

Sports Facility Reports



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Soccer

Major Indoor Soccer League (MISL)

Team: Baltimore Blast

Principal Owner: Edwin Hale, Sr.

[Team Website](#)

Arena: 1st Mariner Arena

Date Built: 1962

[Facility Website](#)

Naming Rights: 1st Mariner Bank is paying \$75,000 annually for ten years for a naming rights deal that expires in 2013.

Team: California Cougars

Principal Owner: American Pro Sports, LLC

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Stockton Events Center

Date Built: 2005

Facility Cost (millions): \$64 - \$70

Facility Financing: Funding included \$38 M in bonds and \$76 M interest cash on city accounts, fees on new development and gas taxes.

Team: Chicago Storm

Principal Owner: Viktor Jakovlevic

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Sears Centre

Date Built: 2006

Facility Cost (millions): \$62

Facility Financing: \$12 M in land and capital was contributed by the Ryan-Sears development team.

[Facility Website](#)

Team: Detroit Ignition

Principal Owner: John Hantz

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Compuware Sports Arena

Date Built: 1996

Facility Cost (millions): \$150

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The Detroit Ignition are an expansion team and will begin play in the MISL during the 2006-07 season.

Team: Kansas City Comets

Principal Owner: Don Kincaid and Patty Kincaid

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Kemper Arena

Date Built: 1974

Facility Cost (millions): \$22 (\$23 M expansion in 1997)

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 M dollars came from revenue bonds in conjunction with the Jackson County Sports Authority and \$2 M came from federal grants.

[Facility Website](#)

Team: Milwaukee Wave

Principal Owner: Charles Krause - Managing Partner

[Team Website](#)

Arena: U.S. Cellular Arena

Date Built: 1950

Facility Cost (millions): \$10.5 M in renovations were completed in 1998.

[Facility Website](#)

Naming Rights: U.S. Cellular is paying \$2 M over six years for a naming rights deal that expires in 2006.

Team: Philadelphia Kixx

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

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Wachovia Spectrum

Date Built: 1967

Facility Cost (millions): \$12

[Facility Website](#)

Naming Rights: 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 with 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

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Savvis Center

Date Built: 1994

Facility Cost (millions): \$160

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.

[Facility Website](#)

Naming Rights: Savvis Communications is paying \$70 M 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 M 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 of the deal.

Major League Soccer (MLS)

Team: Chicago Fire

Principal Owner: Anschutz Entertainment Group (AEG)

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Toyota Park

Date Built: 2006

Facility Cost (millions): \$70

Facility Financing: The Village of Bridgeview was responsible for financing Toyota Park.

[Facility Website](#)

Naming Rights: AEG and Toyota agreed to a 10-year naming rights deal, but terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Team: Club Deportivo Chivas USA

Principal Owner: Jorge Vergara and Antonio Cue
[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Home Depot Center
Date Built: 2003
Facility Cost (millions): \$150
[Facility Website](#)

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

Team: Colorado Rapids

Principal Owner: Kroenke Sports Enterprises
[Team Website](#)

Stadium: INVESCO Field at Mile High
Date Built: 2001
Facility Cost (millions): \$364.2
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.
[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The Rapids plan to move to a new soccer-specific stadium in Commerce City by 2007.

NAMING RIGHTS: Invesco paid \$60 M for the name Invesco Field at Mile High with an additional \$60 M provided for other in-stadium promotional rights. The current deal was inked in 2001 and pays an average of \$6 M annually, expiring in 2021. The team and the public split the proceeds from the \$120 M deal.

Team: Columbus Crew

Principal Owner: Hunt Sports Group
[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Crew Stadium
Date Built: 1999
Facility Cost (millions): \$17
[Facility Website](#)

Team: D.C. United

Principal Owner: AEG
[Team Website](#)

Stadium: RFK Stadium
Date Built: 1961
Facility Cost (millions): \$19
Facility Financing: The stadium was funded with Congressionally-authorized bonds.

UPDATE: D.C. United has proposed building a new stadium at Poplar Point. The 27,000-seat stadium is planned to be a focal point for a mixed-use development that would include a hotel as well as office and retail space along with housing initiatives and riverfront revitalization. The team hopes to begin play in the new stadium for the 2008 season. The team also continues to look for local investors.

Team: FC Dallas

Principal Owner: Hunt Sports Group
[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Pizza Hut Park
Date Built: 2005
Facility Cost (millions): \$65
Facility Financing: Collin County contributed \$20 M, the city contributed \$20 M, and the local school district contributed \$15 M.
[Facility Website](#)

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

Team: Houston Dynamo

Principal Owner: AEG

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Robertson Stadium

Date Built: 1941

Facility Financing: A joint project of the Houston Independent School District and the Works Progress Administration.

UPDATE: The Houston Dynamo began play in 2006 when the San Jose Earthquakes relocated to Houston.

Team: Kansas City Wizards

Principal Owner: Hunt Sports Group

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Arrowhead Stadium

Date Built: 1972

Facility Cost (millions): \$43

Facility Financing: Paid for with a county bond.

Team: Los Angeles Galaxy

Principal Owner: AEG

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Home Depot Center

Date Built: 2003

Facility Cost (millions): \$150 M

[Facility Website](#)

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

Team: New York Red Bulls

Principal Owner: Red Bull

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: The Meadowlands

Date Built: 1976

Facility Cost (millions): \$75

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.

[Facility Website](#)

Team: New England Revolution

Principal Owner: Robert Kraft

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Gillette Stadium

Date Built: 2002

Facility Cost (millions): \$325

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.

[Facility Website](#)

Naming Rights: Gillette agreed to a 15-year naming rights agreement, which will conclude in 2017. The terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

Team: Real Salt Lake

Principal Owner: Sports Capital Partners

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Rice-Eccles Stadium

Date Built: 1927, and renovated in 1998.

Facility Financing: The \$50 M renovation was funded with \$10 M from the Eccles Foundation, the remainder was paid for by the University of Utah athletics department bonds and contributions from the Salt Lake Olympic Committee.

[Facility Website](#)

Team: Toronto FC

Principal Owner: Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Toronto National Soccer Stadium

Facility Cost (millions): \$55.5

Facility Financing: Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment will contribute \$8 M towards the construction of the stadium and \$10 M towards securing the naming rights of the stadium. The Canadian Federal Government will contribute \$27 M, with Ontario's government adding an additional \$8 M. The city of Toronto will pay \$9.8 M to have the rights to the stadium. The stadium is expected to be finished in time for the 2007-08 season.

UPDATE: The Toronto National Soccer Stadium is expected to open in the spring of 2007 in time for the 2007 MLS season.

United Soccer League (USL) First Division

Team: Atlanta Silverbacks

Principal Owner: Boris Jerkunica, John Latham & Stephen Pratten

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: RE/MAX Greater Atlanta Stadium

Date Built: 2006 (Phase II)

UPDATE: Phase one of the RE/MAX Greater Atlanta Stadium is completed allowing the Silverbacks to use the field as a training facility. Phase two, a soccer-specific stadium, has also been completed for the Silverbacks use.

Team: Charleston Battery

Principal Owner: Charleston Battery, LLC.

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Blackbaud Stadium

Date Built: 1999

Facility Cost (millions): \$6

Facility Financing: Privately funded.

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

Team: Minnesota Thunder

Principal Owner: Saeed Kadkhodaian and Bill George

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: James Griffin Stadium

Date Built: 1998

Team: Montreal Impact

Principal Owner: A non-profit organization backed by the Government of Quebec, Hydro-Quebec, and Saputo

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Claude Robillard Sports Complex

Date Built: 1976

Team: Portland Timbers

Principal Owner: Portland Timbers, LLC.

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: PGE Park

Date Built: 1926

Facility Cost (millions): \$38.5 renovation was completed in 2001.

[Facility Website](#)

Naming Rights: 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: Andy Guillemard, Isaac Nieves, Jorge Pierluisi, Mario Gaztambide and Stuart Klapper

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Juan Ramón Loubriel Stadium

Date Built: 1974

Team: Richmond Kickers

Front Office: The Soccer Co.

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: University of Richmond Stadium

Date Built: 1985

[Facility Website](#)

Team: Rochester Raging Rhinos

Principal Owner: Frank DuRoss, Steve Donner and Chris Economides

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Paetec Park

Date Built: 2006

Facility Cost (millions): \$24.5 (Phase I)

Facility Financing: Jointly financed between the State of New York, the City of Rochester and the Rhinos.

[Facility Website](#)

Naming Rights: PaeTec will be paying \$2.1 M over seven years for the naming rights.

UPDATE: The Raging Rhinos played its first game in Paetec Park on June 3, 2006.

Team: Seattle Sounders

Principal Owner: Adrian Hanauer

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Qwest Field

Date Built: 2002

Facility Cost (millions): \$430

Facility Financing: \$100 M from Seattle Seahawks owner Paul Allen. \$127 M from new sports related lottery games. \$101 M in sales taxes from events held at the stadium. \$56 M in admissions and parking taxes. \$15 M from existing hotel-motel taxes.

[Facility Website](#)

Naming Rights: The Seahawks entered into a 15-year, \$75 M naming rights deal with Qwest Communications in June 2002. The deal includes the naming rights to both the stadium and the entire complex, including the exhibition center. The stadium is known as Qwest Field and the entire complex is known as the Qwest Center.

Team: Toronto Lynx

Principal Owner: Nicolle Hartrell
[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Centennial Park Stadium in Etobicoke
Date Built: 1975

UPDATE: The Toronto Lynx plan to begin playing in the Toronto National Soccer Stadium in 2007.

Team: Vancouver Whitecaps FC

Principal Owner: Greg Kerfoot
[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Swangard Stadium
Date Built: 1969

Team: Virginia Beach Mariners

Principal Owner: Virginia Beach Soccer, LLC
[Team Website](#)

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

USL Second Division

Team: Charlotte Eagles

Owner: Missionary Athletes International

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Waddell High School in Charlotte

Team: Cincinnati Kings

Principal Owner: Yacoub Abdallahi

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Corcoran Field, located on the campus of Xavier University.

Team: Harrisburg City Islanders

General Manager: Joe Sierko

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Skyline Sports Complex

Date Built: 1976

Team: Long Island Rough Riders

Principal Owner: Frank Boulton and Martin Silver

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Mitchel Athletic Complex
Date Built: 1997
Facility Cost (millions): \$22
Facility Financing: Paid for by Nassau County.

Team: New Hampshire Phantoms

Principal Owner: Jim Dedeus and John Motta
[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Southern New Hampshire University Athletic Complex

Team: Northern Virginia Royals

Principal Owner: Mo Sheta
[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Forrest Park High School

UPDATE: The Royals are affiliated with D.C. United.

Team: Pittsburgh Riverhounds

Principal Owner: Sports Facility, LLC
[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Falconi Field
Date Built: 2002
Facility Cost (millions): \$6

Team: Western Mass Pioneers

Principal Owner: LIIC, Inc.

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Lusitano Stadium

Date Built: 1918

Team: Wilmington Hammerheads

Principal Owner: Bill Rudisill, Bruce Cavanaugh, David Schroeder and Dale Boyd

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Legion Stadium