## **CASE HISTORY**

## University of Louisiana Lafayette



## LOCATION: University of Louisiana Lafayette

**PRODUCT:** SportDrain<sub>Max</sub>

**APPLICATION: Sport Field** 

DATE: 2008

**ENGINEER:** Sports Engineering Technologies, Inc. Mansfield, TX

## **CONTRACTOR:** Prograss

The University of Louisiana Lafayette synthetic turf resurfacing project presented many challenges to the design engineer. The most critical was a shallow water table, which was just two (2) feet below the final subgrade elevation. The design engineer had to develop base system that allowed for sufficient drainage and stability to handle the final design of the project.

SET Engineering chose to cement stabilize (6% cement per dry unit weight of the soil) the top 8 inches of the existing subgrade. This chemical stabilization was necessary to achieve the required working platform and a solid base for the anticipated construction traffic. To dissipate potential hydrostatic pressure from the high water table, Prograss deployed a permeable 8 ounce per square yard non-woven geotextile and Sport-DrainMax directly on the prepared subgrade. Sport drain Max allowed adequate drainage capabilities from both the surface and from the potential rise in the water table below. Sport Drain Max underneath the synthetic turf surface provides a capillary break and eliminates the need for substantial excavation and replacement of costly natural aggregate materials. This scenario is not uncommon for many synthetic turf projects.

Sport Drain Max served a dual function on this challenging project, providing superior drainage and impact attenuation over the cement stabilized subgrade.

\* Sport Drain<sub>MAX</sub> is a patent-pending technology

