

# TenCate Tapeslide™ XP Solves Problem For NCAA Division 1-AA National Championship Game

**Synthetic turf replaces problematic natural grass, improves player performance and secures future contract for host city.**

TenCate develops and produces materials that function to increase performance, reduce costs and deliver measurable results by working with our customers to provide advanced solutions.

### THE CHALLENGE

The NCAA Division 1-AA football national championship game has been held every December in Chattanooga, Tennessee since 1997. In 2004, weather and other factors caused the natural grass surface to literally come apart, handicapping play and forcing the NCAA to consider moving the game to another city. Local sports officials immediately

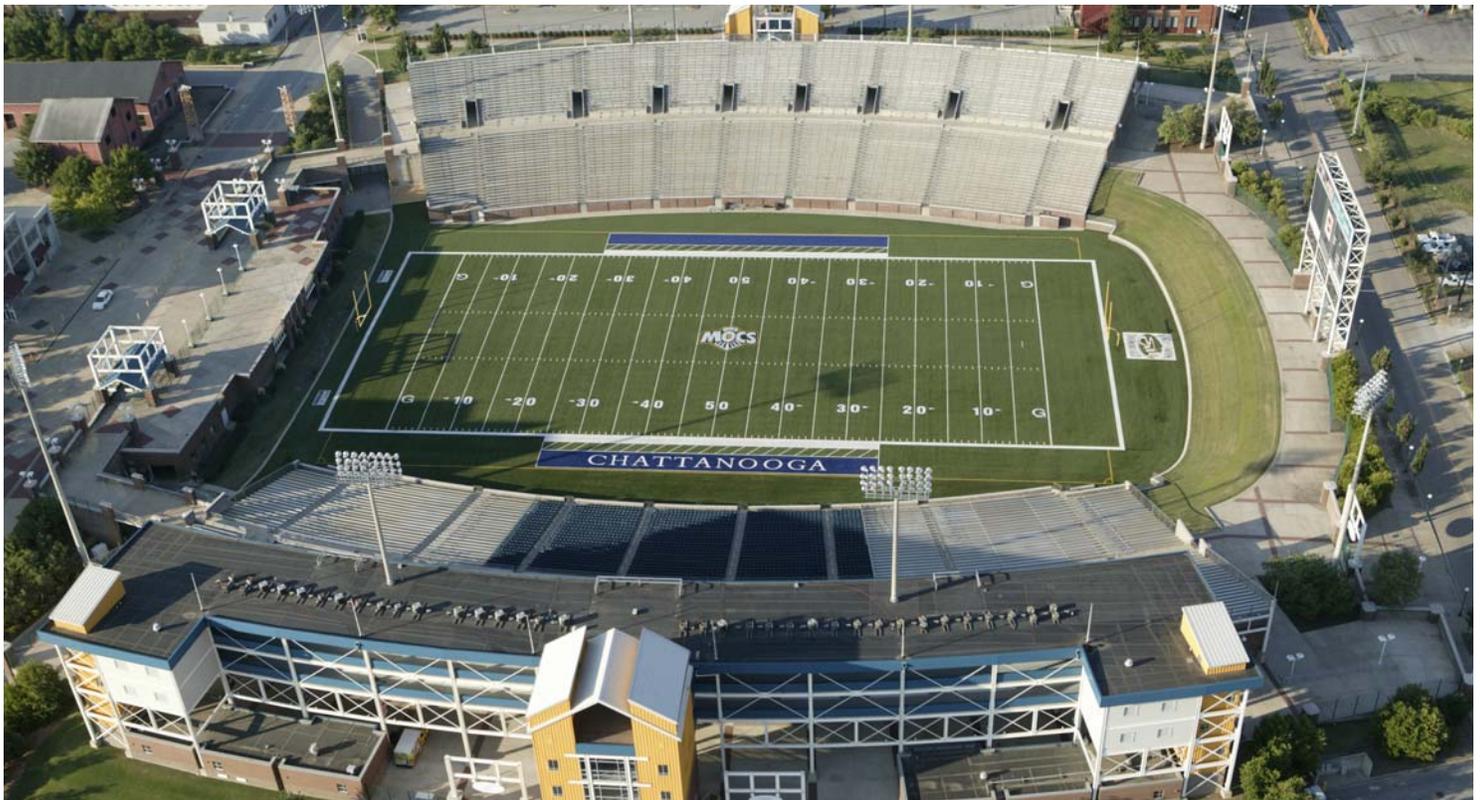
began working with TenCate representatives to coordinate efforts to replace the surface with synthetic turf, effectively eliminating the problems associated with the natural grass.

### THE SOLUTION

TenCate recommended the installation of a turf system with TenCate Tapeslide™ XP turf blades — the same product used in the fields of dozens of professional, collegiate and high school teams. Working with the Greater Chattanooga Sports and Events Committee, the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga and others, TenCate donated key

components of the turf system and brought together the team that would complete the manufacture and installation of the new surface.

TenCate Tapeslide™ XP maintains the durability that made previous TenCate fibers the market leader, while enhancing the natural appearance and creating a softer surface for players. With its more narrow fibrils and Xtended Play (XP) polyethylene, TenCate Tapeslide™ XP offers superior player comfort and excellent appearance.



*Finley Stadium in Chattanooga, Tennessee is home to the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga football team, and to the NCAA Division 1-AA National Championship game. After severe problems with natural turf, the field was replaced with a synthetic turf surface featuring TenCate Tapeslide™ XP turf blades.*



*TenCate Tapeslide™ XP provides the speed and traction that allows athletes to perform their best, and its high performance polyethylene protects against abrasion while providing exceptional durability.*

#### THE PERFORMANCE

The new surface at Finley Stadium has been successful not just for securing the national championship game, but also serving as the home field for the University of Tennessee- Chattanooga Mocs of the Southern Conference. The stadium has also been able to host numerous other events including local high school football games and soccer tournaments.

To learn more about TenCate and how synthetic grass is used in sports fields, golf and landscape applications, visit [www.tencate.com](http://www.tencate.com).



*Finley Stadium sees action during most of the year, hosting UTC Mocs home football games, local high school football and soccer games and dozens of other events.*

## Project Profile

#### Location

Finley Stadium,  
University of Tennessee-  
Chattanooga  
Chattanooga, TN

#### Application

Multi-purpose athletic field

#### Product

TenCate Tapeslide™ XP

## Grass Fiber: A Critical Component of The Synthetic Turf System

The 'heart' of any synthetic turf sports field is its playing surface. You can see it, feel it and experience it! TenCate is the world's leading developer and producer of high-quality synthetic grass fiber and backing components for sports surfacing applications. Our monofilament and fibrillated fibers are the most widely used products in the synthetic turf industry.

In fact, over 200 million square meters of TenCate fibers have been installed to date - more than all other synthetic fiber manufacturers combined. We are delighted to share our experience and knowledge with any organization considering the installation of a synthetic turf field.

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