

FOOTBALL PERFORMANCE COMPLEX

By Tom Schott

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT ROOM

LOCATION

Level 2

BY THE NUMBERS

- » 3,400 square feet
- » Four lounge areas with oversized sectional couches and Xbox video gaming
- » Eight 70-inch televisions
- » Adjoining 585-square foot theater room with 90-inch screen and tiered seating with 18 custom recliners

BELLS AND WHISTLES

- » Pingpong, pool and shuffleboard tables, plus two arcade games
- » Nutrition station
- » Phone-charging station
- » 180 linear feet of dynamic wall graphics
- » Windows with a view of Ross-Ade Stadium

PLAYER REACTION: D.J. KNOX

"IT'S A PLACE WHERE WE CAN EAT AND HANG OUT. IT'S VERY COMFORTABLE WITH THE THEATER SEATING. WE ENJOY IT, AND WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR IT. I SPEND A LOT OF MY TIME THERE AND GET A LOT OF MY HOMEWORK FINISHED. WE PLAY VIDEO GAMES AND WATCH MOVIES IN THERE, TOO. THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS WE CAN DO IN THERE, AND IT MAKES US FEEL AT HOME. WE LOVE THAT FACILITY, SO WE NEVER WANT TO LEAVE."

DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL RELATIONS

ROBERT SAMPSON SAYS

"THE FOOTBALL PERFORMANCE COMPLEX IS A SECOND HOME FOR OUR PLAYERS DURING THE DAY, AND THE PLAYER DEVELOPMENT ROOM IS A SPACE WHERE THEY REALLY CAN FEEL AT HOME. IT IS A GREAT SPACE, WHICH ALLOWS THEM A CHANCE TO REALLY RELAX AND ENJOY THE FACILITY. IT HAS PLENTY OF ROOM FOR THE GUYS TO SIT BACK AND GET COMFORTABLE, WORK ON CLASSWORK, CATCH UP ON TV, OR PLAY GAMES TO GET THEIR MINDS OFF FOOTBALL AND SCHOOL FOR A FEW MINUTES."