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CEDARVILLE, OHIO – For the first time since its construction in 2003, the Cedarville University Doden Field House floor has been resurfaced — all 56,000 square feet of it. It was a massive undertaking.

Resurfacing the field house infield area meant gluing down a 7-millimeter pad, then pouring a self-leveling 2-millimeter urethane top coat. Resurfacing the track area included leveling the original rough track surface, then gluing down a 10-millimeter-thick rubber track surface. Once the new floors were in, the court and track lines and markings were painted. All of this was accomplished through Connor Sports.

The resurfacing project cost nearly \$450,000 and took 34 days to complete.

“The original track surface was very hard and causing too many injuries among our athletes,” said Mark Mathews, director of campus recreation. “The additional cushion on the track surface and infield will help everyone who uses the facility, and will help reduce the number of injuries among track athletes who train the hardest on it.”

The track’s new blue top also better represents the university’s colors than the previous red surface. The newly painted court lines allow for indoor soccer, tennis, volleyball and basketball.

“The new surfaces will aid in our recruiting efforts, as prospective students see and experience the beautiful new indoor track. It should attract more high school and college athletes to our indoor track meets,” continued Mathews.

“Dr. White [Cedarville’s president] and administrators were concerned about the welfare of our students, especially our student athletes who train on that surface,” said Mathews. “The decision to spend this much on the field house floor demonstrates the university’s desire to serve our students well by providing the best quality programs and facilities.”

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 3,963 undergraduate, graduate, and online students in more than 150 areas of study. Founded in 1887, Cedarville is recognized nationally for its authentic Christian community, rigorous academic programs, strong graduation and retention rates, accredited professional and health science offerings, and leading student satisfaction ratings. For more information about the University, visit www.cedarville.edu.