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World-Class Irrigation Central System Powers World-Class Sports Complex

The Home Depot Center, the most complete training facility for Olympic, amateur, and professional athletes in the United States, runs Rain Master's industry-leading Evolution Central Control Irrigation System



CARSON, CA (May 30th, 2004) – Featuring a 27,000-seat soccer stadium, a 13,000-seat tennis stadium, and a 20,000-seat track and field facility, The Home Depot Center offers American athletes a state-of-the-art facility among the finest anywhere in the world.

Elite organizations such as USA Cycling, US Track & Field, and the US Tennis Association have designated the site an official training center, and its long list of users include the 2002 MLS Cup Champion Los Angeles Galaxy and the NFL's San Diego Chargers. Spread over 125 acres on the campus of California State University, Dominguez Hills, the \$150-million dollar development represents the largest investment in amateur athletics ever made.

Naturally, visitors to this flagship facility expect to see everything in perfect condition. Sustaining this level of maintenance is no easy task, considering the site includes 9 soccer fields and 30 tennis courts beyond the central stadium.

"We have over 1.2 million square feet of irrigated land," explains Kyle Waters, Director of Turf and Grounds at the complex. "That includes some 900,000 square feet of sod, and over 10,000 plants, flowers, and trees."

Keeping everything healthy and green under the dry California sun requires the careful application of water. At the Home Depot Center, that demands use of Rain Master's Evolution Central Control System.

"If you miss a few days of watering in this environment, plants will die. And if I lose some grass, we lose money, and I might lose my job," Waters adds. "The stakes are high, and my position is very visible."

Waters reports working with other electronic irrigation products in the past, but they were very limited and worked on a per-field basis. The Evolution System offers a breakthrough with its true centralized control.

"I run everything from a single computer," says Waters. "From here I can control irrigation over the entire site."

If any kind of problem arises, such as broken sprinklers, mainline breaks, or electrical faults, Waters is immediately notified via his PC. From his desktop, he has instant access to more than 2000 sprinkler heads and 700 valves in every part of the Home Depot Center.

Seventeen flow sensors located throughout the complex detect any unusual flow. "Previously if a head broke, I would only find out if I happened to see it. That might take days, and we would be losing water the whole time," says Waters. "Now I'm instantly aware, and I can take steps to fix the problem right away."

The Evolution System also provides Waters with weather reports, which can be integrated with evapotranspiration data and used to optimize his irrigation schedule. However, with so many different playing fields under his watch and shifting demands on each, he finds that the system's flexibility serves him best.

"Schedules for field use are changing all the time and I have to work around that. This helps take the guesswork out of everything. It would be impossible to do my job without it," Waters says.



"I only spend a few hours a day on irrigation for the entire site. Without the Evolution System, I would certainly need 3 or 4 people full-time, minimum, to do the same job. The cost savings in staff alone are obviously substantial," he adds.

After Evolution was activated this year, water use at the Home Depot Center was reduced 35% from 2003, another valuable cost savings in thirsty Southern California. Waters points out that although weather is a major factor in his overall water requirements, he has no doubt that the Rain Master System has contributed significantly to that reduction.

"I would definitely recommend Evolution to anyone," says Waters. "I'm not particularly good with computers, and I find the system to be very user-friendly. We have it running on Windows XP, and the whole thing is very efficient and easy."

In 2003, the Home Depot Center hosted such premier athletic events as the MLS All-Star Game, MLS Cup, and FIFA Women's World Cup Championship game. Some of this year's featured events include the NCAA Men's College Cup, the USA Sevens Rugby Tournament, and the FIVB/AVP Beach Volleyball Olympic Qualifier. Looking ahead, the 2005 World Track Cycling Championships and the 2006 IAAF World Cup for Track & Field are already scheduled for the future.

Undoubtedly, these events will continue to bring the world's finest athletes to enjoy the Center's showcase facilities. And all the spotless green fields they will see are also a showcase, for the work of Kyle Waters and Rain Master's Evolution Central System.

About Rain Master

For over twenty-five years, Rain Master, based in Simi Valley, CA, has been the recognized innovative leader in the design and manufacture of irrigation controllers, handheld remote controls and central computerized control systems for the landscape and golf irrigation markets. Creator of *iCentral™*, the industry's first Web-based central control system, Rain Master sets the standard for technologically advanced, environmentally sensitive and cost effective irrigation control systems and water management. We consistently offer new technologies that exceed irrigation industry quality and performance standards for "SMART" ET-based irrigation control. Visit our website at www.rainmaster.com or e-mail info@rainmaster.com to learn more about our visionary solutions to water management through technology.

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