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SPORTS TURF 

THE **TRADITION**  
TURNS TO **TURF**

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While the season starts in early spring, baseball practice for many teams and programs begins in earnest in late January and early February. This offers its own set of challenges. Teams in certain parts of the country can miss up to three weeks of scheduled outdoor practices because of weather or the residual effects of weather (rain, snowmelt, mud).

Shaw Sports Turf provides a surface that is always ready and allows the team to prepare and practice when it needs to without threat of cancellation or delay.

A long season means significant wear and tear on a field. Shaw Sports Turf provides a consistent, durable surface that plays the same way every time you take the field, and there is no downtime for field recovery.

The science and technology behind Shaw Sports Turf closely replicates the look and playability of natural grass fields. Shaw Sports Turf works with each client to custom engineer a field with his desired performance characteristics.



## THE INDUSTRY'S PREMIERE **5-TOOL PLAYER**

### **01** AESTHETICS

grasslike surface with a natural, true bounce for consistent playability

### **02** AVAILABILITY

no closing fields or game cancellations for inclement weather

### **03** PERFORMANCE/ DURABILITY

up to four times more play than natural grass on a surface proven to deliver time after time

### **04** MAINTENANCE

no water, pesticides, fertilizers or mowing needed

### **05** SAFETY

nonabrasive, grasslike surface is player-friendly

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# truHop™

Designed specifically for baseball performance, with feedback from baseball players such as John Smoltz, Shaw Sports Turf set out to engineer the ultimate baseball field.

The result was TruHop, the closest thing to natural grass. Its revolutionary design mirrors the real thing in terms of playability and performance yet provides durability that natural grass just can't rival. TruHop can be engineered with various pile heights and infill ratios to fit each performance area of the field.

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—**JOHN SMOLTZ** // MLB PITCHER





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**SHAW SPORTS TURF CAN TAILOR A SYSTEM TO MEET YOUR SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND EXPECTATIONS.**

These two pictures show a ball launched from a test cannon at a 10° angle at 100 MPH. The top picture is Port Charlotte Recreational Field, a natural grass surface. The bottom image is Tropicana field, home of the Tampa Bay Rays and a Shaw Sports Turf surface. As you can see the bounce and trajectory on the natural grass field closely mimics that of the bounce and trajectory on the Shaw Sports Turf field.



The TruHop system was designed specifically for baseball performance with feedback from Hall of Famer, John Smoltz. It's revolutionary in terms of playability and performance yet provides durability that natural grass just can't rival. Plus, TruHop can be engineered with various pile heights and infill ratios to fit each performance area of the field.

### BASEBALL BOUNCE OFF NATURAL GRASS & TRUHOP INFIELT

10 degree hit, 100 mph



The diagram above illustrates what is revealed in the two pictures. The pace and bounce numbers reflected reveal that the synthetic Shaw Sports Turf field's performance closely matches that of the natural grass surface.

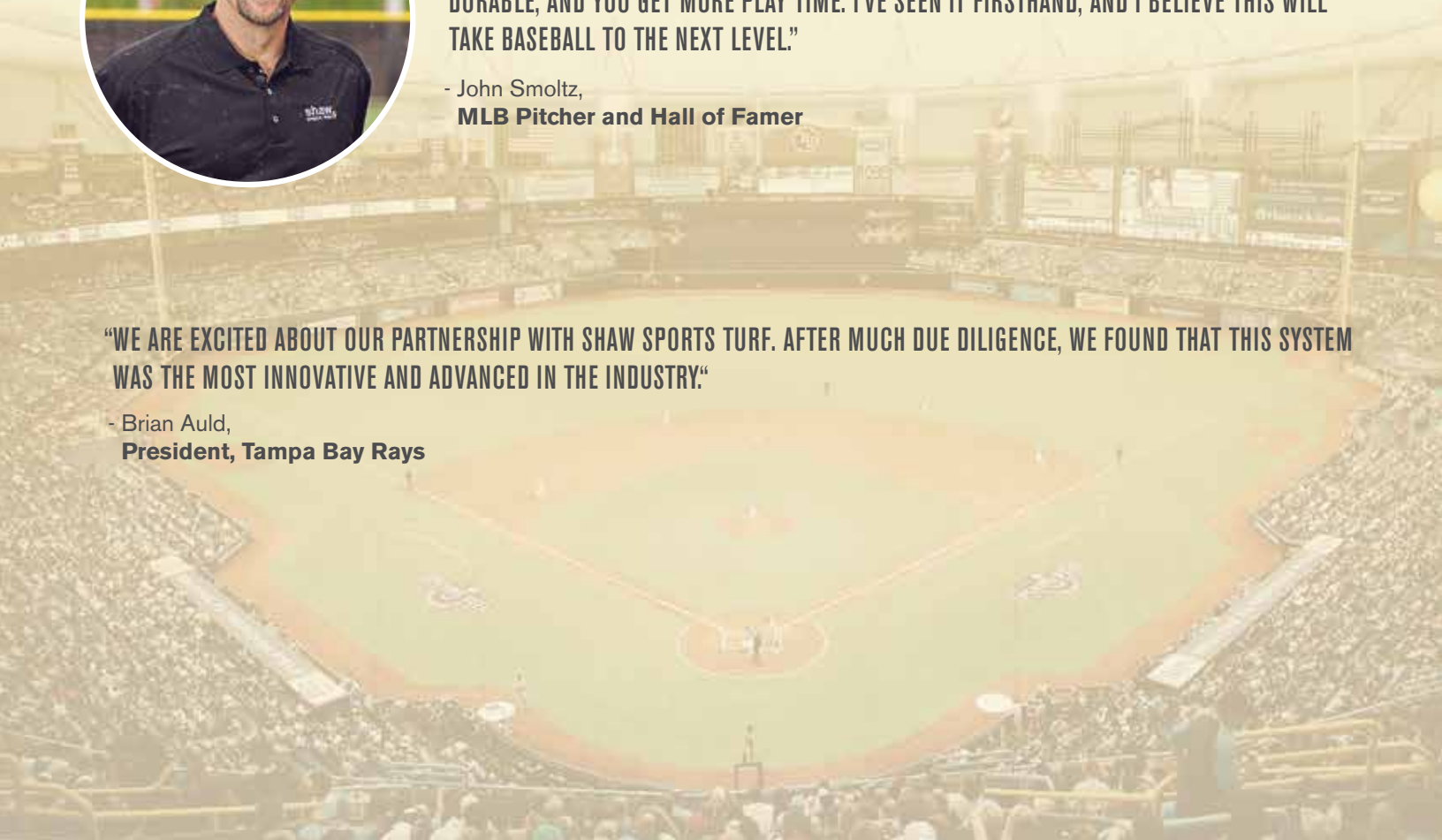


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**MLB Pitcher and Hall of Famer**

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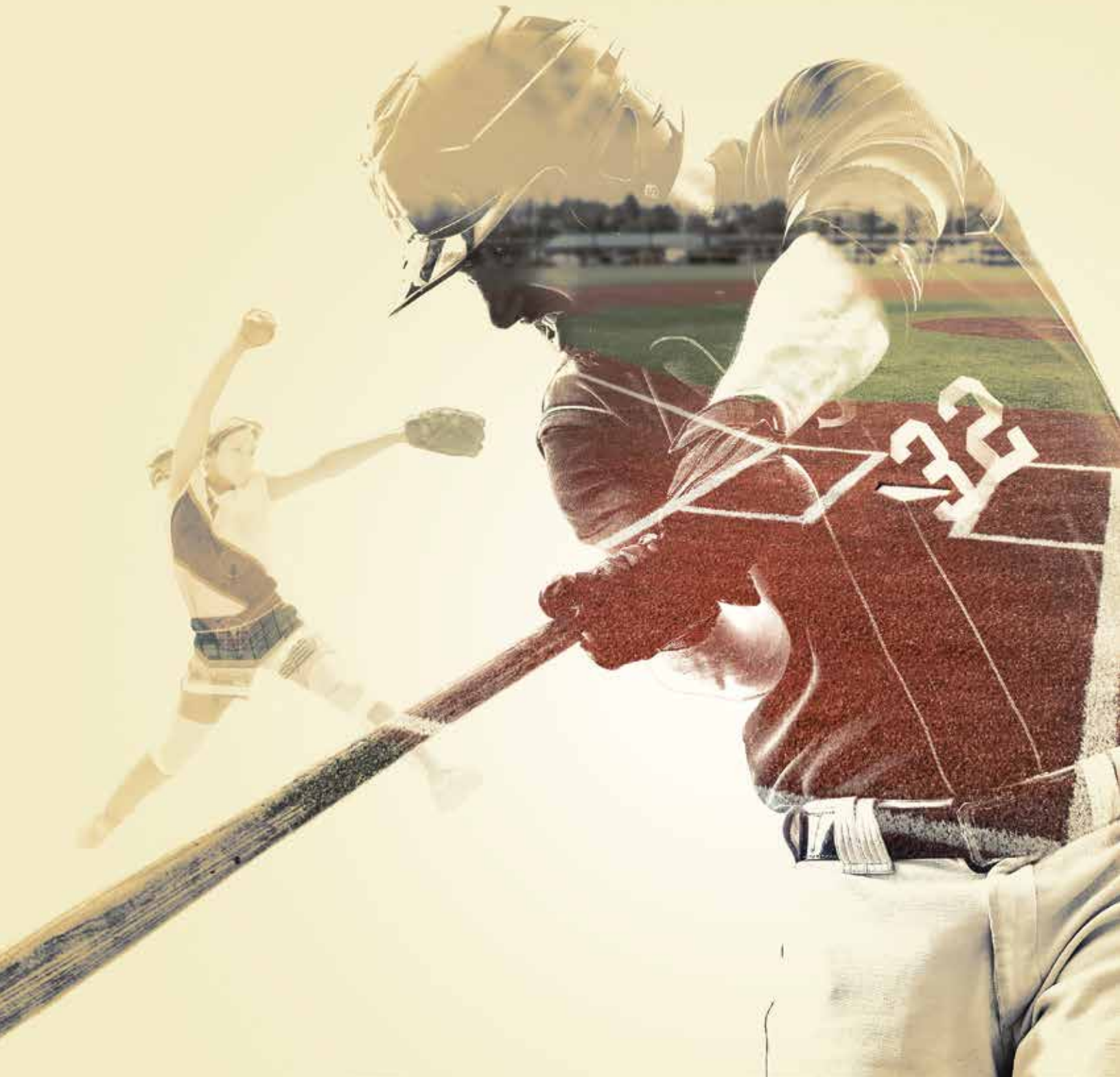
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**President, Tampa Bay Rays**



FACILITY PROFILE

# BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

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<b>TAMPA BAY RAYS TROPICANA FIELD</b>		<b>St. Petersburg, FL</b>
Product: TruHop Triple Crown	SQFT: 143,370	Year: 2017

**THE TAMPA BAY RAYS** are one of two teams in Major League Baseball to play on synthetic turf. For them, the performance of the field was the key factor in deciding on a system to replace their old turf.

The Rays did extensive testing on a number of systems and settled on the TruHop system from Shaw Sports Turf. The system plays as close to real grass as any system on the market. Throughout testing on numerous professional-caliber grass surfaces and other synthetic surfaces, performance data more closely mimicked natural grass with TruHop.

“We are excited about our partnership with Shaw Sports Turf,” said Rays Team President Brian Auld, “After much due diligence, we found that this system was the most innovative and advanced in the industry.”



**ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY** St. Louis, MO

Product: TruHop	SQFT: 33,750	Year: 2016
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**VESTAVIA HILLS HIGH SCHOOL** Vestavia Hills, AL

Product: TruHop	SQFT: 129,822	Year: 2017
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**BOLIVAR-RICHBURG HIGH SCHOOL** Bolivar, NY

Product: Spike Zone Pro	SQFT: 160,968	Year: 2016
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**NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY** Highland Heights, KY

Product: Fields 41	SQFT: 97,514	Year: 2017
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**HIGHLAND PARK ISD** Dallas, TX

Product: Legion Pro	SQFT: 118,000	Year: 2016
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BASEBALL IS A PURIST’S GAME. IT IS SO IMPORTANT FOR SYNTHETIC TURF FIELDS TO LOOK AND PLAY LIKE NATURAL GRASS FIELDS. THAT’S WHY I WORKED WITH THE R&D TEAM AT SHAW SPORTS TURF TO DEVELOP THE TRUHOP SYSTEM.

HALL OF FAMER, JOHN SMOLTZ



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BRIAN AULD, PRESIDENT, TAMPA BAY RAYS

### OTHER INSTALLATIONS

INSTALLATION	CITY	STATE	PRODUCT	SQ.FT.	AGE
Monroe High School Baseball	Monroe	WA	Momentum/PowerBlade	120,794	2017
Monroe High School Softball	Monroe	WA	Momentum/PowerBlade	43,753	2017
East Rutherford High School Baseball	Bostic	NC	Momentum	31,000	2017
Northern Kentucky University	Highland Heights	KY	Fields 41	97,514	2017
Fountain Middle School	Fountain	CO	Momentum	43,150	2017
Mt. Juliet High School	Mt. Juliet	TN	Momentum	13,752	2017
Vestavia Hills High School Baseball	Vestavia Hills	AL	TruHop	129,822	2017
ELH Charros Field	Nogales	AZ	TruHop	21,163	2017
Highland Park High School	Dallas	TX	Legion Pro	118,000	2016
Mooreville High School Baseball	Mooreville	NC	Momentum	51,344	2016
New Mexico State University	Las Cruces	NM	Momentum	41,030	2016
Hatch Valley High School	Hatch	NM	Momentum	42,000	2016
Georgia Southern J.L. Clements Stadium	Statesboro	GA	Momentum Pro	32,851	2016
Whitney ISD Baseball	Whitney	TX	PowerBlade	136,697	2016
Whitney ISD Softball	Whitney	TX	PowerBlade	64,355	2016
Bolivar-Richburg High School	Bolivar	NY	Spike Zone Pro	160,968	2016
St. Louis University	St. Louis	MO	TruHop	33,750	2016
Corinth High School	Corinth	MS	TruHop	117,170	2016
Nyack High School	Nyack	NY	TruHop	129,114	2016
Maple Mountain High School	Spanish Fork	UT	TruHop	15,500	2016
Mountain Home High School Baseball	Mountain Home	AR	TruHop	33,500	2016
Mountain Home High School Softball	Mountain Home	AR	TruHop	43,700	2016
Rockwall High School Baseball	Rockwall	TX	PowerBlade Pro	106,773	2016
Rockwall High School Softball	Rockwall	TX	PowerBlade Pro	46,759	2016
Hooker Field	Martinsville	VA	TruHop	34,825	2015



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