



MAS 500

CUSTOMER

RDV Sports

CORPORATE PROFILE

Headquarters

Orlando, Florida

Type of Business

Owner of sports teams, sports facility

Ownership

Private

Number of Employees

500

SYSTEM PROFILE

Computer System

- Compaq ProLiant Dual Processor Server + RAID
- TCP/IP
- Windows NT Network

MAS 500 Modules in Operation

- Accounts Payable
- Accounts Receivable
- Cash Management
- Customizer
- eExecutive
- General Ledger

Orlando Magic's Owner Scores Big with MAS 500

RDV Sports, the parent company of the NBA's Orlando Magic, combines sports, wellness, and entertainment into a blend of spectator and participant experience unmatched by any other company in the world. A Rich DeVos family-owned and managed company, RDV Sports owns not only the Orlando Magic but also the International Hockey League's Orlando Solar Bears and the Women's National Basketball Association's Orlando Miracle. RDV Sports also owns and operates the RDV Sportsplex, a state-of-the-art, family-oriented facility offering the world's largest selection of sports, health, and wellness opportunities.



Getting the Team Together

As owner of the Orlando Magic and Miracle basketball teams, the Orlando Solar Bears hockey team, and a world-class sportsplex, RDV Sports needed a powerful accounting software package that could integrate its seven businesses, as well as track day-to-day operations.

"We needed a package that could process multiple inter-company

transactions, as well as the ability to link with other software packages within our organization," says Jeff Bissey, finance manager for the Orlando Magic. "Our previous accounting software couldn't handle those needs."

In addition, their old accounting system wouldn't run on Pentium processors, limiting their ability to use current software.

MAS 500 – A Slam Dunk

After months of evaluating various options, they discovered MAS 500 from Best Software. One of the selling points was

CHALLENGE

Acquire a powerful accounting system that can integrate seven businesses, track day to day operations, process a multitude of inter-company transactions and easily transfer data.

SOLUTION

MAS 500 business management solution.

RESULTS

Complete inter-company integration; Smooth data conversion and transfer; Seamless data flow; Extensive accounting, analysis and reporting capabilities; Enhanced operational efficiency.

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Orlando Magic*

the system’s ability to link all of RDV Sports’ businesses with the touch of a button.

The final decision to go with the MAS 500 business management solution was based on the belief that Best Software, along with their reseller, could offer the most effective implementation team.

“We were very pleased with the smooth conversion of our data, as well as the MAS 500 user-friendly environment within each module,” says Bissey. “No one had time for a long learning curve on a new product and we were surprised how quickly we were trained and functioning in the software.”

MAS 500 has risen to the challenge of managing RDV’s extensive and unique accounting functions. Included among the challenges the application has successfully met, was the task of managing Magic ticket refunds for the 1998–1999 season lockout.

In order to track refund information for season ticket holders including cost and interest, RDV needed to import a large amount of data from an outside source.

Using a method developed by their reseller, RDV was able to convert ticket data quickly and accurately, saving RDV time and money.

RDV was also impressed with the MAS 500 report-writing capabilities. With its pre-configured settings and Crystal

Reports, the accountants have more leverage and flexibility.

“Another factor in choosing MAS 500 was its ability to produce electronic reporting with the capability to drill down into the general ledger,” says Bissey. “When we start utilizing electronic reporting, we will greatly expedite the flow of information through our company as well as become more efficient in our day to day operations.”

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