

Troy resident to unveil new batting tee at local stores

Gabe Gross will help promote item

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Troy resident Ron Pierce is so confident in his invention, that has 1,500 in storage at warehouse ready to sell.

Now, he's hoping baseball enthusiasts will be just as excited.

Pierce, owner of Troy Baseball MVP Training Center, has developed a product he's call Multi-Tee, labeled as a dynamic and effective hitting tool which offers a unique design that has not previously been available on the market.

On first appearance, the product looks like many other hitting tees. But the Multi-Tee can be set up to create dozens of hitting scenarios on which to practice – such as inside pitch, outside and middle pitches.

The double-tee is fully adjustable, making it easy to set up for either a right- or left-handed batters.

For those interested in seeing for themselves what this training device can offer, Pierce will have his tee on display at C&M Sporting Goods in Dothan this Saturday from 2-4p.m. Earlier in the day, the tee will be displayed at Jab's Sporting Goods in Troy from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m.

Expected to be present at both locations is former Northview, Auburn and current Major League Baseball player Gabe Gross of the Milwaukee Brewers.

Pierce made contact with Gross several weeks ago, and he agreed to help him promote the device.

“He like what he saw,” Pierce said. “He hit on it in his backyard in Auburn and going to shows in Dothan, Troy and Opelika to help out.”

Pierce was a two-time All Gulf South Conference pitcher for Troy (1976-1977) during his college playing days and was inducted into the Troy University Baseball Hall of Fame in 1991.

He began the Troy MVP Training Center, an indoor facility, in 2003 to work individually with players to help them improve baseball and softball skills.

For more information and illustrations of the tee, visit www.multi-tee.com.