

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT



Kennesaw Mountain High School

Game Planning for Friday Night Lights Starts in the Equipment Room

CHALLENGE

The equipment room at Cobb County, Georgia's Kennesaw Mountain High School measures 23 ft., 3½ in. by 15 ft., 4 in. Packed within those 356 square feet were football helmets, shoulder pads, thigh pads and jerseys for 250 athletes. With school funding at a minimum, expansion of the space was not an option.

"We support and run our 6th, 7th and 8th grade football programs, plus our 9th grade junior varsity teams, as well as the varsity teams – all in this one location," said Varsity Head Football Coach Andy Scott. "We had to have somewhere where we could store every bit of our equipment in an organized fashion."

Helmets were either piled up on a table or hanging from wall hooks. Some jerseys for the various teams were bunched together and hanging on non-descript racks. Other items were haphazardly strewn about the room – some falling out of open boxes, others bunched together on tables.

"We had a lot of reorganizing to do," said Devan Seabaugh, the president of the football boosters' club. It was Seabaugh and the booster club that helped jumpstart the project. "We started looking at what we could do better as a program. All the coaches wanted to work with it. So we had several meetings. We knew that taking care of the equipment was something we had to do better."

SOLUTION

"In this scenario, a Spacesaver High-Density Mobile Storage System was an obvious choice," said Patterson Pope Sales Representative Dick Beery. "It eliminated all but one movable aisle. This was a proven, effective way to condense storage when square footage is tight."

The very limited work area led to an efficient storage solution design. Against one wall, a single 22-ft. row of static shelving was installed to anchor the system. To that, a pair of 16-ft.-long mobile units were added to create movable aisles. Adjustable shelving was installed to create item-specific storage compartments and cubbies.

"They came in and measured everything we had," said Coach Scott. "They talked to us about what we needed and what our goals were. They then surveyed all of the equipment and helped create a designated spot for every single piece. Now, we not only know exactly where everything is but it's a lot easier to get to, and that's a big deal."



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ACHIEVEMENT

The new space has created not only more room and a greater sense of organization but a feeling of pride, as well.

"It's a lot more efficient than it was. We're able to get the right equipment to the right player so much more quickly and efficiently," said Seabaugh. "As a program, we're headed in the right direction. This change was something that was really necessary. It looks nice, it functions well, and helped to create a pretty good feeling of accomplishment. Everyone's been happy with the results."

Supporting so many athletes with so much stuff in such a small space is a common necessity for many of the Southeast's high school sports programs. Patterson Pope is happy to, in its own small way, contribute to the development of this traditional American pastime.

"Working with Patterson Pope was great," added Scott. "Just as you've got to have a great game plan for a Friday night tilt, it's pretty much the same in your equipment room. If you're considering a renovation, just tell Patterson Pope what you want, and they'll make it happen. It was amazing to see what they did for us."

