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**AAE Introduces The First BallStopper System  
For More Efficient Play On The Field**

**West Conshohocken, PA** -- August 25, 2000 -- Aluminum Athletic Equipment

Company, a leading manufacturer of state-of-the-art athletic equipment, has developed an exclusive BallStopper System for more efficient practice and play for soccer, field hockey, and lacrosse. This unique system saves players the time and effort of running to retrieve scattered balls.

AAE's new HBS BallStopper System is comprised of a barrier net and uprights located behind the goals to stop balls from being scattered beyond the area of play. This system keeps the ball in play during games and allows more practice time for actual skill-development, game situations and strategies. AAE's BallStopper System also creates the ability for more activities to be played at the same time, on the same field, and is maintenance free. The BallStopper System is available in both self-standing and ground sleeve models to accommodate synthetic and natural turf fields.

Model HBS-1 is comprised of 2-3/8" diameter, heavy-wall aluminum uprights installed into ground sleeves. Synthetic netting, with a galvanized coated cable attached to top and ground level, is then attached to the uprights with rustproof snaps. Netting can be lowered easily and raised to allow lawnmowers access to the area for cutting.

Model HBS-2 is comprised of a ground level structure of 2”square aluminum uprights inserted into fabricated aluminum bases. Bases are interconnected at ground level with our new 2” square slotted structural aluminum extrusion, which houses AAE’s NAS Net Attachment Strip. Synthetic treated netting, with a galvanized coated cable attached to the top, is then permanently fastened to the NAS Net Attachment Strip at ground level. Netting can be lowered easily after use or as required.

The cost of the BallStopper System depends on the model chosen. The HBS-1 (ground sleeve model) costs \$20.00/linear foot, while the HBS-2 (self-standing model) costs \$30.00/linear foot.

Since inventing and patenting the aluminum rocker hurdle in 1950, AAE has introduced a multitude of new products for use by coaches and athletes worldwide. With the use of advanced technology and design innovations, the firm makes over 250 items for track & field, football, soccer, field hockey, lacrosse, baseball, softball and rugby. AAE develops, fabricates and assembles most products at its West Conshohocken headquarters located in suburban Philadelphia.

AAE’s HBS BallStopper Systems, as well as all of its product lines, are sold direct. For more product information call 1-800-523-5471.

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