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## UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE SOCCER DR. MARK & CINDY LYNN STADIUM

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University of Louisville Vice President/Director of Athletics, Tom Jurich, sought TEG Architects recreational design expertise and creativity when planning and designing a new soccer stadium on the Belknap Campus. The design and construction team consisted of TEG and ABEL Construction, along with consultants, CMTA Engineers, TRC Worldwide Engineering, and Vivian Llambi & Associates rounding out the team.

Tom Jurich stated, “The ability of Wayne and his team to combine functionality with creativity is exactly what we were looking for. With Wayne’s knowledge of the game, and his team’s attention to detail, I have no doubt that, when completed, we will have the best collegiate soccer stadium in the country.”

The nationally-ranked, Division I Men’s and Women’s Soccer programs demand a facility that will enhance performance and recruitment, bolster the attendance, increase visibility, as well as become another tremendous community asset. The Dr. Mark & Cindy Lynn Soccer Stadium Complex, named for U of L Trustee and Lead Donor, will not only serve to train, support and be home to the Cardinal Soccer Teams, but it will also attract Conference Championships and other large-scale events throughout the region.

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Early in TEG's relationship with U of L Athletics, TEG toured Tom and Mark Jurich through the Stadium for Major League Soccer's Sporting KC in Kansas City. From that experience, several design and fan amenities from professional soccer were identified and integrated through the design collaboration. The spectator views from each angle of the pitch are modeled after the Sporting Park. This project represents the first collegiate LEED Certified Silver Soccer Stadium, and one that is also exclusively dedicated to Division 1 soccer, in the nation.

ABEL Construction was selected by U of L Athletics to construct the world-class facility. ABEL's Athletic experience and history with the University speaks for itself, having also constructed the most recent vertical expansion to the Papa John's Cardinal Stadium, the Trager Indoor Practice

Facility, the Student Recreation Center, The Marshall Center Field Hockey Complex, YUM! Practice Center, and Jim Patterson Stadium Expansion. Together with TEG Architects, the team worked collaboratively with U of L Coaches Ken Lolla and Karen Ferguson-Dayes, Mark Jurich, Associate Athletic Director for Development, Josh Heird, Assistant Athletic Director for Facilities & Championships, and John Stratton with University Planning Design and Construction, to develop this outstanding facility. Wayne Estopinal and Kyle Wilson of TEG Architects worked closely with Bill Abel Jr. and Richard Banta Jr. of ABEL Construction to ensure that the design elements and physical structure embodied the vision that Mr. Jurich and his team had for the facility. At the groundbreaking on May 30, 2013, Jurich said, "...a lot went into this project; a lot of thought by the coaches, a lot of dreams."



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**L**ocated in the heart of U of L Athletics' Floyd Street corridor, the stadium features a variety of seating options: The approximately 900 bleacher seats span the east end to accommodate the student section of rowdy "Louligans". On the north and west sides, the stadium will accommodate around 1900 in berm seating. The main grandstand boasts approximately 2,200 individual chair back seats on the south side of the stadium. These seats will be protected from the elements by a gently curving, elegant Teflon-coated tensile fabric canopy. The NCAA Soccer season spans from August, when the conditions are still truly hot, to early December, when weather is cold and rainy. In the tradition of many club stadiums in England, such as Craven Cottage, where Fulham plays, a grandstand with a covering within a neighborhood is the norm. At

U of L, we incorporated the covered grandstand to increase attendance by protecting supporters from weather in the heat of late summer and cold and rain in December.

Atop the main grandstand is a terrace with convenient access to restrooms and concessions, permitting a continued visual connection to the pitch. A 1400 SF press box includes a donor suite, radio, television, operations, and general media. On the east end of the complex is a one-story 15,320 SF training center which includes coaches' offices and lockers, player lockers and lounge, training, and team rooms. This world-class facility will transform collegiate soccer into an extraordinary experience.



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**T**raditionally U of L has decorated their stadium with banners to celebrate individual and team accomplishments. Digital integration brings current technology that improves the fan experience. A large LED scoreboard is located at mid-field opposite the main grandstand. In addition to the main scoreboard, TEG was able to integrate ribbon LED dasher boards around half of the pitch. Thus branding and advertising occur continuously and seamlessly, especially for televised events. Large flat-screen monitors are located throughout the training facility allowing customization of team training schedules to welcome notifications and slide shows to target visiting recruits.

Excitement continues to build, both literally and figuratively, for what UofL Vice President and Director of Athletics Tom Jurich calls “the finest collegiate soccer stadium in the nation”. The stadium design has become a key component in both the men’s and women’s soccer program recruiting as they look forward to beginning play in the new stadium. The stadium, which is valued at approximately \$15.5M Construction, \$18.5M Total Project Cost, will elevate the profile of soccer locally, regionally, and nationally. This project represents U of L Athletics’ largest project since the vertical expansion of Papa John’s Cardinal Stadium. The Dr. Mark and Cindy Lynn Stadium will become the newest jewel in the crown of U of L Athletics’ Floyd Street Corridor.



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