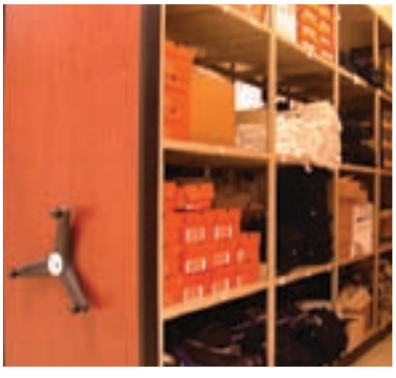
ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT STORAGE

- **Professional Sports Team**
- **Training Facility**
- **High School Gym**
- **Athletic Retail Store**
- **Sports Camp**
- **Collegiate Athletic Team**

PROBLEM

The inside of a professional or collegiate football locker room and storage facility is filled with thousands of items: larger pieces like helmets, shoulder pads, and all the other pads; jerseys, pants, shoes, and an extensive video library; and endless amounts of tape, gauze, wraps, socks, gloves, towels, balls, mouth pieces, face masks, visors, water bottles, snacks, and toiletries. And it all has to be stored efficiently for daily retrieval and usage over a period of months – by 50 players and team staff members.

It takes room upon room to store it all... and sometimes finding exactly what you need can be like going on a treasure hunt without a map. Coaches, trainers, and equipment managers will tell you that tackling team storage problems is sometimes harder than the tackling on the field.



OBJECTIVE

To move from three old buildings into one large new facility. To optimize the storage of these thousands of items in a logical and easy-to-access storage system that is readily accessible to all members of the team and staff. At the same time, to cut down on the overall storage space used. This requires a convenient yet space-maximizing storage solution. It is a tall order.

To create competitively charged environment supporting the administration's position that athletic programs are very important to a university by increasing school standing, generating revenue, and attracting student talent. To use the team's colors and logo to create a custom and personalized solution for each unique athletic storage area thus creating an emotionally charged environment for the competitive spirit to succeed.

SOLUTION

In total, nine rooms are devoted to storage. Five of these rooms utilize high density moveable shelving systems. Working closely with an architectural design firm, we used three of the five high density mobile filing systems as the framework, allowing our customer to use any configuration of shelving to store shoulder pads, all other pads, and shoes. Video libraries for game films are fitted with L&T library shelving that allows easy access and retrieval from both sides. Secure storage areas with

lockable units, hanging garment rods, lockable doors on each section, and lockable rollout drawers are used to store items like helmets, communication gear, the coach's equipment, and team jerseys. Bin compartments, custom manufactured for each specific item, are used for larger coolers, nutrition items, and hundreds of smaller items like tapes, socks, shampoo, and soap.

The other two mobile systems for athletic equipment storage are used for handling of all the personnel records of the team players. These consist of personal record information, medical information, playbooks, other team scouting reports, and contract information.

The type of athletic storage equipment used for this football team can be used for a variety of athletic programs including baseball, golf, basketball, swimming, hockey, soccer, or lacrosse. Each solution is custom designed with the specific program in mind.