

# 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](#)

**UPDATE:** The City of Baltimore has been discussing plans to demolish 1st Mariner Arena and build a new arena in its place. The city has calculated that a new arena would cost an estimated \$128-\$160 million, but it would also generate \$16.1 million more in revenue than the existing 1st Mariner Arena. Blast owner Edwin Hale believes the team would go out of business though if the new arena was built since it would take about five years to complete. The Blast would have nowhere else to play and would either have to shut down or move.

**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:** Thunder Investment LLC; headed by Rick & Greg Toy and Jim Rachels  
[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.

**UPDATE:** Before the 2006-2007 season, Thunder Investment LLC bought the team from American Pro Sports, LLC. The Stockton Arena lost \$2.7 million, about \$1 million more than expected in its first full year. The loss is attributed to the arena's late opening, the expensively catered food, and the inability to sell the naming rights.

**Team: Chicago Storm**

**Principal Owner:** Viktor Jakovljevic

[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](#)

**UPDATE:** The Sears Centre will have one less tenant in the fall of 2007. After one year, the Chicago Hounds (United Hockey League) had to cease operations because they could no longer afford the Sears Centre's prices. The Sears Centre is currently home to the Chicago Storm (Major Indoor Soccer League), the Chicago Shamrox (National Lacrosse League), and the Chicago Slaughter (Continental Indoor Football League).

**Team: Detroit Ignition**

**Principal Owner:** HantzGroup; headed by 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 that began 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](#)

**UPDATE:** The Kansas City Comets were inactive during the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 seasons. The team hopes to return for the 2007-2008 season but it is not definite.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The arena is named for R. Crosby Kemper Sr. who donated \$3.2 million from his estate for the arena.

**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](#)

**UPDATE:** As part of U.S. Cellular's naming rights extension deal, LED display boards will be added to the arena along with the U.S. Cellular Cell Zone, which will be a sound-resistant cell phone booth that will provide privacy for callers.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** U.S. Cellular paid \$2 million over six years for a naming rights deal that expired in 2006. In June 2007, the Chicago wireless communications company extended its contract for another seven years totaling \$2.4 million.

**Team: New Jersey Ironmen**

**Principal Owner:**

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Prudential Center

**Date Built:** 2007

**Facility Cost (millions):** \$365

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** 66%

**Facility Financing:** \$210 M from the city of Newark and the remainder from the team.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** October 2005 was the groundbreaking ceremony for the Newark Arena, future home of the New Jersey Devils (NHL) and the New Jersey Ironmen (MILS). The project is expected to be completed by October 2007 in time for the center's opening concert featuring Bon Jovi. The project was \$365 million and is expected to jumpstart the \$1 B revitalization of downtown Newark. The 17,500 seat arena will include state-of-the-art technology and a gourmet restaurant, which will overlook the field.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Prudential has agreed to pay \$105.3 million over the next 20 years, which will expire in 2027. Since Prudential has other arenas named after it around the U.S., Newark's Prudential Center has been nicknamed The Rock to distinguish it from the others.

**Team: Orlando Sharks**

**Principal Owner:** Buena Vista Corporation

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Amway Arena (formerly the TD Waterhouse Centre)

**Date Built:** 1989

**Facility Cost (millions):** \$98

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** The Sharks will share the Amway Arena with the Orlando Magic (NBA) and the Orlando Predators (AFL). In the spring of 2007, the Florida Senate unveiled a plan to split \$100 million three-ways to help fund or renovate arenas for the Orlando Magic (NBA), the Florida Marlins (MLB), and the Tampa Bay Lightning (NHL). Despite help from the Florida Senate, the Orlando Magic was still having trouble convincing Orange County commissioners to approve the new \$480 million arena unless the franchise put more of its own money into the deal. In April 2007, the Orlando Magic agreed to give up millions of dollars in potential revenue to appease Orange County officials. The financing deal calls for the Magic to contribute \$50 million in cash, \$29.5 million in financing arrangements, and \$60 million in lease and revenue payments. The deal is not definite and is still developing since some officials and many taxpayers believe the Orlando Magic should be paying more money for the new arena.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The Orlando Arena was renamed following a \$7.8 million, five-year naming rights deal with the Orlando Magic.

**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:** Scottrade Center

**Date Built:** 1994

**Facility Cost (millions):** \$160

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** 15%

**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](#)

**UPDATE:** The Scottrade Center received an upgrade in October 2006, including two new LED scoreboards, one of which is a ribbon scoreboard that wraps around the entire arena. In addition, overhead lighting has been improved while the dressing rooms also received some fresh paint and carpeting.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Scottrade, an online financial investment company, purchased the naming rights for the arena in September 2006. Terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

## 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](#)

**UPDATE:** In July 2007, Andell Holdings entered into preliminary agreements with Anschutz Entertainment Group (AEG) to buy the Chicago Fire. Andell Holdings is a Los Angeles-based private investment firm owned by Andrew and Ellen Hauptman. Andell Holdings will probably buy the Fire for \$30-\$35 million, but the investment firm said it will not release details.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** AEG and Toyota agreed to a 10-year naming rights deal, and although the terms of the deal were not disclosed, it is believed to be worth \$10 million.

**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; headed by Stan Kroenke  
[Team Website](#)

**Stadium:** Dick's Sporting Goods Park

**Date Built:** 2007

**Facility Cost (millions):** \$131

**Facility Financing:** Kroenke Sports and Commerce City split the cost each paying roughly \$65 million. The city paid through the issuance of bonds that did not require taxpayer subsidies.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2007, the Rapids became marketing partners with London's elite Arsenal Football Club. The Rapids changed their logo to a shield and color to maroon to remain consistent with the Arsenal. The Rapids report this to be purely a commercial, marketing, and best-practice relationship, but not an ownership relationship. The teams will practice in the pre-season to swap tips and will promote each other in their respective countries. The Rapids wanted to become more global and believe that the Arsenal can help them achieve this goal more quickly.

In addition, the Rapids moved to a new soccer-specific stadium, Dick's Sporting Goods Park, in Commerce City in April 2007. The stadium seats 18,000 for games and 26,000 for concerts. The team also hopes to appeal to amateur soccer and development with its surrounding complex that consists of 24 outdoor fields that are available for rent. Furthermore, the stadium features 22 luxury suites, and the field has an underground heating and draining system.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Dick's Sporting Goods is paying an estimated \$40 million for a 20-year naming rights deal that will expire in 2027.

**Team: Columbus Crew**

**Principal Owner:** Hunt Sports Group; headed by Clark Hunt  
[Team Website](#)

**Stadium:** Columbus Crew Stadium

**Date Built:** 1999

**Facility Cost (millions):** \$28.5

**Facility Financing:** Privately financed by Hunt Sports Group

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** The Crew started a trend when it became the first MLS team to build a soccer-specific complex in 1999. The team is now looking to build a new training facility and large-scale soccer complex in 2009, but its priority is improving its existing Crew Stadium infrastructure since the team has lost fans due to traffic and parking problems. Additionally, it



would like to have a new permanent concert stage, LED lighting in the building, and a true club area.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The Crew has not been able to secure a naming rights deal but is optimistic that a partner will be found.

**Team: D.C. United**

**Principal Owner:** D.C. United Holdings

[Team Website](#)

**Stadium:** RFK Stadium

**Date Built:** 1961

**Facility Cost (millions):** \$19

**Facility Financing:** The stadium was funded with Congressionally-authorized bonds.

**UPDATE:** The ownership group D.C. United Holdings bought the MLS's four-time championship team in January 2007 for \$33 million, the highest price paid for a major league soccer team in the U.S. In May 2007, United entered into an initial one-year strategic partnership with Brazilian club Atletico Mineiro. The goal of the partnership is to enhance the sporting and commercial success of the respective clubs by sharing expertise and experience as well as creating new opportunities for the clubs in both areas.

In addition, 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.

**Team: FC Dallas**

**Principal Owner:** Hunt Sports Group; headed by Clark Hunt

[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:** Improvements to Robertson Stadium were completed in 2006. The Dynamo donated \$1.7 million to fund the upgrades, which included a new lighting system, scoreboard, and JumboTron. The team is also negotiating a plan to build a new \$70-\$80 million stadium, which they hope to be completed for the 2010 season. Mayor Bill White assures residents that their taxes will not increase to fund the new project since it will be privately financed by Hunt Sports Group. The stadium will be built on Minute Maid Park's parking lot C and will seat around 22,000 people.

**Team: Kansas City Wizards**

**Principal Owner:** Neal Patterson and Cliff Illig

[Team Website](#)

**Stadium:** Arrowhead Stadium

**Date Built:** 1972

**Facility Cost (millions):** \$43

**Facility Financing:** Paid for with a county bond.

**UPDATE:** Lamar Hunt sold the Kansas City Wizards to Neal Patterson and Cliff Illig in August 2006. The new owners are in negotiations to build a new stadium for the team. In May 2007, Bannister mall, which contains more than 1 million square feet, was demolished. Wizards' owners would like the new stadium to be built in the mall's place but negotiations are still taking place.

**Team: Los Angeles Galaxy**

**Principal Owner:** AEG

[Team Website](#)

**Stadium:** Home Depot Center

**Date Built:** 2003

**Facility Cost (millions):** \$150 M

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** With the arrival of Galaxy's new star David Beckham and a five-year \$50 million contract, the team unveiled a new logo comprised of new colors: blue, gold, and white. In addition, the owners have almost doubled the ticket prices to home games with the expectation of Beckhamania.

**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](#)

**UPDATE:** The New York Red Bulls are in the process of building their own 25,000-seat soccer specific stadium in Harrison, New Jersey. The team hopes to play in the new stadium by the 2008 season, but due to delays, the team may have to continue sharing Giants Stadium for another year. Red Bull is paying for the estimated \$130 million project, which includes naming rights to the stadium.

**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](#)

**UPDATE:** Team owner Robert Kraft installed new FieldTurf before the 2007 season. The cost of the field was between \$720,000 and \$750,000 and it should last 10-12 years. Since the installment, Robert Kraft has been looking for new ways to capitalize on his teams' new FieldTurf, which has led to the possibility that The Razor will host motor cross racing.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Gillette agreed to a \$120 million, 15-year naming rights agreement, which will conclude in 2017.

**Team: Real Salt Lake**

**Principal Owner:** Sports Capital Partners

[Team Website](#)

**Stadium:** Rice-Eccles Stadium

**Date Built:** 1927; renovated in 1998.

**Facility Cost:** \$133,000; \$50 million renovation.

**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](#)

**UPDATE:** After two years of debate, Real Salt Lake representatives and Sandy City came to an agreement for a new \$110 million stadium in February 2007. The \$110 million stadium will receive \$35 million of Salt Lake County's hotel-room tax revenue for infrastructure at the site through a legislature-approved funding package. Sandy has also committed \$10 million of its own redevelopment agency dollars.

In addition, Real Salt Lake and Real Madrid signed a ten year cooperative agreement, which includes a biannual match between the two teams, training at the Real Madrid practice facility in Spain, and the creation of a \$25 million elite youth academy in Salt Lake City.

**Team: Toronto FC**

**Principal Owner:** Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment Ltd.

[Team Website](#)

**Stadium:** BMO Field

**Facility Cost (millions):** \$64 Canadian; \$62 US

**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.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** The 20,000-seat BMO Field opened in May 2007 and will also be home to the Canadian National team. Furthermore, MLS's commissioner declared that the 2008 All-Star Game will take place at BMO Field, as well as an MLS Cup by 2012.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Bank of Montreal (BMO) agreed to a 10-year naming rights deal, which will expire in 2017.

## 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)

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** Phase one and two of the RE/MAX Greater Atlanta Stadium was completed in time for the 2006 season, which included a 3,000 seat stadium, a bar/restaurant, additional parking, and permanent restrooms, locker rooms, and concessions. The final two phases of the Silverbacks' soccer-specific stadium will include expansion to 15,000 seats, a health club, and a relocation of the administrative headquarters for the Atlanta Silverbacks. The total cost of construction will be \$20 million.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** RE/MAX Greater Atlanta signed a multi-year naming rights deal in May 2006. The details of the agreement were not disclosed.

### Team: California Victory

**Principal Owner:** Dmitry Piterman

[Team Website](#)

**Stadium:** Kezar Stadium

**Date Built:** 1925

**Facility Cost (millions):** \$300,000

**Facility Financing:** Publicly financed by the city and county of San Francisco.

**UPDATE:** The team began play in the 2007 season at Kezar Stadium, the former home of the San Francisco Giants (NFL), the San Francisco 49ers (NFL), and the Oakland Raiders (NFL).

### Team: Carolina RailHawks

**Principal Owner:**

[Team Website](#)

**Stadium:** SAS Soccer Park

**Date Built:** 2002

**Facility Cost (millions):** \$14.5

**Facility Financing:** Publicly financed through a countywide hotel room and prepared food and beverage taxes.

[Facility Website](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** SAS, a privately held software company, had the naming rights to the soccer park through June 30, 2007 but extended it for another three years, which will expire in 2009.

**Team: Charleston Battery**

**Principal Owner:** Charleston Battery, LLC; headed by Tony Bakker

[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: Miami FC**

**Principal Owner:** Traffic Sports USA

[Team Website](#)

**Stadium:** Tropical Park Stadium

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2007, the team held a contest for Miami area schools for a nickname and mascot. The nickname Miami Blues and a flaming soccer player named Hotshot won the contest, but as of July 2007, the team has not adopted the changes.

**Team: Minnesota Thunder**

**Principal Owner:** Saeed Kadkhodaian

[Team Website](#)

**Stadium:** James Griffin Stadium

**Date Built:** 1998

**UPDATE:** The team remains interested in moving to downtown Minneapolis from St. Paul, especially with the Minneapolis Park Board's \$1.2 million purchase of artificial turf for its Parade Park. The city's old Parade Park was torn down in the early 1990s but the Park Board approved plans in 2007 to rebuild a smaller version of the old stadium, including artificial turf, scoreboards, and bleachers.

**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

**UPDATE:** In March 2007, the Montreal Impact reached an agreement with the Olympic Installations Board to build and operate a 13,000-seat stadium, which would be named Saputo Stadium. Construction began in April and will be ready for the 2008 season. The facility will be privately funded, partly by the family of Impact President Joey Saputo, who will contribute \$7.5 million of the stadium's \$15 million projected cost.

**Team: Portland Timbers**

**Principal Owner:** Shortstop LLC; headed by Merritt Paulson

[Team Website](#)



**Stadium:** PGE Park

**Date Built:** 1926

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

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** The MLS is looking to expand in the Northwest and has considered Portland and PGE Park as a possible home. But PGE Park, the Portland Timbers (MLS), and the Portland Beavers (Minor League Baseball) have recently been bought by a new owner, Merritt Paulson, putting the possibility of a new MLS team in PGE Park on hold. Merritt Paulson holds the lease to PGE Park for his teams but says he is open to discussion of a new MLS team.

**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

**Facility Financing:** Publicly financed by the municipality of Bayamon

**Team: Rochester Raging Rhinos**

**Principal Owner:** Frank DuRoss, Steve Donner and Chris Economides

[Team Website](#)

**Stadium:** Paetec Park

**Date Built:** 2006

**Facility Cost (millions):** \$35

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

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** Paetec Park was supposed to open its second season in 2007 with 18 new luxury suites, but the \$4 million state grant needed to fund the project has not come through yet.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** PaeTec will be paying \$2.1 M over twelve years for the naming rights.

**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](#)

**UPDATE:** Talks for an MLS expansion team in the Northwest is circulating around Seattle. Qwest Field could serve as a temporary site for a new MLS team, but MLS requires its franchises to pursue soccer-specific stadiums with seating for around 25,000, and because Qwest Field is also home to the Seattle Seahawks, it could never be a permanent home. Building a soccer specific stadium would cost \$50-\$100 million; therefore, investors are also looking at Portland's PGE Park.

**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: Vancouver Whitecaps FC**

**Principal Owner:** Greg Kerfoot

[Team Website](#)

**Stadium:** Swangard Stadium

**Date Built:** 1969

**UPDATE:** During the summer of 2007, Swangard Stadium was one of the host venues for the FIFA Under-20 World Cup, a biennial competition of the best young players from around the world. So that it would be a suitable venue for the event, the stadium received a \$1.6 million facelift, including improvements to the stadium's lighting, dressing rooms, and VIP facilities.



## **USL Second Division**

### **Team: Bermuda Hogges**

**Principal Owner:** Shaun Goater, Kyle Lightbourne, and Paul Scope

[Team Website](#)

**Stadium:** Bermuda National Stadium (The Carpet)

**UPDATE:** In 2006, the Bermuda Hogges became the first professional sports franchise based in Bermuda.

### **Team: Charlotte Eagles**

**Owner:** Missionary Athletes International

[Team Website](#)

**Stadium:** Waddell High School Stadium in Charlotte

**UPDATE:** The team unveiled a new logo to begin their 15th Anniversary celebration in 2007. The team wanted to revamp their brand without sacrificing their traditions; therefore, the new logo maintains the elements of their original: an eagle laying a soccer ball at the foot of a cross with a globe in the background.

### **Team: Cincinnati Kings**

**Principal Owner:** Yacoub Abdallahi

[Team Website](#)

**Stadium:** Town and Country Soccer Stadium

[Facility Website](#)

### **Team: Cleveland City Stars**

**Principal Owner:** Cleveland Soccer Foundation

[Team Website](#)

**Stadium:** Krenzler Field

**Date Built:** 1985

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** The field has received a recent \$2.9 million upgrade, including the construction of FieldTurf and an air supported dome to provide an indoor practice facility in the winter.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The field is owned by Cleveland State University and was named in honor of Judge Alvin I. Krenzler, a long-time supporter of the university. It was Krenzler's contribution that made completion of the facility possible.

**Team: Crystal Palace Baltimore**

**Principal Owner:**

[Team Website](#)

**Stadium:** Navy Marine Corps Memorial Stadium

**Date Built:** 1959

**Facility Cost (millions):** \$3

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** Annapolis Mayor Ellen Moyer spent \$190,000 tax dollars on a new West Street shuttle system that links the downtown with the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium. Furthermore, the stadium received a dramatic \$42 million facelift, which modernized everything from the offices to memorabilia displays to video equipment. The final upgrade will be an indoor practice facility that is expected to open March 2008.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The field is owned by the Naval Academy and was built in honor of all those that have served and will serve our country.

**Team: Harrisburg City Islanders**

**Principal Owner** : Eric Pettis

[Team Website](#)

**Stadium**: Skyline Sports Complex

**Date Built**: 1987

[Facility Website](#)

**Team: New Hampshire Phantoms**

**Principal Owner**: Annibale Todesca

[Team Website](#)

**Stadium**: Southern New Hampshire University Athletic Complex

[Facility Website](#)

**Team: Richmond Kickers**

**Principal Owner**: Tom Depcrynski

[Team Website](#)

**Stadium**: University of Richmond Stadium

**Date Built**: 1929

**Facility Cost**: \$80,000

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE**: The Kickers moved from the USL I division to the USL II division for the 2007 season. The team has also created a youth program and a professional development league team, following U.S. Soccer's Theory of Vertical Integration.

**Team: Western Mass Pioneers**

**Principal Owner**: LIIC, Inc.

[Team Website](#)

**Stadium:** Lusitano Stadium

**Date Built:** 1918

**UPDATE:** The Pioneers are celebrating their 10 year anniversary in 2007.

**Team:** Wilmington Hammerheads

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

[Team Website](#)

**Stadium:** Legion Stadium

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** The team held a Name our Mascot contest in the summer of 2007 as part of their attempt to rejuvenate fan interest and support. The hammerhead mascot will now be named Sledgehammer, Sledge for short.

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