



**Sports Facility/
Gymnasium/Fitness Center**
New Construction

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OWNER/CLIENT

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Abington, PA
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Type of School and
Grades Served:
High School, 9-12
Capacity: 3,500 students
Size of Site: 7.7 acres
Area of Building:
6,750 square feet
Total Project Cost: \$5.5 million
Contract Date: December 2003
Completion Date: September 2005
Percent of Completion: 100%

HIGH SCHOOLS

Abington Senior High School

Abington, Pennsylvania

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MULTIPURPOSE COMPLEX AT DUSK

Abington High, which dates to 1888, first fielded a football team in 1917. Even the current high school, which opened in 1955, exudes history and tradition. A telegram from football legend Red Grange, who inspired the school's mascot name of the Galloping Ghosts, is displayed in a trophy case.

What Abington hasn't had for nearly 50 years is an on-campus football facility. That all changed for the 2005 football season. On September 9, the Abington Ghosts football team christened its new \$5.5 million stadium with a come-from-behind victory over an arch rival. That opening night was the culmination of over eight years of efforts by the design professionals, school board, administration, parents, and students.

The stadium is used during the school year for events such as football, soccer, field hockey, track and field, lacrosse, and band competitions. Programmatic elements of the stadium include 2,500-seat



MAIN ENTRY



HOMESIDE GRANDSTANDS LOOKING TOWARD ENTRY

home side and 1,000-seat visitor side bleachers, an eight-lane curbed competition polyurethane synthetic running track, a Prescription Athletic Turf playing field, four 100-foot tall light standards, public restrooms, home and visitor locker rooms, concession stands, an emergency

medical facility, a ticket booth, and a landscaped entry plaza.

The grandstands, field house, and concession building were designed to complement the existing high school and were constructed in a style similar to historic collegiate football fields with brick façades and cast stone archways. ■

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