

Linn-Mar facilities damaged by strong winds

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The adage says an ill wind blows nobody good, and the one that swept through the Linn-Mar athletics complex Wednesday night is proof of that.

The wind, which featured gusts estimated at up to 80 mph, tore the roof from the first-base side (visitor's) dugout at the baseball field and flattened some fencing around the tennis courts. The worst damage, though, was to the scoreboard at the new football stadium.

"The wind tore a piece off it," Linn-Mar Athletics Director Scott Mahmens said Thursday.

Repairs to the tennis courts and dugout are relatively minor. That probably won't be the case with the new video board at the football stadium.

"I'm sure it's not going to be cheap," Mahmens said. "We're going to get in touch with Fair Play (the manufacturer)."