

Award-winning ballpark integrates VERSA-LOK[®] into unique design

In 2000 the Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) named McGill Field on the Lebanon Valley College campus "College Baseball Field of the Year." Not coincidentally, VERSA-LOK[®] Retaining Wall Systems played a large role in the design and construction of the award-winning field.

Once a cornfield with a 20-foot grade change, McGill Field is now recognized as one of the most beautiful baseball stadiums in the country. During initial planning, architectural firm Derck & Edson Associates, and Lebanon Valley College officials, searched for a masonry system that would evoke memories of old-time ballparks like Wrigley Field—without the stiff price tag. The attractive split-face texture and money-saving features of solid VERSA-LOK Retaining Wall Systems were a "natural" fit.

VERSA-LOK units were used to build a nine-foot-high structure that not only acts as the outfield wall, but also negotiates and retains the aforementioned 20-foot soil load—maximizing the usable space for the ball field.

"What makes this ballpark unique is the integration of the bullpens with the outfield wall," said Michael Carroll, sales manager at Binkley & Ober, Inc. "The contractor used VERSA-LOK units for a variety of applications including freestanding walls and planters."

Binkley and Ober, Inc. even blended a custom color to match the other masonry products in the stadium.

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PROJECT PROFILE

LOCATION: Annville, Pa.

OWNER: Lebanon Valley College Annville, Pa.

DESIGNER: Derck & Edson Associates, LLP Lititz, Pa.

> CONTRACTOR: Thomas Masonry Cleona, Pa.

MANUFACTURER: Binkley & Ober, Inc.

East Petersburg, Pa.

SOLUTION: Standard—straight-face; various colors

SQUARE FEET: 22,000



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