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New baseball and softball academy offers private lessons, video pitching simulator

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The Sandlot Baseball & Softball Academy, now open at 4533 Johnston St. next to Lafayette's Incredible Pizza Company, features the newest in batting video simulation, called the ProBatter PX2 pitching simulator.

The simulator includes a standard pitching machine behind a tall projection screen in the batting cage, with a small hole in the center for a ball to be shot out.

Batters can choose what type of pitcher they'd like to face, and video clips of a pitcher are projected on the screen, with the baseball or softball coming out simultaneously with the video pitcher's follow-through motion.

Teams like the Cleveland Indians, New York Mets and Chicago White Sox have all allegedly installed the ProBatter system at their practice facilities or farm teams, according to the company's press release.

The Sandlot staff caters to serious baseball and softball players from throughout Acadiana, offering fundamentals training courses, private lessons, and strength and conditioning lessons.

Now open, the Sandlot Baseball & Softball Academy can be reached at 295-7002.
