



Darrell K Royal - Texas Memorial Stadium



TEXAS MEMORIAL STADIUM

A concrete stadium to replace wooden Clark Field was a long-time dream of University of Texas athletics director L. Theo Bellmont. In 1923, that dream turned to reality as Bellmont met with 30 student leaders and initiated a plan to build a stadium. The idea was presented to the Board of Regents, who approved the project in December 1923. A Central Stadium Committee was named at the Regents meeting on Jan. 16, 1924, and the project was underway.

Heralded as "the largest sports facility of its kind in the Southwest" upon its completion in 1924, the first unit of the stadium consisted of the east and west stands with a seating capacity of 27,000. A product of University of Texas and state pride, the stadium was financed through donations from both students and alumni. The estimated cost of the structure was \$275,000.

The enthusiasm was at an all-time high, and UT was forced to construct temporary bleachers to accommodate the overflow crowd of approximately 33,000 people at the dedication ceremonies during the 1924 Texas A&M game.

The UT student body decided to dedicate the stadium in honor of the 198,520 Texans — 5,280 of whom lost their lives — who fought in World War I. On Veteran's Recognition Day 1996, the stadium was rededicated to veterans of all wars in an effort to insure the memory of those who fought valiantly to preserve freedom.

HONORING DARRELL ROYAL

The University of Texas honored legendary head football coach Darrell Royal by adding his name to the Longhorns' stadium (Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium) in 1996. Royal, who led UT to three National Championships and 11 Southwest Conference titles in 20 seasons (1957-76), was recognized and the stadium officially named for him the weekend of the Notre Dame game that year.

TOP DIVISION 1-A FOOTBALL STADIUMS

109,901	Michigan Stadium	Michigan
107,282	Beaver Stadium	Penn State
102,455	Neyland Stadium	Tennessee
102,329	Ohio Stadium	Ohio State
101,821	Bryant-Denny Stadium	Alabama
100,119	DARRELL K ROYAL-TEXAS MEMORIAL STADIUM/JAMAIL FIELD	TEXAS
93,607	Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum [^]	USC
92,746	Sanford Stadium	Georgia
92,400	Tiger Stadium	LSU
91,136	Rose Bowl [^]	UCLA
88,548	Ben Hill Griffin Stadium	Florida
87,451	Jordan-Hare Stadium	Auburn
83,002	Kyle Field	Texas A&M
82,300	Doak S. Campbell Stadium	Florida State
82,112	Memorial Stadium	Oklahoma
81,500	Memorial Stadium	Clemson
81,067	Memorial Stadium	Nebraska
80,795	Notre Dame Stadium	Notre Dame
80,321	Camp Randall Stadium	Wisconsin
80,250	Williams-Brice Stadium	South Carolina

[^] not located on campus

LONGEST TEXAS HOME WINNING STREAK

42 games — began with a 31-3 win against Oklahoma State on Oct. 5, 1968, and ended with a 30-0 loss to Houston on Nov. 6, 1976

DARRELL K ROYAL-TEXAS MEMORIAL STADIUM QUICK FACTS

Last game at Clark Field

Texas 7, Florida 7 on Oct. 25, 1924

First game at Texas Memorial Stadium

Baylor 28, Texas 10 on Nov. 8, 1924
Attendance: 13,500

Texas Memorial Stadium dedication game

Texas 7, Texas A&M 0
on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27, 1924
Attendance: 35,000

First night game

Texas Tech 20, Texas 14
on Sept. 17, 1955
Attendance: 47,000

First game on Astro Turf

Texas 49, Texas Tech 7 on Sept. 27, 1969
Attendance: 65,200

Last game on Astro Turf

Texas 21, Baylor 13 on Nov. 23, 1995
Attendance: 58,497

First game at Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium

Texas 40, Missouri 10
on Aug. 31, 1996
Attendance: 70,613

Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium dedication game

Notre Dame 27, Texas 24
on Sept. 21, 1996
Attendance: 83,312

Last game prior to track removal

Texas 26, Texas A&M 24
on Nov. 27, 1998
Attendance: 83,687

DARRELL K ROYAL-TEXAS MEMORIAL STADIUM EXPANSION HISTORY

Nov. 8, 1924: First game — UT lost to Baylor, 28-10. On Nov. 27, UT defeated Texas A&M 7-0 in the dedication game.

1926: A north-end horseshoe with 13 arches was added increasing stadium capacity to 40,500. **Cost:** \$125,000.

1948: Twenty-six rows were added to the east and west stands. Additionally, a south section was built to push the stadium capacity to 60,130. **Cost:** \$1.4 million.

1955: Eight sets of 100-foot towers were erected, four on the east and west sides, to fully illuminate Memorial Stadium. On Sept. 17, 1955, 47,000 fans attended the first night game in UT football history. Texas Tech defeated the Longhorns 20-14 for the first home-opening loss in UT history. **Cost:** \$200,000.

1967-1972: Artificial turf, a tartan track and aluminum seats were installed at Memorial Stadium. On Sept. 27, 1969, 65,200 fans looked on as UT defeated Texas Tech 49-7 in the first game played on the new artificial surface. The 15,990-seat upper deck was in place for the 1971 season, increasing the stadium capacity to 77,809.

1986: The Neuhaus-Royal Complex at the south end of the stadium was completed. The complex includes the UT weight room, training facilities, meeting rooms and locker rooms. **Cost:** \$7 million.

1989: A new four-color animated scoreboard located at the north end of the stadium was unveiled for the home opener against Penn State.

1996: The Astro Turf was removed and a state-of-the-art Prescription Athletic Turf System was installed at the cost of \$1.25 million and a Sony Jumbotron in-stadium video system and retrofitted north end zone scoreboard were installed at a cost of \$2.8 million. **Total Cost:** \$4.05 million.

1997: Fourteen stadium suites were added to the west side of stadium. Concession plaza and visitors' locker room/track locker room were reconstructed underneath west and northwest stands.

1998: Fifty-two stadium suites and a 13,000 square-foot club room designed for 1,200 people were added on the east side of the stadium. On the east side, a 16-row, 5,000-seat upper deck was constructed to increase the seating capacity to 79,471.

1999: The Mike A. Myers Track and Soccer Stadium, located east of the football stadium, was completed. The Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium track was removed and the field lowered to accommodate new field-level seats, which boosted the capacity of the stadium to 80,082.

2002: The Prescription Athletics Turf originally installed in 1996 was replaced with TifSport Certified Bermudagrass. **Cost:** \$75,000.

2006: A new DAKtronics Prostar Video Board and Facia Boards were added, as well as a new public address system. Also, the press box and the Carpenter-Winkel Centennial Room were renovated.

2007-08: Stadium expansion for the north end zone, which features an academic center, a war memorial plaza and 9,000 additional seats, was completed for the 2008 season. The lower level was completed for the 2007 season with the upper deck and suites added to complete the project for 2008, bringing the seating capacity to 94,113.

2009: Stadium expansion continued as permanent stands were added to the south end zone for the 2009 season. With the addition of the permanent structure, Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium now has a stadium capacity of 100,119.



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As Texas Football moves into the 21st century, Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium continues to evolve as a state-of-the-art facility at the forefront of college football.

Currently, the Longhorns' locker room is undergoing renovations that will be completed for the 2011 season, featuring 135 new wide-space lockers connected to a state-of-the-art exhaust system. It will also include a nutrition bar, a lounge area with gaming stations, a 60-inch LED screen in the center of room along with five other LED screens throughout the area, and a new sound system and speakers.

In 2009, south end zone seating was upgraded and expanded, increasing the stadium's capacity to 100,119, making it the sixth-largest collegiate stadium in the country and the largest in the southwest.

In addition, renovations were completed on Moncrief Athletics Complex that provided a new football academic center approximately three times the size of the previous area, along with a new indoor practice area, defensive meeting room, hall of fame and a newly-designed facility entrance.

Also, in June of 2009, installation of a new FieldTurf playing surface was completed, providing a state-of-the-art surface that not only holds up to challenging weather conditions, but also allows the stadium to be a multi-use facility.

In 2008, renovations to the north end zone, named the Red McCombs Red Zone, were completed with the addition of an upper deck, approximately 2,100 club seats and 47 suites. That end of the stadium also includes a new academic center for UT athletics, a war memorial plaza and a food court.

Including the 2007 renovations to the lower deck of the north end zone, the project added a total of approximately 9,000 additional seats, raising capacity to 94,113 for the 2008 season.

Two major upgrades were made for the 2006 season, including a new video board and temporary bleacher seating in the south end zone, which expanded the stadium's capacity by over 4,000 seats to a total of 85,123.

At the time, the scoreboard was the nation's largest high-definition video display board and remains the largest in collegiate athletics thanks to DAKtronics. The \$8-million Prostar Video Board is 55 feet high by 134 feet wide and offers complete flexibility, with the capability to show one large single video image, multiple video images and a combination of live or recorded video with real time scores and stats, out of town game information, sponsors' messages, graphics and animation.

In the past few years, the stadium has also had renovations to the press box, the Carpenter-Winkel Centennial Room and other renovations to the interior of the Moncrief Athletics Complex, most notably to the players' lounge.

The stadium was previously renovated in August 1999 with the removal of the track and the lowering of the field by six feet to allow the addition of several rows of seats.

It was part of a project that included removal of the artificial turf from the stadium, the construction of Frank Denius Fields practice facility, the Red and Charlene McCombs Softball Field, the Mike A. Myers Track and Soccer Stadium and extensive remodeling of Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium/Jamail Field and the Moncrief-Neuhaus Athletic Center.

The first stages of the ambitious project were completed in 1996. They included the installation of a sophisticated grass playing field in the stadium and the completion of the Frank Denius Practice Fields.

Progress continued in 1997 with the addition of 14 stadium suites on the west side. The first major construction to the facility since the upper deck was added in 1972 also included a total remodeling of the underside of the stands, including a new concession plaza and a visitors' locker room in the northwest corner of the stadium.

The changes that took place at Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium for the 1998 football season included the addition of a 5,000-seat upper deck on the east side. The massive construction included 52 new stadium suites and a 13,000 square-foot private club room.

In the Moncrief-Neuhaus Athletic Center, significant expansion and upgrades included a new locker room, training room, trophy room, players' lounge, football academic center and an addition almost doubling the space in the strength and conditioning area.

The football coaching and academic staffs were moved to the facility, housing the key elements of the entire football program in a single complex for the first time.

The final phase of the construction began shortly after the 1998 season ended, when the 75-year-old stadium floor was excavated to a depth of six feet to allow a reconfiguration and addition of seats and the removal of the track to provide a more intimate football setting.

UT'S HOME RECORDS

Texas' all-time home record 498-119-12 (.801)
at Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium (1924-present) 350-97-10 (.777)
at Clark Field (1896-1924) 136-21-2 (.862)
Prior to Clark Field (1893-1895) 12-1 (.923)

THE TALE OF THE TURF

- 4 Memorial Stadium's field was natural grass from 1925-68.
- 4 Artificial turf was first applied to the Memorial Stadium floor in summer 1969. The turf also was replaced in 1974, '82 and '89.
- 4 UT returned to natural grass (prescription athletic turf/PAT) in 1996.
- 4 The field was lowered and the grass (PAT) was replaced in 1999.
- 4 The turf (PAT) was replaced with TifSport Certified Bermudagrass in 2002.
- 4 UT switched back to an artificial surface, installing FieldTurf, in 2009.

FREDDIE STEINMARK SCOREBOARD

In a pregame ceremony prior to UT's game with Miami on Sept. 23, 1972, the scoreboard at Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium was dedicated to the memory of Freddie Steinmark.

The small (5-foot-10, 166 pounds) but tough Steinmark was a starting safety for UT as a sophomore and junior in 1968-69. During that time, the Longhorns won 20 of 22 games and two conference titles with Steinmark providing five interceptions as a sophomore and two as a junior. Steinmark, who also earned Academic All-Southwest Conference honors in 1968 and '69, led the team in punt returns (25 for 177 yards) as a sophomore and averaged 6.1 yards on 38 punt returns during his career.

Following the final regular season game of his junior year, he became a national symbol of courage and determination as he began a year-and-a-half battle against cancer. In fact, just six days before a diagnosis of bone cancer forced the amputation of his left leg, Steinmark started and played in UT's 15-14 win at Arkansas that clinched the 1969 National Championship.

Determined to live, he astounded the doctors by appearing on crutches less than a month later at the 1970 Cotton Bowl against Notre Dame. After UT won the game, 21-17, Darrell Royal and the Longhorns presented the game ball to Steinmark. Within six weeks, he walked on an artificial leg across the stage to accept his letter jacket at UT's awards banquet.

Steinmark continued his college education without interruption and served as a student freshman coach during fall 1970, which would have been his senior season.

However, his battle with cancer was one that could not be won on heart alone. Despite all the doctors could do, Steinmark died on Sunday, June 6, 1971. Born Jan. 27, 1949, in Wheatridge, Colo., he was just 22 years old.

As Longhorns players exit the dressing room for a game, they pass by the Steinmark Scoreboard and touch his picture in recognition of the courage he showed in his fight for life and facing his cancer.

TOP 30 CROWDS AT ROYAL-TEXAS MEMORIAL STADIUM

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| 1. 101,624 Rice _____ 2011 | 16. 100,142 Iowa State ____ 2010 |
| 2. 101,437 UCLA _____ 2010 | 17. 99,799 Florida Atlantic 2010 |
| 3. 101,357 Kansas _____ 2009 | 18. 99,211 Kansas _____ 2011 |
| 4. 101,339 Wyoming ____ 2010 | 19. 98,621 Texas A&M ____ 2008 |
| 5. 101,297 Texas Tech ____ 2009 | 20. 98,518 Oklahoma St. __ 2008 |
| 6. 101,152 Colorado ____ 2009 | 21. 98,383 Missouri _____ 2008 |
| 7. 101,144 UTEP _____ 2009 | 22. 98,053 Florida Atlantic 2008 |
| 8. 101,096 ULM _____ 2009 | 23. 97,833 Arkansas _____ 2008 |
| 9. 101,003 UCF _____ 2009 | 24. 97,715 Baylor _____ 2008 |
| 10. 100,995 BYU _____ 2011 | 25. 97,201 Rice _____ 2008 |
| 11. 100,752 Texas A&M ____ 2010 | 26. 89,422 Ohio State ____ 2006 |
| 12. 100,705 Kansas State __ 2011 | 27. 89,102 Texas A&M ____ 2006 |
| 13. 100,659 Oklahoma State 2010 | 28. 89,036 Oklahoma St. _ 2006 |
| 14. 100,506 Texas Tech ____ 2011 | 29. 88,972 Iowa St. _____ 2006 |
| 15. 100,452 Baylor _____ 2010 | 30. 88,966 Baylor _____ 2006 |