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## How Do You Do ....?

The Question -- How Do You Repair Your Batter's Boxes?

Answered by Tim Estesen and Mark Schimming of the Wichita Wranglers

We repair our batter's boxes after any event in which they have been dug out. We first sweep out the holes so that there is not even any dust left because we feel dust from old clay hurts the packing and consistency of the clay we use to rebuild the holes. We use new clay every time we rebuild because we feel this provides us with the best results and we can afford to do it.

After the holes have been swept, we sprinkle them with water from a watering can, applying just enough to moisten everything. If there are puddles, we've put on too much water. We then put a layer of new clay in the hole and tamp it down quite well. The layer of clay we use is usually about one inch thick, but the thickness would vary depending on the type of clay and how much you want to pack in. We then remoisten the clay and put another layer of new clay on and tamp it in. We will repeat this process until the holes have been filled and leveled.

We will check for "levelness" with the flat side of a rake, just pushing the rake over the area and looking for any depressions or high spots.

Tim likes to put a rag or towel over the clay as he packs it to keep the clay from doing that annoying sticking to the tamp. The rest of the crew just chooses to use the burlap or nylon covered tamps to prevent that problem.

We do these repairs every night after the game and broom it over or rake it over and the holes are pretty well taken care of.

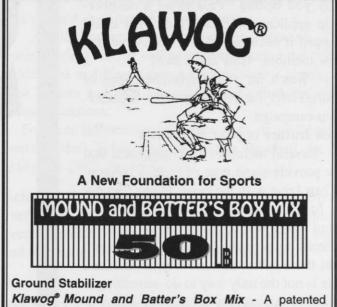
Periodically, we will remove the excess clay to compen-

sate for all the new clay that we have added.

Answered by Charles Forsman, Lakeside School, Seattle, Washington

Our school has one softball field, used for girls' fast pitch softball. Damage in the batter's box is minimal. We keep some of the infield dirt mix on hand for repairs. We rake out any holes, then fill them in with the appropriate amount of infield dirt and tamp it in. Retained soil

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