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New field greets Mook athletes

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An aerial view of Doc Adams Field at Tillamook High School shows the new state-of-the-art synthetic field that will be home to the Mooks football and soccer teams. The field cost a total of \$325,000, with the biggest donation coming from the Tillamook Creamery Association...

Tillamook High School football and soccer teams will have the luxury of playing with a new home field advantage this season, due to a state-of-the-art synthetic turf playing surface. The field cost \$325,000 and was financed through several individual and business donations. Two of the major contributors were TLC Federal Credit Union...

The teams started practice on the field this past Monday and coaches and players have already seen a difference.

"We are not having to practice in the mud," said head football coach Dave Ackerman.

Ackerman recalled that in past years even the slightest bit of rain would have made for a muddy practice field. "The footing is really good, plus it looks great and we can take pride in that. The kids understand what people in the community have done for them."

Boys soccer coach Brian Reynolds has also noticed that sense of pride that his squad has demonstrated toward their new home turf. "We now have the top facility in our league to play on and the team wants to defend that," he said. "Hopefully it will also bring in bigger crowds."

Girls soccer coach Susie Coughlan is excited for the new turf as well. "It should really be a boost for our program," she said. "We are just really thankful to the community for it."

The first ever competition on the new surface at Doc Adams Field will take place Saturday, Sept. 1, when the boys soccer team hosts a jamboree event. The first football game will be Friday night, Sept. 7, against Central High School...

Besides being used by the football and soccer teams, physical education classes and local sports leagues will have access to the field. The field was installed by Pro Turf Solutions, a Colorado-based company.

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