

AGC Specialty Contractor

MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF A DIFFICULT JOB

Project: Reno Aces Ball Park
Contractor: Martin Iron Works
Project Size: Over \$500,000

When the new AAA baseball stadium was proposed for downtown Reno, the contractors who bid it knew they had to hit a home run every single day. Experts agreed the project should take 18 to 24 months. However, baseball season started much sooner. It was a monumental challenge for Martin Iron Works and other contractors, but the park was built in just ten months.

The stadium was designed to hold 14,000 people. Martin Iron Works furnished and installed all the structural steel, scoreboard laced columns, batter's eye framing, miles of handrails, guardrails, metal deck, foul-ball screens, and fencing and gates. That added up to 912 tons of steel. And the design was done during a stringent construction schedule.

The steel had to be ordered from various mills. Martin was able to allocate the steel needed with constant revisions and yet leave no lapse in time in order to make rolling schedules. Martin was able to procure the steel in just half the time that procurement would have normally taken. All three of Martin's fabrication shops were used on the hectic schedule, with employees working 10 hour days, seven days a week.

The project manager for the primary contractor called Martin



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Iron Works an "invaluable member" of the construction team on what was one of the most difficult projects ever undertaken in Northern Nevada. Doug Browne of general contractor Devcon Construction says Martin understood that every day was critical and not a day could be lost, and that without Martin's "outstanding performance," the Reno Aces would not be playing baseball in April of 2009.

