

New Rink - - New Season

DCU Center Renovations



The DCU Center saw many renovations beginning over the summer and was completed only days before the Sharks' home opener. The new ice, boards, and glass will guarantee a better view for fans and a safer level of play for the athletes. Come by the DCU Center and check out the changes as the Sharks make a bid to get back to the Calder Cup Playoffs!



WE CAN SEE!

One of the aesthetic improvements to the rink was the insertion of seamless glass. The seamless glass doesn't have metal poles holding the pieces together, so fans now have an unobstructed view of their favorite Sharks players!



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The only metal that now exists is in the penalty box area.

Notice the picture of the top caps in the penalty box – the glass is not directly impacted during play, so the bolts are tighter. As you can see, the bolts are fastened against both sides of the glass.



Look below for a better view of the top caps that hold the glass together. You will notice that the bolts are not fastened as tight as they are in the penalty box. Instead, there is a spring between the bolt and the glass, which allows it to move. Since this glass is directly impacted by players during the games, the spring creates more give, which means less chance for injury to the players.

Shock absorbers have been inserted under the rim of the dasher on the fan side of the glass. These work to further improve player safety.

GREAT VIEW!



SAFETY



SHOCK ABSORPTION

THE BOARDS

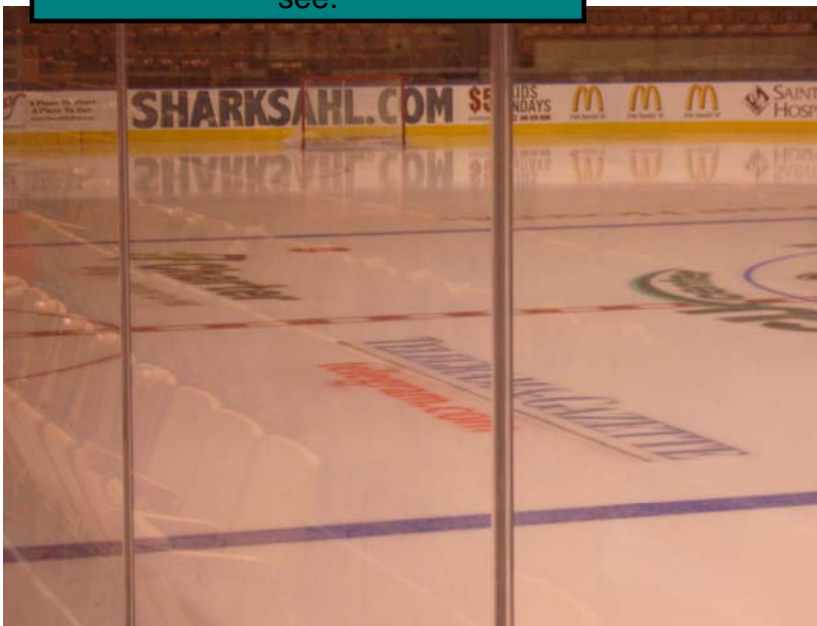
The boards are more cohesive than they were prior to the renovations.

This aspect was a cosmetic renovation as well as one that will provide better quality of play for the Sharks!

A plastic molding has been inserted where the dasher meets the boards for a sleeker look.

Another major renovation is where the ice meets the boards. This new enhancement allows the puck to sail along the boards more smoothly, offering a much more “true” bounce.

From a spectator’s perspective, the biggest change is in the corners – the game is now much easier to see.



THE ICE

The entire surface of the ice was redone, as well as the ice plant and cooling system underneath. All of these systems work together to create, maintain, and keep the ice cool.



Worcester Sharks’ Senior VP of Hockey and Business Administration Michael Mudd said, “The new renovations offer major improvements from both a hockey and spectator point of view.”