Andrus Field is the home of Wesleyan Baseball and is the oldest continuously used baseball field in existence today. Since at least 1874, baseball has been played on the “Ball-Ground” on the “back field” of the Wesleyan campus and has been home to the Cardinals ever since.

Initially, the area now known as Andrus Field featured baseball contests between Wesleyan students grouped by class year. Wesleyan’s first intercollegiate game took place against Yale in New Haven on Sept. 30, 1865. This was the second college baseball game ever played.

With the help of Wesleyan President Joseph Cummings, the area which became Andrus Field was fully cleared to improve play on Nov. 25, 1874. This also enabled football to play on the site as well. Wesleyan’s first football game was in New Haven against Yale as well, on Nov. 20, 1875.

The first home football game for Wesleyan took place on October, 31, 1881 against the Amherst Aggies (now UMass-Amherst). Andrus Field is the oldest continuously-used college football field in the nation. The field was officially christened Andrus Field in 1897, named for Wesleyan alumnus and benefactor John E. Andrus (1862), and the first baseball game after the field was named took place in 1898 as Wesleyan beat the University of Virginia, 6-4.

On May 1, 2010, the field was rechristened Dresser Diamond at Andrus Field, named in honor of Jim Dresser (1963), former Chairman of the Wesleyan Board of Trustees, for his lifelong service to the University.

A picturesque setting in the middle of the Wesleyan campus, Dresser Diamond at Andrus Field is surrounded on three sides by stately buildings of the University: Fayerweather (formerly a gymnasium) and the Usdan Campus Center in left and center fields; College Row, including the chapel, in right field; and Olin Library rising up along the first-base line.

The grand Foss Hill overlooks the third-base line and serves as a natural place to watch the games. This central location of Dresser Diamond helps the Cardinals routinely draw more fans per game than every other college in the Northeast.