

Youth baseball league hits a home run with Hannay Reels

Guilderland Baseball provides a safe, fun, and rewarding environment for youth in Guilderland and Voorheesville, New York, to learn and play baseball. With 3 organizations, children from 4-18 years old can enjoy this classic summer sport. However, baseball is much more than just a summer activity. Youth sports can make a huge, positive impact for the kids who play them, as they introduce ideals of good sportsmanship, courage, and respect. This makes for a happier and healthier community-at-large, which is what Guilderland Baseball is all about.

It's important to keep the baseball diamond in tip-top shape for safe gameplay. What makes Guilderland's diamond different from most in the upstate New York area is that its pitching mound is made using a clay-like material. This creates a unique challenge as the hot summer sun dries out the mound and it becomes very hard if it is not maintained on a regular basis.

"With every pitch, the pitcher is planting his or her foot into the mound and putting their whole body weight into the throw, so moisture on a clay mound is critical to keep the surface malleable for the pitcher's cleats to penetrate for secure balance," explained Mark Blaauboer, facility manager of Guilderland Baseball. "Getting the right amount of moisture into the clay is the only way to keep the mound safe and performing at its best, which is why having reliable reels is a must for us."

Guilderland Baseball purchased their first Hannay reel back in 2013. "I was able to identify a few reels I was interested in on Hannay's website," said Blaauboer. "When I called, my sales representative was able to refine my selections down to one specific reel that was perfect for my application. We discussed motor drive, roller position, and inlet size to make sure the reel would do exactly what we needed it to. The entire experience was really helpful and I greatly appreciated the guidance."

Today, Guilderland Baseball uses two Hannay reels every day to maintain their baseball diamond. They have a 6000 Series power rewind reel used to store 200 feet of live 1-inch hose. This reel is used for watering the dirt on the infield accurately and quickly during tournaments. Their second reel is also a 6000 Series power rewind hose reel and stores 150 feet of live 5/8-inch hose. This reel is primarily used to repair the pitcher's mound after each game, ensuring it is stable and secure for the next players. "The power rewind features on both of these reels have saved us so much time and made our job ten times easier," noted Blaauboer. "When you are pulling the hose out onto the infield, you're pulling 150 feet of hose fully charged with water; weight becomes a factor and your body feels it. When it comes to rewinding, we can just hit a button and direct the hose back onto the reel without breaking a sweat."



Power rewind on its two Hannay 6000 Series reels is a double-play for Guilderland Baseball that increases the staff's efficiency in maintaining the field.



Guilderland Baseball utilizes two Hannay 6000 Series hose reels with power rewinds to keep its field in ready-to-play condition.

Customer

Guilderland Baseball

Location

Guilderland and Voorheesville, New York

Customer Challenge

Power rewind hose reel to maintain its baseball field and pitcher's mound with unique requirements

Hannay Solution

6000 Series hose reels with power rewind

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