

Georgia Tech Brock Indoor Football Practice Facility, Atlanta

Georgia Tech's football program now has an indoor practice facility, thanks to a commitment from Mary R. and John F. Brock III. The 88,000-square-foot facility includes a full-size football field in an enclosed space with massive hangar doors that allow easy access to and from the existing outdoor facility. A viewing platform surrounds the field and later, a ceiling mounted camera system will allow players and coaches to review practice film.

Paul Johnson, head coach, notes, "It gives us a place here on campus [where] we can practice in bad weather and get in during storms; plus it will help in recruiting."

The facility took 590 tons of steel to build and features 107 squares of horizontal metal siding of McElroy Metal Inc.'s 22-gauge MegaRib panels in a range of sizes from 10.66 to 30 inches. The facility's vertical walls consist of 220 squares of Fabral's 22-gauge 4.2 Corrugated panels in Ash Gray, while the roof features 800 squares of Fabral's 24-gauge Stand N' Seam 16 roof panels in Bone White. The soffit and door panels are made up of Fabral's Select Series 12, also in Bone White.

According to Dan Radakovich, Georgia Tech's athletic director, "Early in Coach Paul Johnson's tenure, we discussed the importance of having a place where the team could practice away from the elements. ... This new facility will provide us with significantly more efficiency in scheduling our practice sessions."

Owner: Georgia Institute of Technology,
Atlanta

General contractor: Barton Malow
Construction, Alpharetta, Ga., and
May, Moeller, Purcell Construction Co.,
Norcross, Ga.

Architect: Knight Architects Inc.,
Atlanta

Subcontractor: Bristol Engineered Metals,
Duluth, Ga.

Distributor: Orion Associates,
Decatur, Ga.

Metal roof and wall panels: Fabral,
Lancaster, Pa.,
www.fabral.com, Circle #43

Metal wall panels: McElroy Metal Inc.,
Bossier City, La.,
www.mcelroymetal.com, Circle #44



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