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Caldwell & Walsh Building Construction completes work at Yale

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New Haven, CT Caldwell & Walsh Building Construction, Inc. has completed Yale University's Carol Roberts Field House. The first building of its kind at Yale, this 9,000 s/f, two story building is dedicated to supporting the womens' field hockey and softball programs by meeting the training and performance needs of both sports. It not only enhances the student athlete experience, but that of alumni, family and spectators.

The field house is located between Johnson Field, which serves the field hockey team, and William O. DeWitt Family Field, home of Yale softball. The building's design complements the landscape, with straight lines and right angles for the wing closest to Johnson Field and a curve that echoes the outfield's sweep for the softball wing. Metal panels, a curtain wall system, and an EIFS finish adorn the exterior. A walkway paved with bricks engraved with names of supporters leads to the plaza and atrium that greets visitors.

The interior features locker rooms for each team. Coaches have offices, their own locker room and a shared training room for team huddles. A flexible-use space is equipped for video conferencing and also serves as the visiting teams' locker room. This space is also equipped for video conferencing.

There are several storage rooms, a concessions stand, public restrooms, a laundry facility, and a ticketing office that doubles as a video production space. The crowning glory of the building is an observation deck where fans can view games. ADA amenities include a ramp, lift and viewing windows on the upper level. A glass enclosure with canopy complements the rooftop gathering space.

Carol Roberts, the building's namesake, played a pivotal role for both the Ivy League Championship softball and field hockey teams during her athletic career at Yale. Since graduating she has remained active in Bulldog Athletics and was eager to give back to her alma mater and spearheaded the funding to make this project a reality. Improved conditions for athletes, visibility of their teams, and a place to call home will have a lasting effect for Yale.

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