

### Boston University Softball Field, Boston, Mass.



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#### IRRIGATION CONSULTANT:

Ted Moriarty, Smart Watering Company

#### CUSTOMER:

Ray Bourgeois, Grounds Manager

#### COMPLETION DATE:

July 2009

#### RAIN BIRD SALESPERSON:

Jeff Reardon, Commercial Area Manager  
Mike Graber, Rotor Account Manager

#### PRODUCTS USED:

- Falcon® 6504 Rotor

#### PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Boston University is a private research university located in Boston, Mass. With more than 4,000 faculty members and 31,000 students, Boston University stands as one of the largest private universities in the United States and one of the city's largest employers. The Boston University softball field is home to the Lady Terriers, the 2009 America East Conference Champions.

#### CHALLENGE:

Water usage at the Boston University softball field was at an unacceptable level, especially considering the university's status as an environmentally responsible entity. With the goal of reaffirming the school's commitment to stewardship, Ray Bourgeois, Boston University Grounds Manager, sought to maximize water efficiency while also promoting a safe and attractive playing surface.

#### SOLUTION:

Rain Bird approached Boston University with an offer to perform a distribution uniformity audit of the softball field. Rain Bird also offered to replace the school's existing Hunter® rotors with reliable, water-efficient Rain Bird® Falcon® 6504 Rotors and then perform a second audit.

#### COST AND WATER SAVINGS:

Once Falcon® 6504 Rotors were installed, the second distribution uniformity audit showed a 9 percent improvement over the university's previous rotor equipment. By demonstrating a significant water savings, Rain Bird helped Bourgeois achieve his mandate for water-efficient campus irrigation. In addition to saving water, Rain Curtain™ nozzle technology has helped the Lady Terriers enjoy a healthy playing surface worthy of NCAA Division I competition.

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