Construction Completed on Cooper Tire Track & Field Complex at Findlay High School

Ribbon-cutting Nov. 9 at noon officially opens new complex to students and the community

FINDLAY, Ohio – November 7, 2012 – Cooper Tire and Findlay City Schools today announced that the new Cooper Tire Track and Field Complex at Findlay High School is completed and ready for its official opening Nov. 9 at noon when Cooper Tire executives and school leaders will hold a ribbon cutting at the new complex.

The project was first announced in April of this year when Cooper Tire made a commitment in honor of its upcoming 100-year anniversary to partner with Findlay City Schools to develop a multi-purpose facility while also establishing a monument to the company's legacy in Findlay.

The new complex includes a state-of-the-art, nine-lane track made of sustainable recycled rubber, as well as a multi-use competitive field that will support other sports and general physical education while also providing a venue for additional student and community events.

“The new facility is impressive,” said Cooper Tire Chairman, President and CEO Roy Armes. “The design and construction teams and everyone associated with this project did a great job carrying out the vision to transform a cinder track behind Findlay High School into a real showpiece that athletes, students and the community will feel proud to use and point to as an example of the good things that can happen when local companies like ours team up with entities such as Findlay City Schools to create something special. As we head toward our company’s centennial celebration in 2014, we are pleased to have this project as a testament to our proud heritage here in Findlay and our focus on young people as our future.”

“We want to thank Cooper Tire for making a substantial capital investment in this project, which provides a wonderful opportunity for our athletes, students and the entire community to enjoy a high caliber facility that compares very well to what is available at top school facilities around our region,” said Dean Wittwer, Superintendent of Findlay City Schools. “We are pleased to have completed this project on time and on budget to be ready for the first crack of the starter pistol come track season, which begins March 11 and hits its stride April 5 when six track teams from around the region will compete at the Cooper Tire Track & Field Complex for the Trojan Invitational. We look forward to many years of use and many benefits for the young people of Findlay as well as our entire community.”

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