Soccer

Major Indoor Soccer League (MISL)

Team: Baltimore Blast
Principal Owner: Edwin Hale, Sr.

Arena: 1st Mariner Arena
Date Built: 1962

UPDATE: 1st Mariner Bank is paying $750,000 annually for ten years for a naming rights deal that expires 2013.

Team: California Cougars
Principal Owner: John Thomas

Arena: Stockton Events Center
Date Built: End of 2005 or beginning of 2006
Facility Cost (millions): $64 - $70 M

UPDATE: 2005-06 is the Cougars inaugural season. The Events Center was scheduled to be completed by October 2005, however due to weather complications it is not projected to be completed until January of 2006. Swinerton Builders is offering to speed up construction to complete the stadium by Dec 3, 2005, the ECHL’s Stockton Thunder scheduled first home game, if the city will pay $5 M for the added costs.

Team: Chicago Storm
Principal Owner: Viktor Jakovlevic

Arena: UIC Pavilion
Date Built: 1982
Facility Cost (millions): $10 M
Team: Cleveland Force
Principal Owner: North Coast Professional Sports, Ltd.

Arena: Wolstein Center
Date Built: 1991
Facility Cost (millions): $55 M

UPDATE: Until January 2005, the Wolstein Center was known as the CSU Convocation Center. Because the Wolsteins donated $6.25 M to Cleveland State University, the University recognized their philanthropy by renaming the Center after them.

Team: Kansas City Comets
Principal Owner: Don and Patty Kincaid

Arena: Kemper Arena
Date Built: 1974
Facility Cost (millions): $22 M
Facility Financing: $5.6 M came from general obligation bonds approved in 1954, R. Crosby Kemper Sr. donated $3.2 M, $575,000 came from bond interest, American Royal Association donated $1.5 M, $10 million dollars came from revenue bonds in conjunction with the Jackson County Sports Authority, and $2 M came from federal grants.

UPDATE: A $23 M expansion project was completed in 1997.

Team: Milwaukee Wave
Principal Owner: Charles Krause – Managing Partner

Arena: U.S. Cellular Arena
Date Built: 1950

UPDATE: $10.5 M in renovations was completed in 1998. U.S. Cellular is paying $2 M over six years for a naming rights deal that expires 2006.

Team: Philadelphia Kixx
Principal Owner: A management group led by Jeffrey B. Rotwitt

Arena: Wachovia Spectrum
Date Built: 1967

UPDATE: CoreStates Bank purchased the naming rights for $1.4 M a year until 2023 for the Center and the Spectrum, the old arena. CoreStates was acquired by First Union, which then merged Wachovia Bank in 2001, keeping the Wachovia name. In 2003 the Center and Spectrum acquired the new name.
**Team: St. Louis Steamers**
Principal Owner: Wally Smerconish and Michael Hetelson

Arena: Savvis Center  
Date Built: 1994  
Facility Cost (millions): $160 M  
Facility Financing: The city contributed $34.5 M for site preparation and garages; twenty corporations provided $30 M in cash and guaranteed $98 M in construction loans.

UPDATE: Savvis Communications is paying $70 million in cash and stocks over 20 years for the naming rights that expire in 2020. A few months after the deal, the stock that the St. Louis Blues accepted for renaming the arena lost $5.2 million in value. In June of 2005, Savvis announced it would pay $5.5 M to terminate its naming rights early prior to the 2020 expiration.

**Major League Soccer (MLS)**

**Team: Chicago Fire**
Principal Owner: Anschutz Entertainment Group (AEG)

Stadium: Soldier Field  
Date Built: 1924  
Facility Cost (millions): $10 M  
Facility Financing: A $621 M renovation was completed in 2002. The financing for the renovation came mostly from taxpayers, with the Bears and the NFL kicking in a combined $250 M.

UPDATE: The Fire hope to move into the new $70 M Bridgeview Stadium when it opens for the 2006 season.

**Team: Club Deportivo Chivas USA**
Principal Owner: Jorge Vergara and Antonio Cue

Stadium: Home Depot Center  
Date Built: 2003  
Facility Cost (millions): $150 M

UPDATE: Home Depot is paying $70 M over ten years for a naming rights deal that expires 2012.

**Team: Colorado Rapid**
Principal Owner: Kroenke Sports Enterprises

Stadium: INVESCO Field at Mile High  
Date Built: 2001  
Facility Cost (millions): $364.2 M
Facility Financing: The Broncos contributed $90 M, while a 0.1% sales tax on retail sales financed the remainder of the stadium. The new stadium's cost was capped at $364 M, while the tax payers share was capped at $266 M.


**Team: Columbus Crew**  
Principal Owner: Hunt Sports Group

Stadium: Crew Stadium  
Date Built: 1999  
Facility Cost (millions): $28.5 M the Stadium and Hockey Arena.

**Team: D.C. United**  
Principal Owner: AEG

Stadium: RFK Stadium  
Date Built: 1961  
Facility Cost (millions): $24 M

UPDATE: As of June 2005, a local investment group led by D.C. United President Kevin Payne is reportedly negotiating a deal with AEG to purchase the United for $20 M. RFK underwent an $18.5 M renovation that was completed in 2005.

**Team: FC Dallas**  
Principal Owner: Hunt Sports Group

Stadium: Pizza Hut Park  
Date Built: 2005  
Facility Cost (millions): $65 M  
Facility Financing:

UPDATE: Pizza Hut is paying $25 M over twenty years for a naming rights deal that expires 2025.

**Team: Kansas City Wizards**  
Principal Owner: Hunt Sports Group

Stadium: Arrowhead Stadium  
Date Built: 1972  
Facility Cost (millions): $43 M  
Facility Financing: Paid for with a county bond.
**Team: Los Angeles Galaxy**  
Principal Owner: AEG  
Stadium: Home Depot Center  
Date Built: 2003  
Facility Cost (millions): $150 M  
UPDATE: Home Depot is paying $70 M over ten years for a naming rights deal that expires 2012.

**Team: MetroStars**  
Principal Owner: AEG  
Stadium: Giants Stadium  
Date Built: 1976  
Facility Cost (millions): $75 M  
Facility Financing: Financed through a $78 M bond issue handled by the sports authority. Created in 1971, the stadium is part of a larger sports complex that includes a horse-race track that generates revenues that go toward paying off the bond debt.  
UPDATE: As of the 2006 season, the MetroStars are moving to Harrison New Jersey into a brand new $100 M stadium. AEG will contribute $30 M to the project.

**Team: New England Revolution**  
Principal Owner: Robert Kraft  
Stadium: Gillette Stadium  
Date Built: 2002  
Facility Cost (millions): $325 M  
Facility Financing: The New England Patriots paid for the $325 M stadium. The state contributed $72 M for infrastructure, $40 M of which is to be paid back by the Patriots over 25 years.

**Team: Real Salt Lake**  
Principal Owner: Sports Capital Partners  
Stadium: Rice-Eccles Stadium  
Date Built: 1927, with a remodel that rebuilt all but a small portion of the stadium in 1998.  
Facility Financing: The $50 M remodel was funded with $10 M from the Eccles Foundation, the reminder was paid for by athletics department bonding and contributions from the Salt Lake Olympic Committee.  
UPDATE: 2005 is the inaugural year for the Real Salt Lake. The stadium belongs to the University of Utah. In 1972 Robert L. Rice donated $1 M for renovations and the stadium was named after him. The George S. and Dolores Dore Eccles Foundation initiated the remodel, with a $10 M gift, and the Eccles name was added to the stadium to reflect that.
Team: San Jose Earthquakes  
Principal Owner: AEG  
Stadium: Spartan Stadium  
Date Built: 1933  

United Soccer League (USL) First Division  

Team: Atlanta Silverbacks  
Principal Owner: Cooper Companies  
Stadium: DeKalb Memorial Stadium  
Date Built: 1968  

UPDATE: Phase one of Atlanta Silverbacks Park is completed allowing the Silverbacks to use the fields as a training facility. Phase two, a soccer-specific stadium, is scheduled to be completed in 2006 for the Silverbacks use.  

Team: Charleston Battery  
Principal Owner: Charleston Battery, LLC.  
Stadium: Blackbaud Stadium  
Date Built: 1999  
Facility Cost (millions): $6 M  
Facility Financing: Privately funded.  

UPDATE: Blackbaud is paying $200,000 annually for ten years for a naming rights deal that expires 2009.  

Team: Minnesota Thunder  
Principal Owner: Saeed Kadkhodaian, Ron Carter, and Jim Froslid.  
Stadium: James Griffin Stadium  
Date Built: 1998  

Team: Montreal Impact  
Stadium: Claude Robillard Sports Complex  
Date Built: 1976  

UPDATE: As of 2001, the Impact became a nonprofit organization that will remain in Montreal until at least 2006 with the financial support of investors such as the Government of Québec, Hydro-Québec, and Saputo. As of May 2005, a new $15 M stadium is being built for the Impact, with half of the funding coming from the Saputo Family.
Team: Portland Timbers
Principal Owner: Portland Timbers, LLC.

Stadium: PGE Park
Date Built: 1926

UPDATE: A $38.5 M renovation was completed in 2001. Portland General Electric is paying $7 M over ten years for a naming rights deal that expires in 2011.

Team: Puerto Rico Islanders
Principal Owner:

Stadium: Juan Ramón Loubriel Stadium
Date Built: 1974

Team: Richmond Kickers
Front Office: Tom Depcrynski - President

Stadium: University of Richmond Stadium
Date Built: 1985

Team: Rochester Raging Rhinos
Principal Owner: Frank DuRoss, Steve Donner, and Chris Economides

Stadium: Frontier Field
Date Built: 1996
Facility Cost (millions): $33 M

UPDATE: The Rhinos are getting a new soccer-specific stadium, PAETEC Park, leaving Frontier Field to host only baseball. Phase one of the stadium was scheduled to be completed by fall 2004, however as of July 2005 phase one is not yet finished. PAETEC Park is part of the Rhinos bid to become a MLS team. The stadium is projected to cost $23 M with New York is paying $15 M and the Rhinos are paying the remainder. PaeTec will be paying $2.1 M over seven years for the naming rights deal once the park is completed. Frontier Communications is paying $3.5 M over 20 years for a naming rights deal that expires in 2006.

Team: Seattle Sounders
Principal Owner: Scott Oki, Neil Farnsworth, and Tor Taylor

Stadium: Qwest Field
Date Built: 2002
Facility Cost (millions): $430
Facility Financing: $100 M came from the Seattle Seahawks owner, $127 M came from new sports related lottery games, $101 M came from sales taxes in King County attributed to events
in the stadium, $56 M came from admissions and parking taxes, and $15 M came from existing hotel-motel taxes.

UPDATE: Qwest Communications is paying $75 M over fifteen years for a naming rights deal that expires 2019.

**Team: Toronto Lynx**  
Principal Owner: Nicolle Hartrell

Stadium: Centennial Park Stadium in Etobicoke  
Date Built: 1975

UPDATE: As of July 2005, the Lynx management is trying either to get the Lynx into a larger new stadium for 2006, or to get the Lynx to play in the stadium planned by the Toronto Argonauts.

**Team: Vancouver Whitecaps FC**  
Principal Owner: Greg Kerfoot

Stadium: Swangard Stadium  
Date Built: 1975

**Team: Virginia Beach Mariners**  
Principal Owner: Virginia Beach Soccer, LLC

Stadium: Virginia Beach Sportsplex  
Date Built: 1999  
Facility Cost (millions): $10.6 M

UPDATE: June 2005, Virginia Beach Soccer, LLC purchased the Mariners from Mike Field.

**USL Second Division**

**Team: Charlotte Eagles**  
Front Office: Tom Engstrom – General Manager

Stadium: Waddell High School in Charlotte

**Team: Cincinnati Kings**  
Principal Owner: Yacoub Abdallahi

Stadium: Corcoran Field

UPDATE: Corcoran Field is a part of Xavier University.
Team: Harrisburg City Islanders
Front Office: Joe Sierko
Stadium: Skyline Sports Complex
Date Built: 1976

Team: Long Island Rough Riders
Principal Owner: Frank Boulton and Martin Silver
Stadium: Mitchel Athletic Complex
Date Built: 1997
Facility Cost (millions): $22 M
Facility Financing: Paid for by Nassau County.

Team: New Hampshire Phantoms
Principal Owner: Jim Dedeus and John Motta
Stadium: Southern New Hampshire University Athletic Complex

Team: Northern Virginia Royals
Principal Owner: Mo Sheta
Stadium: Forrest Park High School
UPDATE: The Royals are affiliated with D.C. United.

Team: Pittsburgh Riverhounds
Principal Owner: Sport Facility LLC, John Swiatek – Managing Partner
Stadium: Falconi Field
Date Built: 2002
Facility Cost (millions): $6 M

Team: Western Mass Pioneers
Front Office: Celso Correia - President
Stadium: Lusitano Stadium
Date Built: 1918

Team: Wilmington Hammerheads
Principal Owner: Bill Rudisill, Bruce Cavenaugh, David Schroeder, and Dale Boyd
Stadium: Legion Stadium