BASEBALL & SOFTBALL COMPLEX

Student athlete experience is the number one goal of our athletic department.

FIELDS UTILIZED BY

- Student-athletes
- Intramural sports
- Little league teams
- Community
- Special Olympics

OUR VISION

The new baseball and softball complex has been designed to provide the environment our student-athletes need to perform to the best of their ability. This project addresses current facility issues and will bring UW-Stout to the forefront of playable fields.

Playing in the toughest conference in the country, these field renovations would allow both programs the ability to continue to attract high caliber recruits, offer a much better student-athlete experience and provide a community resource for K-12 outreach and tournaments.

The UW-Stout softball team’s current playing field lacks a visitor dugout, press box, fan seating, and adequate fencing. There are no batting cages or bullpens for warm up.

Stout’s baseball field backstop is outdated and in need of major repairs. The field currently has no outfield drainage and the team has had to move numerous home games to other sites due to water and drainage problems.

New bleachers, dugouts, and fencing will allow for a more enjoyable environment for our student-athletes and the spectators. The addition of a raised press box for softball will provide the opportunity to stream games online to a broad audience of spectators from around the country.
The new baseball and softball complex renovation project is a valuable asset that increases the ability to recruit higher caliber players, provides a new and safe playing surface for facility users and the fan experience.

**SOFTBALL**

- Relocation of entire field to enhance facility
- Regrading outfield grass and bullpens
- Visitor dugout & new perimeter fencing (including gates, backstop, sideline, outfield and batting cages)
- Permanent bleachers to enhance the fan experience
- New scoreboard & press box to increase quality media coverage of competition

**BASEBALL**

- New backstop perimeter fencing (including gates, backstop, and batting cages)
- New outfield drainage system
- Artificial turf infield
- Permanent bleachers to enhance the fan experience
- Upgraded foul poles and sound system

**COST ESTIMATE: $900,000**
https://foundation.uwstout.edu/softball-field-renovation

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“As Blue Devils, we worked hard to fundraise to cover basic equipment costs and other fees but unfortunately there are never enough funds to pay for facility upgrades. I am grateful for the space and resources that the women's softball program gave me, but it would have been a dream to have space for our fans to support us, a place where other teams want to play us...a nicer place we could be proud to call home.”

-Tori Workman ‘16

Team captain in 2015 and 2016, three-time all-conference pick, two-time all-region, 2014 WIAC Pitcher of the Year and the 2016 recipient of the WIAC Judy Kruckman Scholar-Athlete award, Tori finished her career as UW-Stout's all-time leader in strikeouts (508), wins (57) and saves (6), second all-time in ERA (2.36), and innings pitched (636.2).

“Your field is one of the first things your recruits and your opponents see, it immediately tells a story about Blue Devils baseball. A field that the program and the university is proud to call home speaks volumes to our recruits, and makes your opponent wish they had been recruited.”

-Chris Larson ‘90

UW-Stout Hall of Fame Induction Class of 2001, three-time All-American, four-time all-conference pick, the Blue Devils swept the conference Northern Division title all four years of Larson’s career, team captain in 1989 and 1990, and Larson’s name appears on almost every Blue Devil statistical record list and is the career leader in runs batted in (141) and doubles (37).