

# PROJECT SPOTLIGHT



## Kennesaw Mountain High School

### Game Planning for Friday Night Lights Starts in the Equipment Room

#### CHALLENGE

The equipment room at Cobb County, Georgia's Kennesaw Mountain High School measures 23 ft., 3½ in. by 15 ft., 4 in. Packed within those 356 square feet were football helmets, shoulder pads, thigh pads and jerseys for 250 athletes. With school funding at a minimum, expansion of the space was not an option.

*"We support and run our 6th, 7th and 8th grade football programs, plus our 9th grade junior varsity teams, as well as the varsity teams – all in this one location,"* said Varsity Head Football Coach Andy Scott. *"We had to have somewhere where we could store every bit of our equipment in an organized fashion."*

Helmets were either piled up on a table or hanging from wall hooks. Some jerseys for the various teams were bunched together and hanging on non-descript racks. Other items were haphazardly strewn about the room – some falling out of open boxes, others bunched together on tables.

*"We had a lot of reorganizing to do,"* said Devan Seabaugh, the president of the football boosters' club. It was Seabaugh and the booster club that helped jumpstart the project. *"We started looking at what we could do better as a program. All the coaches wanted to work with it. So we had several meetings. We knew that taking care of the equipment was something we had to do better."*

#### SOLUTION

*"In this scenario, a Spacesaver High-Density Mobile Storage System was an obvious choice,"* said Patterson Pope Sales Representative Dick Beery. *"It eliminated all but one movable aisle. This was a proven, effective way to condense storage when square footage is tight."*

The very limited work area led to an efficient storage solution design. Against one wall, a single 22-ft. row of static shelving was installed to anchor the system. To that, a pair of 16-ft.-long mobile units were added to create movable aisles. Adjustable shelving was installed to create item-specific storage compartments and cubbies.

*"They came in and measured everything we had,"* said Coach Scott. *"They talked to us about what we needed and what our goals were. They then surveyed all of the equipment and helped create a designated spot for every single piece. Now, we not only know exactly where everything is but it's a lot easier to get to, and that's a big deal."*



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Varsity Head Football Coach  
Kennesaw Mountain High School

## ACHIEVEMENT

The new space has created not only more room and a greater sense of organization but a feeling of pride, as well.

*"It's a lot more efficient than it was. We're able to get the right equipment to the right player so much more quickly and efficiently,"* said Seabaugh. *"As a program, we're headed in the right direction. This change was something that was really necessary. It looks nice, it functions well, and helped to create a pretty good feeling of accomplishment. Everyone's been happy with the results."*

Supporting so many athletes with so much stuff in such a small space is a common necessity for many of the Southeast's high school sports programs. Patterson Pope is happy to, in its own small way, contribute to the development of this traditional American pastime.

*"Working with Patterson Pope was great,"* added Scott. *"Just as you've got to have a great game plan for a Friday night tilt, it's pretty much the same in your equipment room. If you're considering a renovation, just tell Patterson Pope what you want, and they'll make it happen. It was amazing to see what they did for us."*

