

# A palace worthy of kings



Staff photo by Terry Hagerty

BISD athletic director Gerald Perry kneels on the synthetic turf at the new BISD Memorial Stadium, Tuesday morning. Bastrop is the first high school in the United States that will play on TigerTurf's patented "Trophy Turf."

## Bastrop first high school in U.S. to install 'Trophy Turf'

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A high school football stadium in Texas is like a castle.

And there is no denying that the new BISD Memorial Stadium is nothing short than a palace worthy of kings.

From its high-definition video scoreboard to the state-of-the-art press box that has wireless Internet capabilities, Bastrop and Cedar Creek will be playing in one of the nicest high school football stadiums in Central Texas.

Those two amenities are enough to give it distinction, but the new stadium has distinction across the U.S.

When the turf was installed a couple of months ago, BISD Memorial Stadium became the first high school stadium in the country to install TigerTurf's "Trophy Turf."

This synthetic grass is supposed to "heighten athletic performance and provide longevity and better recovery than other turfs," according to TigerTurf's Web site.

BISD athletic director Gerald Perry said the turf is expected to last 10-14 years and will also be installed on Cedar Creek High School's practice field on the school's campus.

The turf was manufactured at a plant in Round Rock.

Erhard Field will stay grass

for now and will be used as a practice field, but Perry said he hopes to install the new turf there also.

"That's on our wish list," he said. "It's one of the things we want to get done."

BISD Memorial Stadium opens up a world of possibilities.

Perry hopes that the new stadium can host playoff games, district track and field meets and soccer tournaments without the damage a grass field would sustain.

The new stadium is said to be completed by Aug. 16., which is just in time to host Bastrop's scrimmage against Seguin on Aug. 22.