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Huntington Park: Ballpark of the Year

The best of the best.

Huntington Park is the Ballpark of the Year for 2009, selected by BASEBALLPARKS.COM for having the best combination of superior design, attractive site selection and fan amenities. Huntington Park won the honor over 11 other new or renovated major- and minor-league ballparks that were completed in 2009.

Since opening in April, the home of Minor League Baseball's Columbus Clippers has received rave reviews from the owner, the players and the business community. With its many innovative and fan-friendly design features, it is attracting the largest average attendance in Minor League Baseball. In being named Ballpark of the Year, Huntington Park has also clearly won the admiration of baseball purists.

It is the tenth year that the award has been given by BASEBALLPARKS.COM, a Web site that provides comprehensive reviews and information about major and minor league ballparks throughout the country. Joe Mock, the Web master of the site, said, "When you consider that the Mets' and Yankees' new parks were eligible and over two billion dollars were spent building those two [ballparks], then it's an understatement to say that there was stiff competition this season."

Mock praised Huntington Park's setting, exterior, seating bowl, concessions and, above all, its many innovations. He said, "The ideas aren't just different. They are ideas that work beautifully."

"Philosophically as an office, we always step back and ask, 'What works and what doesn't work, and how can we create a better design?'" said Brad Schrock, Senior Principal at 360 Architecture. "Our partners, including the Clippers, Turner Construction and Nationwide Realty Investors, were incredible to work with and embraced that philosophy as well. It allowed us to do things differently."

Raves for Huntington Park

Owner's Perspective

"This stadium is a perfect example of a public-private partnership that turned a vision into a reality." – Paula Brooks, Franklin County Commissioner

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"Huntington Park is a state-of-the-art facility and a great attraction for Franklin County residents." – John O'Grady, Franklin County Commissioner

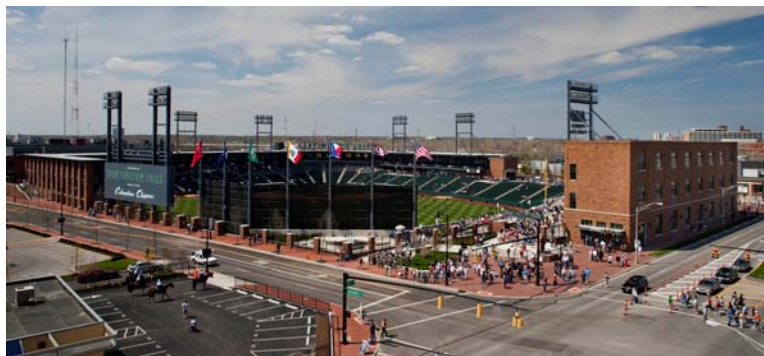
"It has a soul." – Marilyn Brown, Franklin County Commissioner

Contractor's Perspective

"I've built hospitals and convention centers, and I can tell you that this is the most rewarding finished product I've ever built." – Frank Pinciotti, Project Manager, Turner Construction

Team's Perspective

"This is a phenomenal facility. The home locker rooms, the weight rooms, the training rooms are all top of the line." – Michael Brantley, Outfielder, Columbus Clippers



"This is a special place. It's a beautiful, beautiful structure, inside and out." – Torey Lovullo, Manager, Columbus Clippers

"This ballpark is absolutely breathtaking. [It is] a jewel that has exceeded everyone's expectations from Indians personnel, Clippers staffers, the players and even the fans. Huntington Park has certainly set a new standard by which every minor league baseball field will be compared to."
– Cleveland Indians Prospect Insider

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Fans' Perspective

"It's not an exaggeration to say Franklin County, the Columbus Clippers and 360 Architecture may have pulled off the ultimate ballpark, on any level ... It does provide the ultimate baseball experience." – Ballparkdigest.com

"Constructed with an eco- and fan-friendly design, the 10,000-seat gem ... is drawing comparisons to Cleveland's Progressive Field and Baltimore's Camden Yards – intriguing yet intimate, fancy but friendly." – John Ross, "Columbus Alive" magazine

"So what makes this facility so incredible and so innovative? Its location? Its stunning exterior? The main seating bowl? The concession stands – both in how they are designed and what they serve? The thoughtful extra touches? Yes, yes, yes, yes and yes." – BaseballParks.com

"There are a lot of cool things at Huntington Park, which comes as close to perfection as we've seen in any ballpark. With an embedded sense of place, a firm grasp on the grand history of



baseball and a commitment to the latest in fan comforts, Huntington Park represents the very finest in ballpark design and operations." – Ballparkdigest.com

"The removable batter's eye is like nothing I've ever seen. It's one of the many novel design elements in the park." – Charlie O'Reilly, veteran ballpark reviewer

"This is the place to go when you are looking for something to do on a nice summer night." – Doug Bender, Columbus resident

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