

# Project Summary

## University of North Carolina



**K**oury Natatorium is recognized as one of the finest facilities in the nation. The pool itself measures 50m x 25 yards, and has two moveable bulkheads. The shallow end is seven feet deep, and the deepest end is 18 feet deep. The Natatorium can hold approximately 2,000 spectators, and features 5-, 3-, and 1-meter boards and platforms for diving events.

The natatorium was constructed in 1986, and has been host to numerous showcase events and Atlantic Coast Conference Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving Championships. In 2006, the University made the decision to update the swim timing and scoring equipment. However, the new equipment wasn't just a needed upgrade; it was a way to honor coach Frank Comfort, who retired in the summer of 2007.

After coaching 30 years at UNC and more than 500 total dual-meet victories, a record among collegiate swimming coaches, Comfort deserved to be recognized. Installation of new equipment for the natatorium seemed like a fitting tribute.

The facility was already well equipped with an in-deck system, light reflective numeric scoreboard and pace clocks, and standard starting blocks.

# Installation

Since UNC already had a complete Colorado timing system in place, there were no integration issues between the new and old equipment. The University contacted Sports Timing & Software, a Colorado Time Systems distributor in Mount Pleasant, SC. Two full-color video display boards (23mm 96 x 128 and 23mm 96 x 160) -- one for swimming and one for diving, 6 blue LED wireless pace clocks, Colorado Blocks with Relay Judging Platforms, System 6 Timing Console, and Quick Connect Deck Plates were chosen for the natatorium.

“The Colorado Time Systems scoreboard is an invaluable part of our college dual meets and club meets for both swimming and diving,” says Erick Stefanski, Assistant Swimming Coach. “We also use the scoreboard during practice and water polo tournaments. We have connected it to a satellite dish to use it as a big television for our college basketball games as students wait to get tickets. We’ve used it for highlight and psych-up videos to get the crowd and team going before each home meet, and we used it for Senior Day to display pictures and video of the graduating seniors. The parents and spectators love it!”

“We have been fortunate to have UNC as our customer for about 6 years now,” said Billy Culbertson, co-owner, Sports Timing & Software. “The relationship we have built allows us to address all of their aquatic timing and scoring needs now and into the future.”

Sports Timing & Software doesn’t just install and maintain equipment for UNC, they also run swim meets.

“We ran all of their meets last year, including dual meets and large invitationals,” said Culbertson. “We were also on-site for the timing operations for the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Championships, both Men’s and Women’s.”

Sports Timing & Software is an authorized Distributor and Service Provider for Colorado Time Systems. Contact them at:

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## Koury Natatorium features:

- 23mm 96 x 128 full color video display
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- Colorado Blocks
- Relay Judging Platforms with Speedlights
- System 6 Timing Console
- Pace Clocks with blue LED digits
- Championship Start System
- AquaGrip Touchpads
- Complete Diving System

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