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TACOMA'S *DIAMOND PLAYERS BASEBALL ACADEMY* DELIVERS PERFECT PITCH WITH *PROBATTER* PITCHING SIMULATOR

ProBatter Gives South Sound Ballplayers the Major League Treatment

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Tacoma, WA (August 31, 2009) – The ProBatter Professional Baseball PX2 pitching simulator is the crown jewel at the Diamond Players Baseball Academy in Tacoma as it celebrates its fifth year in operation with a new name and remodeled facility. Formerly known as West Coast Baseball Academy, the training facility is dedicated to teaching and developing baseball players of every age and performance level in the South Sound area. The complex will be the only training center in the state of Washington to offer the proprietary ProBatter PX2 system.

Used by major league teams including the New York Yankees, Boston Red Sox, New York Mets and Cleveland Indians, the ProBatter system combines the latest video and computer technology to almost perfectly duplicate the experience of facing live pitching. Offering a jaw-dropping simulation of reality, the unit can sharpen hitting skills better than any other pitching machine available.

The new name allows the facility to be more easily identified with its affiliate, diamondplayersbaseball.com which offers players internet based promotional profiles and video instructional programs for teaching & evaluation.

The Diamond Players Baseball Academy caters to serious ballplayers in the greater Pierce County area, providing each student with sound fundamentals and a thorough understanding of the game. To that end, the center is committed to offering the finest facilities and staff available anywhere, giving each player every advantage possible to help them improve and excel.

“We aim to provide every player who trains with us the very best training experience and the ProBatter PX2 is certainly the best tool for hitters,” said Mike Brooks, owner of Diamond Players Baseball Academy. “As a former professional player, I know there is no substitute to facing live pitching for a hitter to perfect his timing and rhythm. But it has been impossible to find anyone who can consistently and accurately throw over 90 mph – until now. ProBatter gives our students a tremendous opportunity to improve and take their game to the next level.”

The ProBatter PX2 system allows a hitter to face the life-sized image of a real pitcher winding up (or throwing from a stretch) and delivering a pitch on a video screen. An

actual ball is thrown through the screen by a computer controlled pitching module, which is capable of delivering any pitch that a human pitcher can. Batters can be challenged by an endless variety of real pitches -- fastballs, sinkers, cutters, curves, sliders, change-ups, etc. -- at speeds up to 100 mph. Pitch velocity can be varied in increments of two mph and thrown to predetermined locations inside and outside the strike zone with pinpoint accuracy.

In addition to major league teams that have installed ProBatter units, Division I college teams, including Connecticut, Maine, Navy, Old Dominion, Ohio State and Nevada, also use ProBatter systems in their training regimen.

The completely revamped Diamond Players Baseball Academy will be the premiere facility of its kind in Pierce County. Every conceivable amenity is provided for ballplayers looking to improve their game. The 5,000 square foot indoor training area features the latest leading edge equipment, including a dedicated ProBatter hitting tunnel, Right View Pro hitting and pitching analysis system, K-Zone virtual catcher and a full speed and agility program utilizing SPARQ equipment. The center also offers new artificial turf and a completely renovated lighting system. In addition, the academy features a soft-toss/tee work cage and bullpen with a major league-quality dirt mound designed to duplicate game conditions.

Players can also avail themselves of expert personal training, with a staff consisting entirely of current and former professional and collegiate players. The Diamond Players Baseball Academy is dedicated to maximizing the potential of individuals, and provides every component necessary to help them achieve their goals. The academy also offers customized off-season team training programs.

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