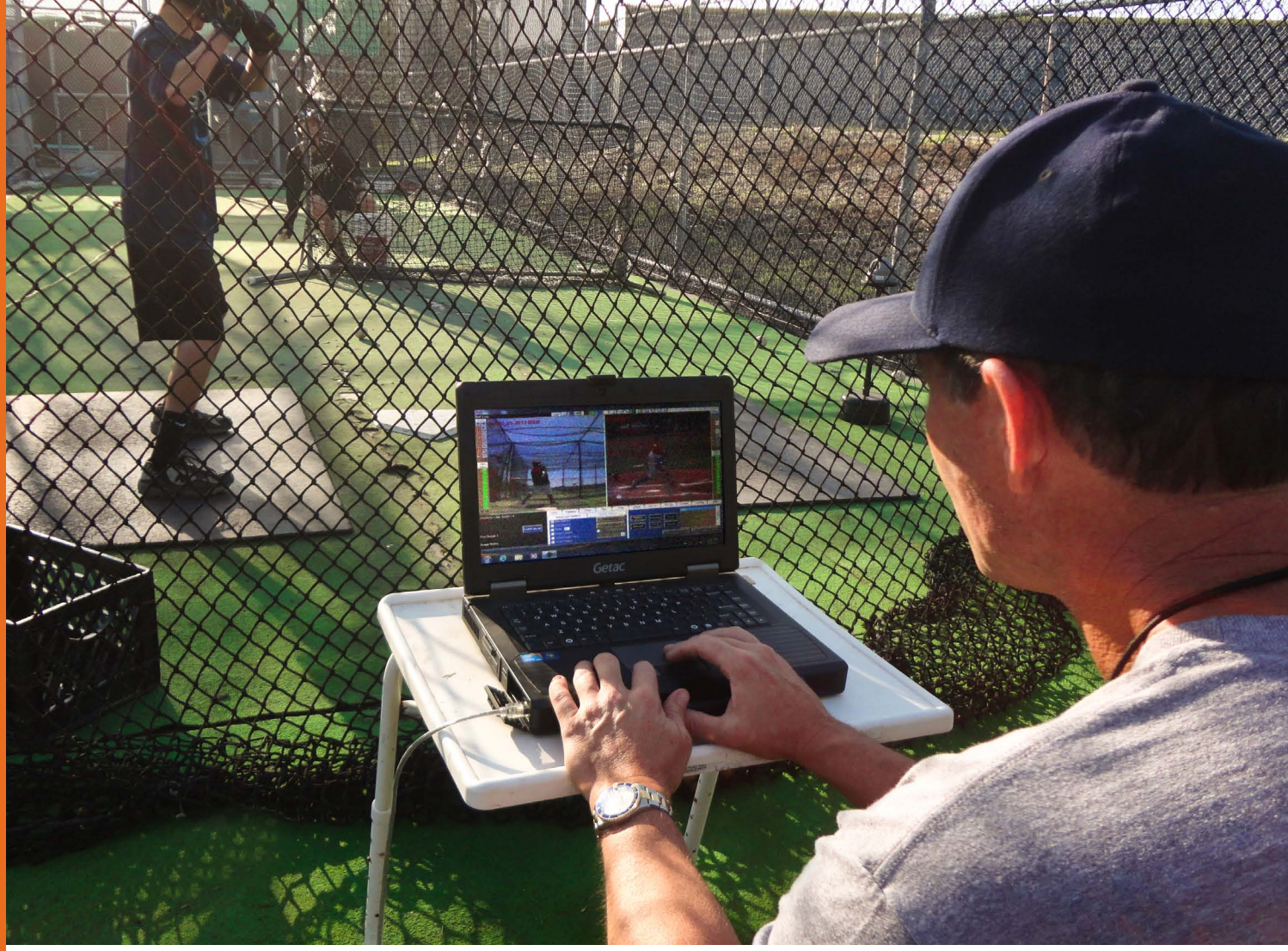

Case Study - *RightView Pro*

RightView Pro Turns to Getac For Its Rugged Computer Needs

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President, RightView Pro

Former Major League Baseball Player, Don Slaught had a vision to create a tool where kids and coaches could communicate and easily identify flaws in the player's swing and pitching motion. He felt that the only way to do this was with models of Major League Baseball players and professional softball players. Slaught went to Major League Baseball and they agreed that kids and coaches needed models to compare good mechanics from bad. At that moment, RightView Pro (RVP) was born.

RVP offers a full line of training systems for baseball and softball. Users get a complete training system combining a state-of-the-art video analysis system with Major League and professional models, definable terminology, and top-notch instruction, resulting in a true understanding of the swing and pitching motions. The purpose of the system was to develop a better way to see, understand, and teach what the best players do. RVP gives the coach or player all the tools necessary to analyze their skills with immediate feedback.

"RVP's goal is to provide coaches with all the tools, the models, and the instruction to help them communicate more effectively with their students," said Slaught. RightView Pro is the only training system licensed by Major League Baseball, the MLB Player's Association (MLBPA), and the National Pro Fastpitch League (NPF).

After intense testing with the USA Olympic Team and Major College programs, RVP chose an analog camera system for customization at stadiums and facilities. But the key to the system is the semi-rugged computer, loaded with the RightView Pro analysis software. RVP has four levels of training systems for coaches. All four RVP systems contain MLB hitting models and enable the user to capture, draw, measure, and compare on multiple screens.

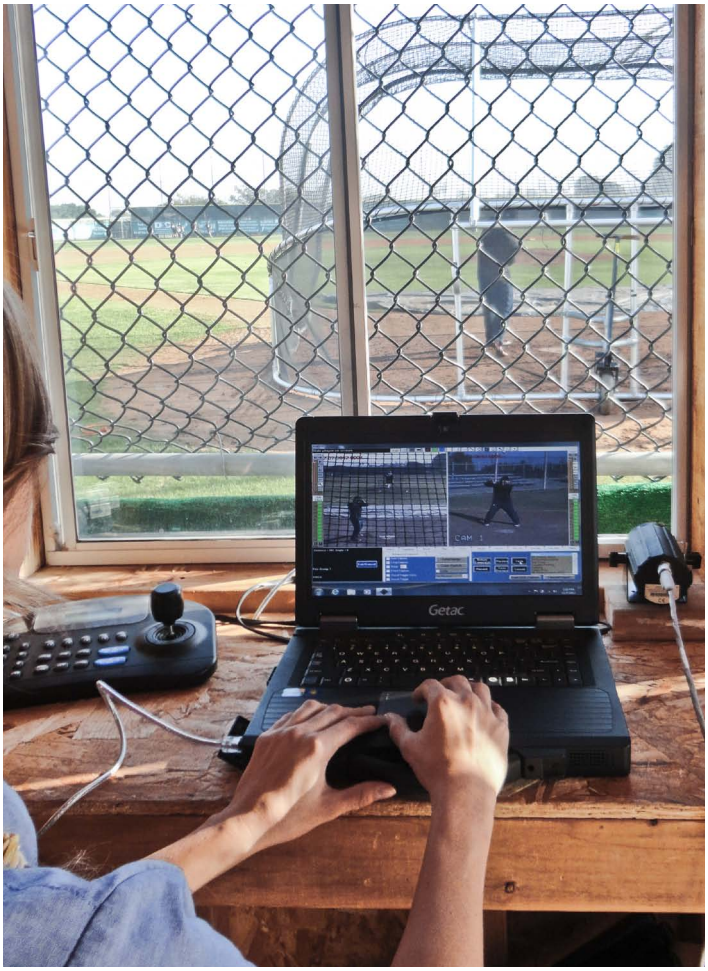
Initially, Slaught used a variety of consumer-grade computers to support the analysis software but later found they needed something that could withstand more of the extreme conditions on the field and make it easier for coaches and trainers to make full use of the software.

Then he turned to Getac and its rugged and semi-rugged computer product lines. These computers also offered Slaught the ability to customize the hardware to meet the exact needs of his clients. Slaught found the Getac S400 semi-rugged computer met all of his needs. “They can take the outdoor elements and the wear and tear of avid users,” Slaught said. “The Getac S400 was the perfect RVP computer with all of the durability and functionality needed for baseball and softball.”

Durability was high on the list of “must haves”. “With some of the teams, they could face snow and cold in the Northeast in March and a day later have to deal with heat and humidity in Florida,” said Slaught. “Additionally, because these computers are used in the field, they need to be able to withstand all the dust that gets kicked up from the baseball and softball fields.”
Getac built the S400 with its new KryptoShell body material. This new KryptoShell body allows the S400 to meet or exceed MIL-STD-810G temperature, shock, and vibration specifications including a three-foot drop on six faces. Every port door and hinge was engineered to withstand a twist strength of up to 30 kilograms of force per centimeter. The S400 provides advanced protection against harmful dust ingress (IP5X) and is one of the most rugged semi-rugged notebooks ever made.

Over the last 18 months, Slaught has purchased approximately 40 Getac S400 units which are loaded with the RVP Analysis software. “The Getac S400 has all of the features to maximize the processes of our software offering,” said Slaught. “Our clients tag video of baseball and softball games outside. The Getac S400 comes with the external ports—like the Firewire ports for dual video capture capabilities—which are necessary to run our software as well as a daylight readable screen in a semi-rugged format.”

The ability to see the screen clearly was one of the most important features of the Getac S400 which won Slaught over. The QuadraClear display combines proprietary technologies for both screen brightness and anti-reflectivity to reduce the sunlight’s reflectivity and providing an effective contrast rate seven times better than other displays, while still maintaining the battery



life needed in the field. The QuadraClear display is powered by LEDs that provide an energy efficient display that is mercury-free, durable and consistent in brightness over time.