



Storage

FOR ATHLETICS

MIAMI HURRICANES FOOTBALL TEAM UTILIZES MOBILE SYSTEMS FOR EQUIPMENT STORAGE

The University of Miami remodeled and expanded the Hecht Athletic Center and utilized two mechanical assist Spacesaver systems to improve equipment storage in the Hurricanes' football equipment room. The space savings allowed for more room to expand coach offices, the weight room and locker rooms.

Space in the equipment storage area was limited for many years. When the University remodeled, the equipment manager recommended to administrators using mobile storage to help alleviate space constraints. Mobile systems were put into the equipment room to store almost all of the practice and game gear needed for the Hurricanes football team.

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The local Spacesaver sales representative, **Dan Smith of United Business Systems**, worked closely with Revilla and his staff to design a storage solution that best fit their needs.

In addition to space savings, organization and accessibility were primary factors for the storage areas. The department gets as many as 20 requests a day for athletic gear and they usually have to locate items quickly.

One system stores the team's entire inventory of athletic shoes, including practice and game shoes. Boxes are organized by type and size and stacked on top of four-post open shelving. It also includes hanging storage for jerseys, coach jackets and cold weather gear.

The second mobile system, which was designed to provide organized, secure storage for most of the team apparel and gear, utilizes bin



Two Spacesaver mechanical assist systems, which store almost all of the Miami Hurricanes' football team gear, save space and provide organization.

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Spacesaver lockable doors keep items secure and dust-free.

compartments (10" w by 15" h) to keep items neatly stacked and organized. Items stored include helmets, sweats, shirts, girdles, hats, gloves, socks and other accessories.

Previously, open shelving was used and theft was a concern. Now athletic gear is kept secure behind Spacesaver lockable cabinet doors to ensure items are secure from pilferage at all times.

"We used to keep new items in boxes and cartons. They were piled everywhere and it was difficult to locate items or determine inventory needs," said Revilla. "Now we can unpack as items come in, put them in an assigned place and easily manage the inventory on a daily basis."

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Everything is organized by type of equipment or item, and bins keep clothing from toppling over. Organization also helps with inventory management and reorders. With quick visual inspections and easy recognition of low inventory items, reorders are done in a timely manner.

"Having a complete inventory of items is especially critical during football season," said Revilla. "Whether we are preparing for a home game or an away game, we need to have a full backup of items on hand."

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