

Madison Central High School
Softball Field Second Visit
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On May 10, 2007 I arrived at the Madison Central softball field at 6 pm. The game with Southwester was delayed and did not start until 6:45 pm. Upon first glance at the outfield it looked level and covered with thick, dense grass. The outfield fence was up and the safety guard was in place. I stayed and watched one inning. As I left I walked to the baseball field and then walked around the outside of the softball outfield fence. That is when I was able to see the two areas in the outfield that had bare patches in the grass. One area is in left field and the other is in right-center field. Both areas look about 10feet by 10feet and are close to the fence. These areas are not completely bare but have large bare spots. During the inning I watched, there was no game activity in those areas so no playing difficulties were observed. The teams were out there pitching to each other during warm ups and during the game the center fielder and right fielder were positioned in front of the bare areas.

The main differences I saw between the softball field and baseball field were the backstops – baseball had a large chain link fence type and softball had a net- and the lack of grass in two areas in the softball outfield. What ever the school did to improve the softball field after it was used for football practice improved the field but it still needs more so there will be no bare spots in the outfield.

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