

Tulsa's ONEOK Field Construction On Track For Opening Day



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TULSA, OK -- The company in charge of construction at ONEOK Field, Manhattan Construction, is confident the downtown Tulsa stadium will still be ready for opening day, despite recent rainy weather.

Project manager Bob Jack had a rare opportunity Sunday to tour the facility he is building while the sun was shining. Sunday was perfect baseball weather, but the recent run of rainy days has been less than ideal stadium-building weather.

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"We did get hit with weather days, but our crews are working seven days a week, and we've got some fine subcontractors on the site and they'll make up for that, and we don't see that as a problem," said Jack.

One advantage to recent rainy weather is it has given officials a chance to test the drainage system beneath the sod, which was put in about three weeks ago. So far, they say it's gone perfectly.

"The drainage system on the field works really well. And also, we've got a lot of moisture for our grass, which is coming along extremely well," said Jack.

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