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FUN SNOW FACT OF THE DAY

From Spokane Parks & Recreation

By tomorrow Parks and Recreation staff will have moved nearly 50,000 square feet of snow at the Merkel Sports Complex so far this season. When you combine that with the undocumented amount of snow and ice that staff moved at Albi Stadium during Thanksgiving week, along with the snow around the Merkel parking lot and entrance... the figures are impressive:

2 fields @ 120 yards x 70 yards x 12 inches of snow at the start of removal x 3 (to convert to square feet) = 50,400 square feet.

It truly is a bowl of snow, as Carl Strong calls it – “A ‘snow bowl!”

About the Dwight Merkel Sports Complex

Named for one of the city’s most influential figures in the development of athletic competition for children, the Dwight Merkel Sports Complex was constructed using \$7 million from the 2007 City of Spokane Parks Improvement Bond along with \$4 million from the sale of park property that was approved by City voters in 1999 and subsequently held in reserve.

The new Dwight Merkel Sports Complex features:

- Six full size natural grass soccer fields
- Two full size synthetic athletic fields with lights
- Five softball diamonds with lights
- One youth baseball field
- Concessions, rest rooms and meeting space
- BMX track with lights & timing equipment
- Skate Park
- Neighborhood park with splash pad & playground
- Paved perimeter trail, plus an unpaved hiking trail approximately 1 mile long that leads down to Riverside State Park’s trails and offers outstanding views of the Spokane River.

For more information www.spokaneparks.org