



Other Football Leagues

League: Arena Football League (AFL)

LEAGUE UPDATE: The Arena Football League did not play in 2009 and has suspended operations indefinitely. The League's board of directors cancelled the 2009 season citing debt, high expenses, and the need to come up with a long-term plan to improve its economic model. The AFL and its players association completed a new collective bargaining agreement that was supposed to set the stage for a return to play in 2010, but infighting among the owners killed the agreement. The league has been in a downward spiral since long time commissioner David Baker resigned in July 2008. As of August 1, 2009, the league is \$14 million in debt and needs \$10 to \$12 million in capital to play next season. The league's owners were divided into two groups. One that was committed to bring the league back in 2010 and willing to contribute the capital needed to make that happen. The other fraction was unwilling to make the investment and the two sides were not able to come to a consensus. The league officially announced that it had suspended operations on August 4, 2009. The league declared bankruptcy and entered into Chapter 7 liquidation.

League: Arena Football League 2 (AF2)

Team: Albany Firebirds

Principal Owner: Walter Robb

[Team Website](#)

Arena: The Times Union

Date Built: 1990

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The future of arena football in Albany was in serious doubt. The team had suffered from declining attendance and poor on field performance. Owner Walter Robb entered a marketing and advertising partnership with Time Union and SMG that allowed the team to stay in business. The franchise changed its name from the Conquest to the Firebirds, which was the name of the Arena Football League team that played in Albany from 1990 to 2000.

NAMING RIGHTS: In 2006 the county signed a \$3.5 M 10-year naming-rights contract with the Times Union which will expire in 2016. The newspaper agreed to pay \$350,000 a year, as well as provide advertising and other promotional benefits.

Team: Amarillo Dusters

Principal Owner: Texas Panhandle Football LLC

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Amarillo Civic Center

Date Built: 1964

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The Amarillo Dusters introduced a new color scheme for the team that includes crimson, grey, and black.

NAMING RIGHTS: Amarillo National Bank acquired the field naming rights for the 2006 season at the Amarillo Civic Center. The field will be known as Amarillo National Bank Field. The terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

Team: Arkansas Twisters

Principal Owner: Tim Berryman

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Alltel Arena

Date Built: 1999

Facility Cost (millions): \$83

Facility Financing: Proceeds from a one-year, one-percent sales tax in Pulaski County were contributed to building the new arena. Twenty million dollars were given from the State of Arkansas, \$10 M from suite lease agreements, and \$15.7 M in interest income from invested

funds.

[Facility Website](#)

NAMING RIGHTS: Alltel is paying \$7 M over 15 years for a naming rights deal that expires in 2014.

Team: Boise Burn

Principal Owner: Eric Trapp

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Qwest Arena

Date Built: 1997

Facility Cost (millions): \$50

[Facility Website](#)

Team: Bossier/Shreveport Battlewings

Principal Owner: Dan Newman, Jerry Anderson, and Boyd Barker

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: CenturyTel Center

Date Built: 2000

[Facility Website](#)

NAMING RIGHTS: CenturyTel has a 10-year, \$5 M naming rights deal for the Center.

Team: Central Valley Coyotes

Principal Owner: Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi-Yokut Tribe

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Selland Arena

Date Built: 1966

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: Selland Arena underwent a \$15 million renovation during the past year. Seating was expanded to 8,400, the locker rooms were remodeled, and the scoreboard and video board were replaced.

Team: Corpus Christi Sharks

Principal Owner: Joe Avezzano

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: American Bank Center

Date Built: 2004

Facility Cost (millions): \$49.5

[Facility Website](#)

Team: Florida Firecats
Principal Owner: Andrew Vallozzi
[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Germain Arena
Date Built: 1998
Facility Cost (millions): \$25
Facility Financing: The venue was privately financed.
[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The Florida Firecats made the playoffs with a 7-9 record, but were disqualified because the franchised owed the league \$200,000 dollars. The league said that the franchise had failed to honor league commitments.

NAMING RIGHTS: Germain Motor Company is paying \$7 M over 20 years for a naming rights deal that expires in 2018.

Team: Green Bay Blizzard
Principal Owner: Brian Noble and Dave Krieg
[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Resch Center
Date Built: 2002
Facility Cost (millions): \$49
Facility Financing: Financed primarily through an 8% room rental tax at the Resch Center and KI Convention Center. \$5 M came from various naming rights opportunities throughout the Center. \$1 came M from the State of Wisconsin and the Village of Ashwaubenon, and additional funding came from the sale of bricks to fill the plaza in front of the Center.
[Facility Website](#)

NAMING RIGHTS: The Resch Center is named after Dick Resch, president of KI. Resch and KI donated \$5 M in cash and furnishings for the Resch Center and the KI Convention Center, located next door to the Center.

Team: Iowa Barnstormers
Principal Owner:
[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Wells Fargo Arena
Date Built: 2005
Facility Cost (millions): \$99
[Facility Website](#)

NAMING RIGHTS: Wells Fargo is the corporate sponsor of the the multi-purpose arena in Des Moines, Iowa.

Team: Kentucky Horsemen
Principal Owner: Horsemen Charitable Foundation
[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Rupp Arena
Date Built: 1976
Facility Cost (millions): \$53
Facility Financing:
[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The teams ownership changed from the House family to a not for profit charitable foundation. The teams name changed from Lexington to Kentucky Horsemen.

Team: Lubbock Renegades
Principal Owner:
[Team Website](#)

Stadium: City Bank Coliseum
Date Built: 1971
[Facility Website](#)

NAMING RIGHTS: The City Bank Coliseum renewed its partnership and naming rights agreement with the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum into 2010. The specifics of the naming right deal were not revealed.

Team: Mahoning Valley Thunder
Principal Owner: Dr. Michael Slyk, Dr. Jon Saadey and Tim Chesney
[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Covelli Centre
Date Built: 2005
[Facility Website](#)

NAMING RIGHTS: In November 2005, General Motors acquired the naming rights to the arena. Choosing Chevrolet for the naming rights was highly appropriate because one of the brand's more successful cars, the Cobalt, is manufactured in nearby Lordstown, Ohio. In October 2008, GM decided to not renew their naming rights deal for the arena. Covelli Enterprises reached a three-year, \$120,000 naming rights agreement with the city.

Team: Manchester Wolves
Principal Owner: Steve Schubert, Angello Mazella, Dick Anagnost, Don Winterton, Jim Watson, C.B. Sullivan, and Steve Grzywacz.
[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Verizon Wireless Arena
Date Built: 2001

Facility Cost (millions): \$67

[Facility Website](#)

NAMING RIGHTS: Verizon is paying \$11.4 M over 15 years for a naming rights deal that expires in 2016.

Team: Milwaukee Iron

Principal Owner: Drew Vallozzi

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Bradley Center

Date Built: 1988

Facility Cost (millions): \$90

Facility Financing: The arena was financed through a donation by the Pettit family as a gift to the people of Wisconsin and in memory of Harry Lynde Bradley.

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The Milwaukee Iron are an expansion team that began play in the AF2 for the 2009 season. The team signed a three year lease to play at the Bradley Center. An agreement was reached with Time Warner to televise all of the teams home and away games on Time Warner's local sports channel.

Team: Oklahoma City Yard Dawgz

Principal Owner: Phil Miller

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Oklahoma City Ford Center

Date Built: 2002

Facility Cost (millions): \$89

Facility Financing: The Ford Center was publicly financed by a temporary one-percent sales tax.

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: For the 2009 season, the team played at the Cox Convention Center due to renovations that are occurring to the Ford Center. The team will return to the Ford Center in 2010. Upgrades to the Ford Center include restaurants, club areas, additional suites, office space, and NBA specific locker rooms.

NAMING RIGHTS: Coinciding with its opening in 2002, Ford Motor Co. has a 15-year, \$8.1 M naming rights deal for the Center.

Team: Peoria Pirates

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Carver Arena at Peoria Civic Center

Date Built: 1982

[Facility Website](#)

Team: Quad City Steamwheelers

Principal Owner: Jim Foster

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: i-wireless Center (formerly The Mark of the Quad Cities)

Date Built: 1993

Facility Cost (millions): \$36

Facility Financing: The arena was funded by \$28 M from a state grant, \$6.1 M from general obligation bonds and \$2 M in private funds.

[Facility Website](#)

NAMING RIGHTS: As of June 2007, The Mark of the Quad Cities will be known as the i-wireless Center. The Iowa-based cellular telephone company is paying \$4.25 million over the next 10 years.

Team: Rio Grande Valley Dorados

Principal Owner: Rio Grande Valley Professional Football, Ltd.

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Dodge Arena

Date Built: 2003

Facility Cost (millions): \$20

[Facility Website](#)

NAMING RIGHTS: Dodge has a 10-year, \$2 M naming rights deal for the arena. The deal runs through 2012.

Team: South Georgia Wildcats

Principal Owner: Stuart Brown, Silvio Fazzini, Mike Flynn, Jeff Harlow, John Hunt, Edwin Mulitalo, Kyle Richardson, Mike Storen, and Frank Wainright.

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Albany Civic Center

Date Built: 1983

[Facility Website](#)

Team: Spokane Shock

Principal Owner: Brady Nelson

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena

Date Built: 1994

Facility Cost (millions): \$44.5

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The Shock continue to lead the AF2 in attendance. The franchise has lead the league in attendance since 2006, when the team began play.

Team: Stockton Lightning

Principal Owner: Michael Reinsdorf

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Stockton Arena

Date Built: 2005

Facility Cost (millions): \$64

Facility Financing: Publicly financed by the City of Stockton.

[Facility Website](#)

Team: Tennessee Valley Vipers

Principal Owner: Ron Evens

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Von Braun Center

Date Built: 1975

[Facility Website](#)

NAMING RIGHTS: The facility is named in honor of Wernher von Braun, a former German rocket scientist, who, after World War II, laid the foundation for the United States space program, which was thought by the locals to put Huntsville on the map.

Team: Toledo Bullfrogs (2010 expansion team)

Principal Owner: Toledo Arena Sports, Inc.

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Lucas County Arena

Date Built: 2009

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The Toledo Bullfrogs will begin play in 2010. The team will play in the new Lucas County Arena that is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2009. The Arena will be the home to the Bullfrogs and Toledo Walleye ECHL ice hockey team. The expansion franchise is owned by Toledo Arena Sports, Inc. which is a non-profit group lead by the owners of the minor league Toledo Mud Hens.

Team: Tri-Cities Fever

Principal Owner: Doug MacGregor

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Toyota Center

Date Built: 1988

[Facility Website](#)

NAMING RIGHTS: In October 2005, Toyota purchased the naming rights to the Three Rivers Coliseum for 10 years.

Team: Tulsa Talons

Principal Owner: Henry Primeaux, Sr. and Paul Ross

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: BOK Center

Date Built: 2009

Facility Cost (millions): \$196

Facility Financing: \$178 million in public funds and an additional \$18 million from private contributions.

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The team moved in the BOK Center for the 2009 season. The 19,199-seat arena is the home to the Talons and the Tulsa Oilers of the Central Hockey League.

NAMING RIGHTS: Bank of Oklahoma purchased the naming rights for the arena for \$11 million over 20-years.

Team: Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Pioneers

Principal Owner: Big Win Ventures

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Wachovia Arena

Date Built: 1999

[Facility Website](#)

NAMING RIGHTS: Wachovia is paying \$2.3 M over 10 years for a naming rights deal that expires in 2009.

League: United Football League (UFL)

Team: California Redwoods

Principal Owner: Paul Pelosi

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: AT&T Park

Date Built: 2000

Facility Cost (millions): \$325

Facility Financing: The stadium was financed with \$121 million from a naming rights deal and other sponsorships, selling concessions rights, selling charter seats, a \$170 million loan secured by the Giants, and \$15 million in tax increment financing by the city's redevelopment agency.

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The California Redwoods are one of four founding teams in the United Football League. The team will play its home games at AT&T Park. The facility was built for baseball, but has hosted a college football bowl game since 2002. The team will be coached by former Arizona Cardinals and Minnesota Vikings coach Dennis Green.

NAMING RIGHTS: Pacific Telesis purchased the naming rights to Pac Bell Park in 2000. The agreement extends over 24 years, paying the Giants \$50 million at an average of \$2.1 million annually. In December 2002, San Antonio based SBC Communications decided to retire its Pacific Bell trade names. Pacific Bell Park became SBC Park on January 1, 2004. Prior to the 2006 season, the name of the stadium was changed from SBC Park to AT&T. The change was the result of SBC Communications Inc. Purchasing AT&T and adopting the name AT&T Inc.

Team: Florida Tuskers

Principal Owner: Stuart Sternberg

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Florida Citrus Bowl

Date Built: 1936

Facility Cost (millions): \$175 (renovation)

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The Florida Tuskers are one of four founding teams of the United Football League. The team will be coached by former NFL coach Jim Haslett. The Tampa Bay Rays have a minority ownership interest in the franchise. The Rays are believed to have paid less than \$2 million for their share of the team. The Tuskers will play two games at the Florida Citrus Bowl and another game at Tropicana Field. The Citrus Bowl will undergo a \$175 million renovation. The renovation is part of \$1.1 billion development plan for downtown Orlando that includes a new Arena for the Orlando Magic and a new performing arts center. The Citrus Bowl has been home to a number of other non NFL professional football teams including the Orlando Renegades of the USFL and Orlando Rage of the XFL.

Team: Las Vegas Locomotives
Principal Owner: William Hambrecht
[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Sam Boyd Stadium
Date Built: 1971
Facility Cost (millions): \$3.5
[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The Las Vegas Locomotives are one of four founding teams of the UFL. The team will be coached by former NFL coach Jim Fassel.

Team: New York Sentinels
Principal Owner: Bill Mayer
[Team Website](#)

UPDATE: The New York UFL franchise does not have a permanent home stadium for the 2009 inaugural season. Currently the team is schedule to play games at Giants Stadium, City Field, and Rentschler Field in Hartford Connecticut. Other locations that have been proposed as a possible home stadium include James M. Stuart Stadium in Uniondale, New York, Laurence Wein Stadium at Columbia University and the new MLS stadium being built in New Jersey.

NAMING RIGHTS:

League: Canadian Football League (CFL)

Team: B.C. Lions

Principal Owner: David Braley

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: B.C. Place Stadium

Date Built: 1983

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: B.C. Place Stadium will host the 2010 Winter Olympic Games Opening and Closing Ceremonies. The stadium is undergoing two phases of renovations. The first phase set to be completed for the start of the 2010 games includes upgrades to suites, seating, washrooms, concession stands, and the existing roof liner. The first phase will cost \$150 million. The second phase which will occur after the games will include a new retractable roof, infrastructure improvements and a seismic upgrade. The Vancouver MLS expansion franchise has signed a letter of intent to play in the facility for five years. The team is set to begin play in 2011.

Team: Calgary Stampeders

Principal Owner: Ted Hellard

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: McMahon Stadium

Date Built: 1960

[Team Website](#)

UPDATE: McMahon Stadium will be hosting the Grey Cup on November 29, 2009. The stadium will also host a second NHL outdoor game on January 1, 2010. The game will feature the Calgary Flames and one of the five other Canadian-based franchises. The other outdoor game is taking place at Fenway Park in Boston.

Team: Edmonton Eskimos

Principal Owner: Publicly owned

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Commonwealth Stadium

Date Built: 1978

Facility Cost (millions): \$20.9 (\$22.2 renovation in 2001)

[Facility Website](#)

Team: Hamilton Tiger-Cats

Principal Owner: Robert F. Young

[Facility Website](#)

Team: Montreal Alouettes
Principal Owner: Robert Wetenhall
[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Percival Molson Memorial Stadium
Date Built: 1915
Facility Website

UPDATE: Percival Molson Memorial Stadium is currently undergoing a \$30 million renovation. The cost of the renovation is being shared by the Quebec government (\$19 m), the city of Montreal (\$4 m), and the Alouettes (\$6 m). An additional 5,000 seats will be added to the 20,202 seat stadium. A second deck will be added and permanent seats will be constructed in the end zones. The project is expected to be completed by 2010 and the team hopes the expansion will produce an additional \$2.5 million per year.

Team: Saskatchewan Roughriders
Principal Owner: Community owned
[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Mosaic Stadium at Taylor Field
Date Built: 1946

NAMING RIGHTS: In June 2006, The Mosaic Company entered a 10-year naming rights deal worth \$3.75 M.

Team: Toronto Argonauts
Principal Owner: David Cynamon and Howard Sokolowski
[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Rogers Centre
Date Built: 1989
Facility Cost (millions): \$570 Canadian
Facility Financing: The Rogers Centre was financed with \$360 M from local government, \$150 M from 30 corporations and \$60 M from luxury seat fees.
[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: Toronto Argonauts are unhappy about the prospect of more NFL games in Toronto. The team was assured that no more than eight Buffalo Bills game would be played in Toronto over five years. The Argonauts have stated that they gotten very few benefits from the Bills' game in Toronto last year.

Team: Winnipeg Blue Bombersk
Principal Owner: Lyle Bauer
[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Canada Inns Stadium

Date Built: 1953

UPDATE: The Winnipeg Blue Bombers will be moving into a new stadium for the 2011 season. The stadium will be located on the grounds of the University of Manitoba campus. The stadium will have a capacity of 30,000 and the playing field will be covered in the winter to allow for year around use.

NAMING RIGHTS: Canada Inns has a 10-year, \$1.750 M naming rights deal for the home of the Blue Bombers.

League: Indoor Football League

The United Indoor Football League and the Intense Football League merged to form the Indoor Football League

Team: Abilene Ruff Riders

Principal Owner : Brandon Smith

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Taylor County Expo Center

Date Built: 1973

[Facility Website](#)

Team: Alaska Wild

Principal Owner: David Weatherholt

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Sullivan Arena

Date Built: 1983

[Facility Website](#)

Team: Billings Outlaws

Principal Owner: Wally Yovetich

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Rimrock Auto Arena at MetraPark

Date Built: 1975

[Facility Website](#)

NAMING RIGHTS: On February 21, 2007, Rimrock Auto Group announced a 10-year, \$1 million naming rights deal for the arena. On July 1, 2007, it became known as the Rimrock Auto Arena at MetraPark.

Team: Bloomington Extreme

Principal Owner: Ed Brady

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: US Cellular Coliseum

Date Built: 2006

Facility Cost (millions): \$37

Facility Financing: Funded by the City of Bloomington.

[Facility Website](#)

Team: Colorado Ice

Principal Owner: Danny DeGrande

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Budweiser Events Center

Date Built: 2003

Facility Cost (millions): \$60

[Facility Website](#)

Team: Corpus Christi Hammerheads

Principal Owner: Chad Dittman

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Central Pavilion Arena

Date Built: 2006

[Facility Website](#)

Team: El Paso Generals

Principal Owner: Brandon Smith

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: El Paso Generals

Date Built: 1942

Facility Cost (millions): \$9.5 (2005 renovation)

[Facility Website](#)

Team: Fairbanks Grizzlies

Principal Owner : Jay McDiarmid

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Carlson Center

Date Built: 2007

[Facility Website](#)

Team: Maryland Maniacs

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: The Show Place Arena

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The Maryland Maniacs were an expansion team for the 2009 season.

Team: Muskegon Thunder

Principal Owner: MVP Fortress

[Team Website](#)

Stadium:L.C. Walker Arena

Date Built: 1960

[Facility Website](#)

NAMING RIGHTS: The L.C. Walker family gave the city permission to sell naming rights to the arena in 2005. Since then, the arena has tried to attract local corporate sponsors, but has been unsuccessful since it does not support a major professional sports team and it is not a new facility. City officials expect a 10-year contract for the buildings naming rights to bring in \$100,000 a year to help offset losses from operations and maintenance on the city owned area

Team: Odessa Roughnecks

Principal Owner: Tommy Benizio & Abby Benizio

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Ector County Coliseum

Date Built: 1954 (renovated in 1991)

Facility Cost (millions): \$1.6 M for renovations.

Team: Omaha Beef

Principal Owner: Noodle Development and Duane Davis

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Omaha Civic Auditorium

Date Built: 1954

Facility Cost (millions): \$25 M renovation completed in 1997.

[Facility Website](#)

Team: River City Rage

Principal Owner: Tye Elliott and MAC Meetings and Events

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Family Arena

Date Built: 1999

Facility Cost (millions):

[Facility Website](#)

Team: Rochester Raiders

Principal Owner: Dave McCarthy, Bob Bartosiewicz, Thurman Thomas

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Blue Cross Arena

Date Built: 1955

Facility Cost (millions): \$7.5 (construction) \$41 (renovation)

[Facility Website](#)

Naming Rights: Blue Cross Blue Shield purchased the naming rights after the arena underwent a renovation in 1998.

Team: Saginaw Sting
Principal Owner: Mike Trumbull
[Team Website](#)

Arena: Dow Event Center
Date Built: 1972
[Facility Website](#)

Naming Rights: In September 2004, The Saginaw County Building Authority and the County Board of Commissioners awarded naming rights to the Saginaw County Event Center to the Dow Chemical Company. The cost of the sponsorship is \$250,000 per year, for 10 years.

Team: San Angelo Stampede Express
Principal Owner: Darlene Jones & Patsy McIntire
[Team Website](#)

Stadium: San Angelo Coliseum
Date Built: 1958
Team: Sioux City Bandits
Principal Owner: Bob Scott
[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Gateway Arena at the Tyson Events Center
Date Built: 2003
[Facility Website](#)

Team: Sioux Falls Storm
Principal Owner: Kent & Laura Vucurevich
[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Sioux Falls Arena
Date Built:
[Facility Website](#)

Team: Wichita Wild
Principal Owner: Wink Hartman
[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Hartman Arena
Date Built: 2009
[Facility Website](#)

Update: The team played their home games at the newly constructed Hartman Arena.

Continental Indoor Football League

Team: Chicago Slaughter

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Sears Centre

Date Built: 2006

[Facility Website](#)

Team: Fort Wayne Freedom

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Allen County War Memorial Coliseum

Date Built: 1952 (renovated 2002)

[Facility Website](#)

Team: Marion Mayhem

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Veterans Memorial Coliseum

Date Built: 1950

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The Veterans Memorial Coliseum is currently being renovated. The Coliseum's "facelift" includes remodeled restrooms, new doors and windows, and an outside stucco covering.

Team: Miami Valley Silverbacks

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Hobart Arena

Date Built: 1950

[Facility Website](#)

NAMING RIGHTS: In 2007, the naming rights to the field at Hobart Arena were purchased by Rapid Fire, a regional chain that sells firearms and firearm accessories. The field that the Silverbacks play is now officially named Rapid Fire Field at Hobart Arena. Terms of the purchasing agreement were not disclosed.

Team: Milwaukee Bonecrushers

Principal Owner: John Burns

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: U.S. Cellular Arena

Date Built: 1950

[Facility Website](#)

Team: Rock River Raptors

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Rockford MetroCentre

Date Built: 1981

[Facility Website](#)

Team: Wheeling Wildcats

Principal Owner: Dave Bender

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: WesBanco Arena

Date Built: 1977

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The Wheeling Wildcats were an expansion team for the 2009 season.

Team: Wisconsin Wolfpack

Principal Owner: Bob Lowe and Jordan Kopac

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Alliant Energy Center

Date Built: 1954

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The Wisconsin Wolfpack were an expansion team for the 2009 season.

American Indoor Football Association

Team: Arizona Adrenaline

Principal Owner: Wade Cunningham and Scott Simmons

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Tim's Toyota Center

Date Built: 2006

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The Arizona Adrenaline did not play in 2009, but are planning on resuming play in 2010

Team: Augusta Colts

Principal Owner: John Sisson

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: James Brown Arena at Augusta-Richmond County Civic Center

Date Built: 1974

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The Augusta Colts did not play in 2009, but are planing on resuming play in 2010.

NAMING RIGHTS: The arena was renamed in honor of musician James Brown on August 22, 2006.

Team: Baltimore Mariners

Principal Owner: Dwayne Wells and Kevin Fash

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: 1st Mariner Arena

Date Built: 1962

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The Baltimore Mariners were purchased by the Brig Group, LCC, led by Dwayne Wells and Kevin Fash. The team was founded in 2009 by John Morris.

NAMING RIGHTS: In 2003, 1st Mariner Bank purchased the naming rights to the arena for 10 years.

Team: Canton Legends

Principal Owner: Joe Hoffman

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Canton Memorial Civic Center

Date Built: 1951

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The Canton Legends did not play in 2009, but are planing on resuming play in 2010.

Team: Carolina Speed

Principal Owner: Larry Kennedy Jr.

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Bojangles Coliseum

Date Built: 1955

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The team now plays its home games at the Bojangles Coliseum. The team had previously played at the Cabarrus Arena and Events Center.

Team:Columbus Lions

Principal Owner: Keith Norred

[Team Website](#)

Stadium:Columbus Civic Center

Date Built: 1996

[Facility Website](#)

Team: D.C Armor

Principal Owner: Corey Barnette

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: D.C Armory

Date Built: 1941

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The D.C Armor began play in the American Indoor Football Association for the 2009 season. The Armor are the first professional football team to play within the District of Columbia since the Washington Redskins moved from RFK Stadium to FedEx Field.

Team: Erie RiverRats

Principal Owner: Jeff Hauser

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Louis J. Tullio Arena

Date Built: 1983

[Facility Website](#)

NAMING RIGHTS: The arena is named after former Erie mayor Louis J. Tullio. There are no current plans to sell the naming rights to the arena.

Team: Fayetteville Guard
Principal Owner: Richard King
[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Crown Coliseum
Date Built: 1997
[Facility Website](#)

Team: Florence Phantoms
Principal Owner:
[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Florence Civic Center
[Facility Website](#)

Team: Harrisburg Stampede
Principal Owner: John Morris, Marques Colston, Michael Mink
[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex & Expo Center
Date Built: 1966
[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The Harrisburg Stampede were an expansion team that began play for the 2009 season.

Team: New Mexico Wildcats
Principal Owner: John Morris
[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Santa Ana Star Center
Date Built:
[Facility Website](#)

NAMING RIGHTS: In July 2006, Santa Ana Star Casino purchased the naming rights to the arena in a five-year, \$2.5 million deal.

Team: Ogden Knights
Principal Owner: Michael Mink and John Morris
[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Golden Spike Arena

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The Ogden Knights were an expansion team that began playing in the American Indoor Football Association for the 2009 season.

Team: Reading Express

Principal Owner: Ted and Lisa Lavender

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Sovereign Center

Date Built: 2001

[Facility Website](#)

Team: South Carolina Force

Principal Owner: Andre White

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: BI-LO Center

Date Built: 1998

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The South Carolina Force were an expansion team that began play in 2009.

Team: Utah Valley Thunder

Principal Owner: Dave Affleck

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: McKay Events Center

Date Built: 1996

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The Utah Valley Thunder were an expansion team that began play for the 2009 season.

Team: Wyoming Cavalry

Principal Owner: Casper Professional Football, LLC Casper

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Casper Events Center

Date Built: 1982

[Facility Website](#)

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