



## Omaha Storm Chasers – Werner Park

Location:	Papillion, Nebraska
Owner:	Omaha Storm Chasers
Material Suppliers:	Diamond Pro Professional Vitrified Infield Conditioner with vitrified clay is manufactured in Streetman, TX.

Mitch McClary started his job as head groundskeeper at Werner Park, home of the Omaha Storm Chasers, Triple-A Affiliate of the Kansas City Royals, when the field opened in 2010. In prepping his infield for the season Mitch needed a product that was durable, cost effective and would look great on opening day.

He had previously experimented with Diamond Pro Professional Vitrified Infield Conditioner when he worked as head groundskeeper for another minor league park in Indiana. At first he tried using the vitrified very sparingly mixing it in a 30% ratio with Diamond Pro Calcined Clay Professional. He says he then moved to adding up to 80-90% in his blend because “I noticed the vitrified just didn’t break down like the calcined clays did and I felt it helped me water the skin more evenly.”

Once in Omaha, Mitch decided to try using nearly 100% Professional Vitrified. He was amazed at the results and said “lip maintenance was minimized because the vitrified material was less mobile than the calcined, especially in the windy conditions of Nebraska. The wear tolerance and durability is great. I still use Calcined Clay Professional on occasion for extremely wet conditions or puddles but my preference is 100% vitrified. Also, the vitrified allows my infield skin to breathe more than an all calcined clay conditioned field which makes my job of moisture management much easier.”

Since he had ample outdoor space, he inquired about the possibility of ordering in bulk to increase his cost effectiveness. Bulk delivery of 24 tons turned out to be roughly a 40% savings over the same quantity in bags and allowed Mitch to use the product more judiciously.

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### References | weblinks

Diamond Pro – [www.diamondpro.com](http://www.diamondpro.com) | Omaha Storm Chasers – <http://www.milb.com/index.jsp?sid=t541>  
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“Besides the improved durability, minimized lip maintenance, cost savings and ease of delivery,” Mitch says “the color options available allowed me to experiment with the aesthetics and helped me make my infield really pop!” **Diamond Pro Professional Vitrified** is available in four specialty colors – Gray (non-dyed), Dark Red, Dark Brown and Camden.

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