

UBC THUNDERBIRDS BASEBALL PRACTICE FIELD AND FUTURE STADIUM

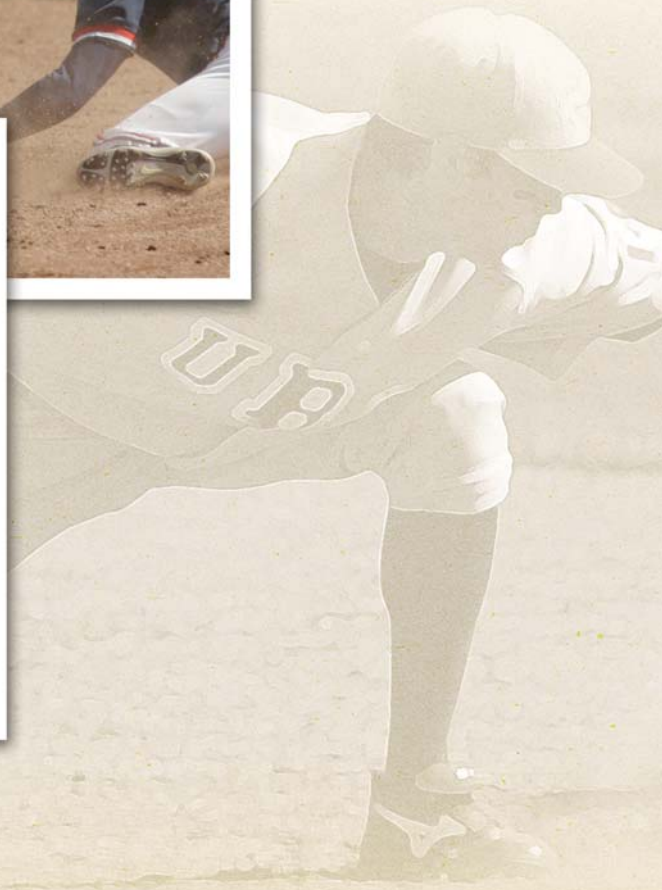


DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS AND RECREATION
AND THE FRIENDS OF THUNDERBIRD BASEBALL





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UBC BASEBALL: A PROGRAM ON THE MOVE.

The UBC Varsity Baseball program has been a study in high-velocity growth and success, both on and off the diamond. As our team enters just its tenth year, it has amassed impressive statistics: four NAIA Division titles; three Region One Championships; a fourth place finish at the 2006 NAIA World Series; and a total of eleven players selected in the Major League Baseball draft.

UBC Baseball is equally proud of its players' educational accomplishments. Success on the field has been matched by excellence in the classroom, and numerous players have been singled out for exceptional academic achievement.

To keep the country's best and brightest student athletes playing baseball and attending school in Canada takes an enormous effort. With the solid support of the UBC Athletics Department, and unwavering fund-raising assistance from the Friends of Thunderbird Baseball, UBC Baseball has become the number one destination of choice for elite Canadian baseball players.

Now, as our program is poised to reach new goals, it faces its most dramatic challenge yet – the immediate need for an on-campus field.

PUTTING UBC BASEBALL WHERE IT BELONGS: ON CAMPUS.

For the past nine seasons, the UBC Baseball team has played and practiced at Nat Bailey Stadium as guests of the Vancouver Canadians. Nat Bailey is – without question – a wonderful place to play baseball. But, while our arrangement with the Canadians has been beneficial, it hasn't been without certain obstacles. The distance from the UBC campus, poor field conditions, and conflicts with players' class schedules are among the factors that have limited the team to an ***average of only five team practices per season at Nat Bailey Stadium.***

Now, the Canadians and their Major League parent club, the Oakland Athletics, have asked us to find another practice venue – effective immediately.

Without a legitimate facility in which to practice and eventually play games, UBC baseball will not be able to continue attracting the most promising baseball student athletes. No facility equals no team. Our program will cease to exist.

Clearly, UBC Baseball needs a place of its own – on campus, right now. To answer that need, UBC's Department of Athletics has partnered with the Friends of Thunderbird Baseball to help build an on-campus field; a place the team can call home, and where our program can grow as it prepares for a transition to the NCAA and an even higher level of baseball excellence.

And you can help make it happen.

WHAT WILL OUR FACILITY LOOK LIKE? IMAGINE THIS.

Our new baseball field – the entire field – will feature a state-of-the-art all-weather playing surface called Field Turf – the same surface played on by the Minnesota Twins, Toronto Blue Jays and Tampa Bay Rays. The advantage of Field Turf is that it sheds water like a duck. Our team will be able to practice regardless of weather. No time or effort will ever be required to make the field playable, and due to its on-campus location, travel time from the classroom to practice will be virtually eliminated.

The field will measure 330 feet down the first and third baselines, and 400 feet to straight away centre field. Amenities will include:

- chain-link fencing around the perimeter
- batting cages
- backstop
- lights
- dugouts
- automated scoreboard
- bullpen mounds
- aluminum grandstands

This will be a no-nonsense facility, but with the capacity for expansion and enhancement in future years.

While the field will be functional and 'all business', the setting will be incredible. Picture yourself watching the UBC Thunderbirds in baseball action at this new location, set against the backdrop of the stunning North Shore mountains – simply magnificent!

PAYING ITS WAY, ENRICHING THE COMMUNITY.

The importance of this new facility to the UBC Baseball program can't be overstated, nor can its impact on the baseball community at large be underestimated. Many of the fields used for baseball and softball in Vancouver are converted to soccer fields in the Fall. Others are completely unusable due to the rain. Therefore, the list of other users for the new UBC Baseball field is long.

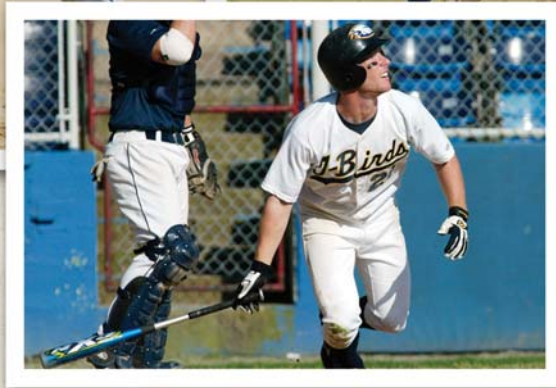
We expect Little League, Bantam and Midget teams, the BC Premier League, Douglas College and Kwantlen College baseball teams, senior men's teams, Baseball Canada, Baseball BC and many other organizations to all be extremely interested in using this field – the first of its kind in Canada.

In addition, coaching clinics and baseball camps can be operated year round. The opportunity exists for our baseball field to generate additional revenues for the team. Truly a win/win proposition.



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WANTED: CLUTCH HITTERS.

Four things will continue to attract top student athletes to UBC: academic excellence, top-level coaching, generous scholarships and first-class facilities for training and competition.

The academics and coaching components are already in place, and the scholarship endowment is growing. This leaves a new UBC Baseball on-campus field as the fourth pillar for a program that has proven itself the best choice for Canada's top collegiate baseball players, and one without which the program cannot continue.

This is why we're asking you to step up to the plate.

Your support is needed to build this on-campus field now. The impact of your generous contribution will not only be felt immediately by the UBC Baseball program, but also by the baseball community at large and even the entire country for years to come.

The total cost of the "first phase" field is \$2.2 million, with an additional \$300,000 required for a "second phase" game-ready facility (aluminum bleachers, press box and scoreboard). The Friends of Thunderbird Baseball is required to raise \$1 million of this entire amount.

The Friends of Thunderbird Baseball and UBC Department of Athletics and Recreation would like to recognize your gift on a donor recognition wall that will be placed near the entrance to the field. Donor levels, in recognition of your commitment to the UBC Baseball program and this project, have been tailored this way:

\$200,000+	<i>Grand Slam</i>
\$100,000 to \$199,999	<i>Home Run</i>
\$50,000 to \$99,999	<i>Triple</i>
\$25,000 to \$49,999	<i>Double</i>
\$10,000 to \$24,999	<i>Single</i>
\$0 to \$9,999	<i>Sacrifice Fly</i>

All donations to the project, either cash or in kind, are tax receiptable under guidelines set out by Canada Revenue Agency. Written pledges to the project can be paid over a maximum of three years. Gifts can be made by cheque, credit card or through the transfer of publicly traded securities. **For more information please contact:**

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