

SAM HOOD FIELD

Sam Hood Field, one of the finest soccer facilities in Conference USA and home of the Marshall Thundering Herd, provides one of the nation's best home field advantages. With an overall record of 72-33-8 (.673), the Herd has outscored its opponents 256-130 in 113 games of action at Sam Hood Field.

Sam Hood Field was restored as one of the toughest places to win in Conference USA during the 2009 and 2010 campaigns. In '09, the Herd was 6-1 at home with its sole loss coming to No. 12 Tulsa, 2-1. Marshall defeated C-USA foes Memphis, SMU, and UAB at Sam Hood Field that season, and took down FIU and South Carolina in 2010. Overall the Herd went 5-2-1 at home in 2010.

Committed to competing against the nation's best, Marshall hosted a pair of ranked conference opponents, No. 10 SMU and No. 11 Tulsa, during the 2007 campaign. Despite a few losses, the Herd still managed to salvage four wins, including a thrilling double-overtime victory over Western Kentucky.

During the 2006 season, the Herd posted a major upset at home with a 2-1 victory over its highest ranked opponent, No. 11 South Carolina, and then forced a 1-1 tie with No. 17 Kentucky. With an enthusiastic crowd that routinely exceeds 1,000 spectators, Sam Hood Field is consistently viewed as a hostile environment for opposing teams.

Sam Hood Field has been the home to Marshall soccer since 1996, thanks to a generous donation from local businessman and former Marshall men's soccer coach Sam Hood (1981). Since its completion, Marshall has constantly made significant efforts to ensure Sam Hood Field remains one of the top premier soccer fields. With the addition of stadium lights in 1997, a new scoreboard in 1998, and permanent bleachers that bring the seating capacity to 1,500, Sam Hood Field is a facility that is constantly improving.

The 2007 season marked a new first for Herd soccer when a press box was established at the facility. The addition allowed for statisticians, radio crews, and video capabilities to work with an aerial view of Sam Hood Field.

Arguably, the most exciting aspect of Sam Hood Field is the playing surface itself. Bermuda grass is the world's premier surface for soccer and Marshall University is one of the northern-most schools in the nation to have such a pitch. Prior to the 2007 season, a new drainage system was put into place to keep the Bermuda grass ready for competition throughout a heavy rainstorm.

The men's soccer team utilizes the adjacent Jonathan Edward Dunfee Strength and Conditioning Center, which opened in the summer of 2006, and is looking forward to the construction of a new soccer stadium for the 2012 season.



SAM HOOD FIELD STATS

RECORDS AT SAM HOOD FIELD

TEAM RECORDS

Most Goals in a Game

9 vs. Transylvania, 9/27/00
vs. Alderson-Broaddus, 10/21/03

Most Assists in a Game

11 vs. Marietta, 9/19/01

Most Points in a Game

25 vs. Alderson-Broaddus, 10/21/03

Most Shots in a Game

35 vs. Salem-Teikyo, 10/20/96

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Most Goals in a Game

3 Ian Leggat vs. Howard, 10/17/99
Byron Carmichael vs. Akron 10/1/00
Byron Carmichael vs. Liberty 9/19/01
Byron Carmichael vs. Elon 10/11/02

Most Assists in a Game

2 Numerous

Most Points in a Game

7 Ian Leggat vs. Howard, 10/17/99

Most Saves in a Game

10 Joe Nebel vs. Akron, 10/8/04

TEAM RECORD AT SAM HOOD FIELD

Year	Record	Pct.
1996	7-3-2	.667
1997	7-0-0	1.000
1998	4-3-0	.571
1999	4-2-1	.643
2000	8-0-1	.944
2001	7-1-0	.875
2002	5-2-0	.714
2003	4-4-0	.500
2004	6-2-1	.722
2005	2-4-0	.333
2006	2-1-1	.625
2007	4-4-0	.500
2008	1-4-1	.250
2009	6-1-0	.857
2010	5-2-1	.688
Total	72-33-8	.673

SAM HOOD FIELD QUICK FACTS

First Game: Sept. 1, 1996 vs Radford (1-1)

First Win: Sept. 21, 1996 vs Wofford (5-1)

Seating Capacity: 1500

Record in Home Openers: 8-3-2

Record Under Gray: 72-33-8

Longest Winning Streak: 10 (Nov. 6, 1996-Oct. 2, 1998)

Longest Losing Streak: 3 (Sept. 8, 2005-Oct. 7, 2005)

DIRECTIONS TO SAM HOOD FIELD

From I-64: Take Exit 11 (Hal Greer Blvd.). Take ramp north toward Hal Greer Blvd. Continue along Hal Greer Blvd. to 5th Avenue. Turn right and continue to 21st Street. Turn left. Field is located to right, behind football stadium.

From US-52 (Ohio): Follow US-52 eastbound into Chesapeake. Cross the Ohio-West Virginia bridge. Turn left onto 5th Avenue and follow to 21st Street. Turn left. Field is located to right, behind football stadium.