic directors with the means to better run their teams. We have an aggressive research and development division working on revolutionary projects that would provide the needed tools for athletic directors to become more competitive and train management to make better decisions."



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