

Joliet's Silver Cross Field Named Best Playing Surface in 2008

The Northern League announced that Joliet's Silver Cross Field was named the Best Playing Surface in 2008 as voted on by the league's managers, pitching coaches, general managers, radio announcers, and local media (2).

Publicly financed by the City of Joliet at a cost of \$27 million dollars, Silver Cross Field opened on May 24th, 2002. Having just completed its seventh season in the Northern League, it marks the second time in three years the franchise has received this award.

Nick Hill, who just finished his third season as the JackHammers Head Groundskeeper, leads the care of the field. Assisting him daily with the field during the season were Matt Hotuyec (assistant) and Devin Reese (intern).

Also on game days, the grounds crew included Josh Tucek and Danny Eichelzer.



The previous winners selected as the Best Playing Surface in the Northern League are Newman Outdoor Field (Fargo, ND), Haymarket Park (Lincoln, NE), and Lewis & Clark Park (Sioux City, IA).

Best Playing Surface in Northern League

<u>Year</u>	<u>Stadium</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Location</u>
2008	Silver Cross Field	Joliet JackHammers	Joliet, IL
2007	Newman Outdoor Field	Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks	Fargo, ND
2006	Silver Cross Field	Joliet JackHammers	Joliet, IL
2005	Haymarket Park	Lincoln Saltdogs	Lincoln, NE
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2000	Lewis & Clark Park	Sioux City Explorers	Sioux City, IA



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