

Georgia high school rebounds from flood to win state honor

NEARLY A YEAR AGO Dominion Christian High School, in Marietta, GA suffered terrible damage to their baseball field due to heavy flooding. In some parts, the water rose 7 feet high almost covered the outfield fence in its entirety. There was standing water for 3 weeks and the flood left a heavy saturation of silt on the field.

Working on a tight budget and led by supervisor Nathan Tidwell of Championship Turf

(www.championshipinc.com), the team began a rigorous restoration program that started with removing the silt. By the first week of November, they had verti-cut, vacuumed, and overseeded the field with rye. By constantly analyzing the state of the field and adjusting the program to its needs, the field was playable by March of this year and was awarded Field of the Year by the Georgia Independent School Association.

“The Dominion Christian High School Baseball Field is without question one of the nicest and best maintained baseball diamond in the Southeast,” said Earl Ehrhart, president of the Knights Dugout Club, the baseball team’s booster organization. “The perfect playability of the grass and the infield make for a superior game performance for any team. Without exception, when visiting teams first walk on the field, they stop and look around in awe at our playing surface. Again, without fail someone from the other team will kneel down and run their hands over the grass to experience the texture and perfection.” ■

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