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Installation of new playing surface set to begin Feb. 8

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STATESBORO, Ga. – Shaw Sports Turf out of Calhoun, Georgia, will provide the new turf playing field for Glenn Bryant Field at Paulson Stadium, Georgia Southern Athletic Director [Tom Kleinlein](#) announced Tuesday. Installation of the new field will begin Feb. 8 and is set to be completed in mid-April. The University has selected to install Shaw's Legion 41 system, a two-inch, dual fiber system that combines slit film, the most durable synthetic fiber turf, and a monofilament film, which gives the field excellent performance and aesthetic qualities.

"Shaw is a company that really does a great job when it comes to synthetic turf fields," Kleinlein said. "We did a pretty extensive investigation of a number of companies and really felt comfortable with the leadership at Shaw. Synthetic turf gives us an option and a flexibility to not only have a great stadium environment, but a practice field that can be utilized when needed.

It also gives us the flexibility to bring outside events into Paulson Stadium and makes our stadium more accessible to the community without wear and tear on our field."

The base of the field will be comprised of highly compacted stone, along with a Brock Powerbase pad for safety and drainage. Over 320,000 pounds of sand and 230,000 pounds of crumb rubber - a material made from recycled tires - will be used as the turf's infill.

To keep the field cool in the South Georgia heat, Shaw Sports Turf will install HydroChill, the only warranted cooling technology on the market today. HydroChill is an evaporative cooling system applied to the infill to help cool the field in the same way the body cools itself through sweating. This patented technology is guaranteed to cool fields at least 30 degrees lower than a standard synthetic turf field.

Shaw Sports Turf has installed over 2,000 fields, including the game and indoor practice fields for the Baltimore Ravens, the University of Arkansas, Vanderbilt University and Furman University.

Chuck McClurg, Vice President of Turf Markets at Shaw, played on two national championship football teams with Georgia Southern and is "proud that Shaw Sports Turf is able to play a role in the continued success of the program by providing the Eagles with the best playing surface in the world."

The Eagles are scheduled to christen the field on Sept. 3 with their 2016 season opener against Savannah State.

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