

Sports Facility Reports



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Soccer

Major Indoor Soccer League (MISL)

Team: Baltimore Blast

Principal Owner: Ed Hale

[Team Website](#)

Value: N/A

Stadium: 1st Mariner Arena

Date Built: 1962

Facility Cost (millions): N/A

Facility Financing: N/A

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The City of Baltimore is looking to start a private-public partnership for a new arena to replace the aging 1st Mariner Arena, which will cost around \$300 million.

NAMING RIGHTS: Baltimore Blast owner and 1st Mariner Bank President and CEO Ed Hale acquired the naming rights to the arena through his company Arena Ventures, LLC as a result of a national competitive bidding process conducted by the City of Baltimore. Arena Ventures agreed to pay the City \$75,000 annually for 10 years for the naming rights, starting in 2003.

Team: La RaZa de Monterrey

Principal Owner: Miguel Ángel Garza

[Team Website](#)

Value: N/A

Stadium: Arena de Monterrey

Date Built: 2003

Facility Cost (millions): \$50

Facility Financing: N/A

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: Monterrey Mayor Fernando Larrazabal Breton, formally recognized the 2010 MISL Champion Monterrey La Raza. The Arena is owned by Publimax, which is TV Azteca Noreste.

NAMING RIGHTS: N/A

Team: Milwaukee Wave

Principal Owner: Jim Lindenberg

[Team Website](#)

Value: N/A

Stadium: U.S. Cellular Arena

Date Built: 1950

Facility Cost (millions): \$10

Facility Financing:

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: On May 19, 2010, the Milwaukee Wave announced they will bringing Cory Howerton in as Director of Sales, and Chellee Siewert as V.P. of Marketing.

On October 14, 2009, the Wave brought Peter Wilt in as team President and Chief Executive Officer. He had formerly been President of the Chicago Fire of the MLS from 1997-2005, among other front office jobs in professional soccer.

NAMING RIGHTS: U.S. Cellular renewed naming rights for 6 years for \$2 million beginning in 2007.

Team: Philadelphia KiXX

Principal Owner:

[Team Website](#)

Value: N/A

Stadium: Liacouras Center

Date Built: 1997

Facility Cost (millions): \$73 (\$107 - four building complex)

Facility Financing:

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The arena is leased from Temple University. The arena was formerly known as the Apollo of Temple, then renamed and dedicated to Temple's President Peter Liacouras on February 13, 2000.

NAMING RIGHTS: N/A

Team: Rockford Rampage

Principal Owner: Oscar Albuquerque

[Team Website](#)

Value: N/A

Stadium: MetroCentre

Date Built: 1981

Facility Cost (millions): \$23 (renovations in 2008)

Facility Financing:

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The MetroCentre Authority, in partnership with the City of Rockford and Winnebago County made \$23 million in renovations completed December of 2008. They extended the ice surface, added a state-of-the-art video scoreboard, club boxes and lounge, eleven executive suites, a new press box, a 200-person group terrace, more bathrooms, updated the exterior facade, and added a new entrance.

The Rampage Futbol, LLC acquired the Chicago Magic Youth Soccer Club and its development academy in June of 2009.

NAMING RIGHTS: N/A

Major League Soccer (MLS)

Team: Chicago Fire

Principal Owner: Andell Holdings

[Team Website](#)

Value September 2008 (\$/Mil): \$41

Stadium: Toyota Park

Date Built: 2006

Facility Cost (millions): \$98

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

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The Chicago Cubs and Chicago Fire are in talks about allowing the Fire to play Mexico's Club America in an exhibition game at Wrigley Field.

NAMING RIGHTS: AEG and Toyota agreed to a 10-year naming rights deal, worth \$7.5 million, expiring in 2016.

Team: Club Deportivo Chivas USA

Principal Owner: Jorge Vergara and Antonio Cue

[Team Website](#)

Value September 2008 (\$/Mil): \$24

Stadium: Home Depot Center (belongs to MLS L.A. Galaxy)

Date Built: 2003

Facility Cost (millions): \$150

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: On June 5, 2010, the WNBA's L.A. Sparks and Seattle Storm played the WNBA's second ever outdoor game; it was held at the Home Depot Center.

In August 2009, the first ever Womens Professional Soccer Championship was played at the Home Depot Center, but only saw 7,218 fans.

Through 2010, the Home Depot Center was also home to the X Games.

NAMING RIGHTS: Home Depot is paying \$70 M over ten years for a naming rights deal that expires in 2012. (The stadium is shared with the L.A. Galaxy)

Team: Colorado Rapids

Principal Owner: Kroenke Sports Enterprises; headed by Stan Kroenke

[Team Website](#)

Value September 2008 (\$/Mil): \$31

Stadium: Dick's Sporting Goods Park

Date Built: 2007

Facility Cost (millions): \$131 for the stadium, 24-field complex, and infrastructure improvements

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: Dick's Sporting Goods Park includes 24 full-size, fully lit fields available for rent to the public. Of the 24, 22 are grass, available weather permitting, and 2 are synthetic turf available year-round.

NAMING RIGHTS: Dick's Sporting Goods is paying \$40 million for the naming rights to the complex. The agreement expires in 2027.

Team: Columbus Crew

Principal Owner: Hunt Sports Group, Ron Pizzuti, and a group of local investors

[Team Website](#)

Value September 2008 (\$/Mil): \$23

Stadium: Columbus Crew Stadium

Date Built: 1999

Facility Cost (millions): \$28.5

Facility Financing: Privately financed by Hunt Sports Group.

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The Hunt Sports Group has been entertaining the idea of taking on minority investors, but it wants to keep the team in Columbus and not relocate. With the minority share

still unsold in June of 2010, Hunts Sports Group hired the Cleveland-based investment bank, Western Reserve Partners, to find local investors.

The inaugural USA 7's Rugby College Championship took place in June and was held at the Columbus Crew Stadium.

NAMING RIGHTS: The naming rights for Columbus Crew Stadium remain unsold.

Team: D.C. United

Principal Owner: William H.C. Chang

[Team Website](#)

Value September 2008 (\$/Mil): \$35

Stadium: RFK Stadium

Date Built: 1961

Facility Cost (millions): \$24

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

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: After an agreement for financing a new soccer-specific stadium in Prince George's County, Maryland, fell through earlier this year, the club has been in contact with government officials in Maryland, Virginia, and D.C. in the hopes of finally obtaining a new stadium. While MLS has said that relocation is a possibility if a new stadium cannot be built soon, the club is dedicated to staying in the Washington area if at all possible.

During the summer of 2010, the United hosted the Rangers of the Scottish Premier League at RFK Stadium. In 2009, the United hosted Real Madrid.

NAMING RIGHTS: The naming rights for RFK Stadium remain unsold.

Team: FC Dallas

Principal Owner: Hunt Sports Group; headed by Clark Hunt

[Team Website](#)

Value September 2008 (\$/Mil): \$39

Stadium: Pizza Hut Park

Date Built: 2005

Facility Cost (millions): \$65 (\$105 for entire complex)

Facility Financing: Collin County contributed \$20 M, the city contributed \$20 M, and the local school district contributed \$15 M. The Hunt Sports Group contributed private funds.

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: On June 21, 2010, FC Dallas named Douglas Quinn to the positions of President and CEO of the club. Quinn left his position as President of MLS United Marketing. His experience also includes serving as President of Entertainment Marketing Partners and working for the National Football League in various management, marketing and sales positions over a fourteen-year span.

NAMING RIGHTS: Pizza Hut is paying \$30 million over 21 years for a naming rights deal that expires in 2025.

Team: Houston Dynamo

Principal Owner: AEG, Golden Boy Promotions, and Brenner International

[Team Website](#)

Value September 2008 (\$/Mil): \$33

Stadium: Robertson Stadium

Date Built: 1941

Facility Financing: A joint project of the Houston Independent School District and the Works Progress Administration; it cost \$650,000 to build at the time. It is part of the University of Houston. The stadium was given a \$6 M renovation in 1998 with a gift from the John and Julie O'Quinn Foundation. Due to their generosity, the field at Robertson Stadium was named John O'Quinn Field. The widow of the man whom the stadium is named after donated \$500,000 to make the stadium suitable for soccer matches.

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: Construction on a new Dynamo Stadium in downtown Houston could begin as early as late 2010. The city originally provided the land and the proposed \$95 million stadium is to be financed through debt and equity financing and a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone in the six-block area which includes where the stadium is to be constructed. The stadium is set to have lower and upper bowls that seat around 21,000 and the playing field is expected to be 13 feet below grade, with a canopy over much of the seating. The stadium will cost \$95 million, with the City of Houston and the county will both give \$10 million for infrastructure, and each give \$7.5 million for the purchase of the land, to go along with the \$60 million the Dynamo have agreed to contribute. The stadium will also be used for Texas Southern University home football games. The New York firm Populous is to be project manager.

Houston hosted the league's All-Star Game in 2010. As in past years, the 2010 All-Star Game featured the MLS All-Stars against a high-profile international club.

NAMING RIGHTS: Naming rights have not been sold as the team currently plays at Robertson Stadium at the University of Houston.

Team: Kansas City Wizards

Principal Owner: OneGoal, LLC

[Team Website](#)

Value September 2008 (\$/Mil): \$22

Stadium: CommunityAmerica Ballpark

Date Built: 2003

Facility Cost (millions): \$12

Facility Financing: The construction was financed by about \$7 M in private money and about \$5 M in state STAR bonds, which will be repaid by sales taxes generated by Wyandotte County's Village West Tourism District.

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: Progress on a new 18,500-seat soccer-specific stadium as part of a new Kansas City metro-area development called The Trails, is under way, but has been slowed by the recession. The \$1 billion development project is at the site of the former Bannister Mall and the surrounding Benjamin Plaza shopping center. It will include the \$130 million new stadium, a 12-field tournament-style soccer complex, 600 hotel rooms, up to 1.1 million square feet of retail space, and up to 1.7 million square feet of office space in the 467-acre area. The stadium was originally supposed to open in 2011, but this time frame is looking unlikely. The owner of CommunityAmerica Ballpark, John Elhert, has expressed a willingness to extend the club's lease with the ballpark through 2011 and would consider a 2,000-seat expansion to the park, to allow the team to sell more tickets.

Team: Los Angeles Galaxy

Principal Owner: AEG

[Team Website](#)

Value September 2008 (\$/Mil): \$100

Stadium: Home Depot Center (shared with Chivas USA)

Date Built: 2003

Facility Cost (millions): \$150 (for entire sports complex)

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: QSR Pollo Campero has signed a three-year sponsorship deal to provide promotions during Galaxy games.

On June 5, 2010, the WNBA's L.A. Sparks and Seattle Storm played the WNBA's second ever outdoor game; it was held at the Home Depot Center.

Last August, the first ever Women's Professional Soccer Championship was played at the Home Depot Center, but only drew 7,218 fans.

Through 2010, the Home Depot Center was home to the X Games.

NAMING RIGHTS: Home Depot is paying \$70 million over ten years for a naming rights deal that expires in 2012. (Shared with Chivas USA)

Team: New England Revolution

Principal Owner: Kraft Sports Group; headed by Robert Kraft

[Team Website](#)

Value September 2008 (\$/Mil): \$27

Stadium: Gillette Stadium

Date Built: 2002

Facility Cost (millions): \$325

Facility Financing: The New England Patriots paid for the \$325 million stadium. The state contributed \$72 million for infrastructure, \$40 million of which is to be paid back by the Patriots over 25 years.

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: Last fall, the Kraft family commissioned a planning study to investigate the possibility of building a soccer-specific stadium in Somerville, MA, a northern suburb of Boston.

In the summer of 2010, the Revolution hosted Celtic FC of the Scottish Premier League.

American Airlines agreed to a three-year marketing partnership in 2009 with the Patriots and the MLS Revolution, establishing American Airlines as the official airline of both the teams and Gillette Stadium.

NAMING RIGHTS: Gillette agreed to a \$120 million, 15-year naming rights agreement, which will conclude in 2017. Gillette Stadium is also the home to the New England Patriots of the NFL.

Team: New York Red Bulls

Principal Owner: Red Bull GMBH

[Team Website](#)

Value September 2008 (\$/Mil): \$36

Stadium: Red Bull Arena

Date Built: 2010

Facility Cost (millions): \$200+

Facility Financing:

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The new Red Bull Arena was built to mimic European style specifically designed to create great atmosphere at a soccer game. It is compact and made to put more seats closer to the field. The arena holds 25,000 seats.

The new Red Bull Arena opened on March 20, 2010, with an exhibition match against Brazilian club Santos FC. On July 22-25, the New York Football Challenge 2010 was hosted by the Red Bulls at Red Bull Arena. It will include the English Premier League teams of Manchester City and Tottenham Hotspur, as well as the Portuguese Liga team Sporting Lisbon.

NAMING RIGHTS: Red Bull holds the naming rights for \$30 million, for an indefinite number of years.

Team: Philadelphia Union

Principal Owner: Keystone Sports and Entertainment, LLC; Nick Satiewicz

[Team Website](#)

Value September 2008 (\$/Mil): N/A

Stadium: PPL Park

Date Built: 2010

Facility Cost (millions): \$115

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The Philadelphia Union moved into its new soccer-specific stadium on June 27, 2010. It is a state-of-the-art 18,500-seat stadium and is to be a catalyst for a spectacular \$500 million waterfront revitalization project to the Chester, Pennsylvania community.

NAMING RIGHTS: PPL Corp agreed to a 10-year, \$20 million naming rights deal with the Philadelphia Union beginning in 2010.

Team: Real Salt Lake

Principal Owner: SCP Worldwide; David Checketts

[Team Website](#)

Value September 2008 (\$/Mil): \$30

Stadium: Rio Tinto Stadium

Date Built: 2008

Facility Cost (millions): \$115

Facility Financing: The 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, Utah, has also committed \$15 million of its own redevelopment agency dollars that include the hotel and broadcast center. The team will provide \$7.5 million in funding for a youth sports complex in Northwest Salt Lake City along with an elite sports academy.

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: MLS Real Salt Lake Owner David Checketts sold 49% of the ownership interest to Utah real estate developer Dell Loy Hansen. Estimates are that it was approximately a \$50 million deal.

NAMING RIGHTS: In September 2008, less than two weeks before the stadium opened, SCP Worldwide and Rio Tinto, a business-to-business mining company, agreed to a 10-year naming rights deal for \$15 million with an option for another 5 years.

Team: San Jose Earthquakes

Principal Owner: Earthquakes Soccer LLC; headed by Lew Wolff

[Team Website](#)

Value September 2008 (\$/Mil): N/A

Stadium: Buck Shaw Stadium at Santa Clara University

Date Built: 1962

Facility Cost (millions): \$5

Facility Financing: Wolff funded the \$4 million renovations that brought the stadium up to MLS standards in 2008.

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: Amway Global signed a three-year partnership with the MLS Earthquakes starting this season that will see the company's name on the front of the team jerseys and signage around the stadium. Although terms were not disclosed, it is estimated at \$2-3 million a year.

NAMING RIGHTS: There are no naming rights sold as the team plays at Buck Shaw Stadium at Santa Clara University.

Team: Seattle Sounders FC

Principle Owner: Majority Owner - Joe Roth; Minority Owners - Adrian Hanaur, Drew Carey, and Paul Allen

[Team Website](#)

Value September 2008 (\$/Mil): N/A

Stadium: Qwest Field

Date Built: 2002

Facility Cost (millions): \$430

Facility Financing: \$100 million from Seattle Seahawks owner Paul Allen. \$127 million from new sports related lottery games. \$101 million in sales taxes from events held at the stadium. \$56 million in admissions and parking taxes. \$15 million from existing hotel-motel taxes. 66% of the stadium is publicly funded.

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: Seattle Sounders FC played its first MLS game on March 19, 2009, at Qwest Field. Through the Sounders FC's Official Members Association, fans have the ability to participate in the management decision-making process of the team. The Sounders' played international exhibition matches against Argentinean club Boca Juniors on May 26, 2010, and the Scottish Premier League's Celtic on July 18, 2010. Both games were played at Qwest Field and included in full season ticket packages.

Because the ticket demand is so high, the Sounders are considering expanding the Qwest Field seating configuration.

NAMING RIGHTS: Qwest Communications, \$75 million for 15 years, expiring in 2019. The Sounders share the stadium with the Seattle Seahawks of the National Football League.

Team: Toronto FC

Principal Owner: Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment Ltd.

[Team Website](#)

Value September 2008 (\$/Mil): \$44

Stadium: BMO Field

Date Built: 2007

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

Facility Financing: Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment will contribute \$8 million towards the construction of the stadium and \$10 million towards securing the naming rights of the stadium. The Canadian Federal Government will contribute \$27 million, with Ontario's government adding an additional \$8 million. The city of Toronto will pay \$9.8 million to have the rights to the stadium. (All figures are in Canadian Dollars)

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The 2010 MLS Cup will be played at BMO Field in Toronto on November 21, marking the first time the game will be played outside the U.S. BMO Field is also Canada's first soccer-specific stadium and includes a winter bubble for year round usage by the community leagues.

In late 2009, the Toronto Argos of the Canadian Football League were considering BMO Field as a new place to play home games. Also, the Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment proposed adding 1,249 seats and upgrading bathrooms for the 2010 season and have made their pitch to host the National Hockey League's annual Winter Classic at BMO Field.

NAMING RIGHTS: Bank of Montreal (BMO) agreed to a 10-year naming rights deal, which will expire in 2016, worth \$27 million in Canadian Dollars.

United Soccer Leagues (USL) First Division

Team: AC St. Louis

Principal Owner: Phil Rawlins

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Anheuser-Busch Soccer Park

Date Built: 1982

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: AC St. Louis joined the USL First Division for the 2010 season.

Team: Austin Aztex FC

Principal Owner: Phil Rawlins

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: House Park

Date Built: 1939

UPDATE: The team moved to House Park for the 2010 season, which has an artificial turf surface.

Team: Carolina RailHawks

Principal Owner:

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: WakeMed Soccer Park

Date Built: 2002

Facility Cost (millions): \$14.5

Facility Financing: Publicly financed through a countywide tax on hotel rooms and prepared food and beverages.

[Facility Website](#)

NAMING RIGHTS: WakeMed's naming rights agreement with the Town of Cary is good for 3 years at \$300,000 per year, expiring at the end of 2010.

Team: Crystal Palace Baltimore

Principal Owner: Crystal Palace FC

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: UMBC Stadium

Date Built: 1976

UPDATE: The club continues to play at UMBC Stadium, but is close to finalizing a deal with a North Carolina development team to build a 7,000-seat soccer stadium by as early as 2012 in the Carroll Camden Industrial Area near M&T Bank Stadium. The proposed stadium is estimated to cost \$25 million if the project does get started.

NAMING RIGHTS: The field is named for the University of Maryland-Baltimore County.

Team: Miami FC Blues

Principal Owner: Traffic Sports USA

[Team Website](#)

Stadiums: Lockhart Stadium

Date Built: 1959 (LS)

Facility Cost (millions): \$5 (renovations in 1998)

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: In 2009, the Blues split time between Lockhart Stadium and FIU Stadium (Florida International University), but the Blues will solely use Lockhart Stadium in 2010.

Team: Montreal Impact

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

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Saputo Stadium

Date Built: 2008

Facility Cost (millions): \$15

Facility Financing: Private funding and a donation from the Saputo Family.

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: Saputo is currently in talks with MLS about securing an MLS expansion franchise for 2011. MLS is currently worried about expanding too quickly and has said no more expansion teams will be approved for entry before 2012. The expansion would require the Montreal team to pay a \$40 million fee. Also, Saputo is currently in talks with the Quebec government about securing \$25 million for an expansion of Saputo Stadium from 13,000 to 21,000 seats.

NAMING RIGHTS: Saputo Stadium (Stade Saputo) was named after the Saputo family because of their contribution to the construction of the stadium.

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: MLS has awarded Portland an expansion team to begin play in 2011.

NAMING RIGHTS: Portland General Electric is paying \$7 million 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 Rhinos

Principal Owner: Adirondack Sports Club LLC

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Marina Auto Stadium

Date Built: 2006

Facility Cost (millions): \$35

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

NAMING RIGHTS: When the Rhinos declared bankruptcy in 2008 and the City of Rochester seized the stadium as the result of a default, PaeTec's 12-year, \$23 million stadium naming rights deal was declared void and it signed a new one-year deal with the new ownership group (Adirondack) for the remainder of 2008. New ownership also shortened the club's name to the Rochester Rhinos. The Marina Automotive Group was awarded the 2009 naming rights for the Rhino's home stadium in a promotional drawing held on May 30, 2009. There were over three hundred participants in the selection process. Fans and sponsors each received one raffle ticket for the drawing per \$1,000 they spent on season tickets or corporate sponsorship.

Team: Tampa Bay Rowdies

Principal Owner: Andrew Nestor

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: George M. Steinbrenner Field

Date Built: 1996

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: For the 2010 season, the team has made the jump to the First Division of the USL. The owner of the New York Yankees and the namesake of the stadium, George Steinbrenner passed away in July of 2010.

NAMING RIGHTS: The field is named for the late owner of the New York Yankees of the MLB, and also serves as the Yankees' spring training facility and the Tampa Yankees, which are the Single-A affiliate of the MLB Club.

Team: Vancouver Whitecaps FC

Principal Owner: Greg Kerfoot

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: BC Stadium (Swangard Stadium)

Date Built: 1969

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: From the spring of 2010 to the summer of 2011, the Whitecaps will play home games at Empire Fields while renovations to BC Place occur. The Whitecaps were awarded an MLS expansion franchise set to begin play in 2011. The team will move into BC Place after the stadium undergoes about \$365 million (CAN) in upgrades, including a new retractable roof. The club's lease with BC Place will last until at least 2016, but plans for a new soccer-specific stadium along the Vancouver waterfront are still being pursued. The club has also invested in training facilities at Simon Fraser University and is proposing to build a \$30 million (CAN) National Soccer Development Centre in Delta, British Columbia.

USL Second Division

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.

UPDATE: In an attempt to Go Green, and become more environmentally friendly, the stadium installed solar panels for its electricity.

NAMING RIGHTS: Blackbaud is paying \$200,000 annually for ten years for a naming rights deal that expired in 2009. Blackbaud has agreed to a new two-year deal for 2010 and 2011, but the details are undisclosed.

Team: Charlotte Eagles

Owner: Missionary Athletes International

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Charlotte Christian Stadium

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The proposed Matthews Sportsplex is a possible home venue in the near future for the Eagles. The Eagles will play an exhibition match against the Bolton Wanderers at Transamerica Field on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Team: Harrisburg City Islanders

Principal Owner : Eric Pettis and group

[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Skyline Sports Complex
Date Built: 1987
[Facility Website](#)

Team: Pittsburgh Riverhounds

Principal Owner: Greentree SportsPlex, Gene Klein, Hill Family Partnership
[Team Website](#)

Stadium: Chartiers Valley High School Field
[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The team continues to play its games at Chartiers Valley High School Field. There has been no further word on the proposed sports complex at Montour Junction in suburban Pittsburgh.

Team: Richmond Kickers

Principal Owner: The Soccer Co.
[Team Website](#)

Stadium: University of Richmond Stadium
Date Built: 1929
Facility Cost: \$80,000
[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: Union First Market, the Official Bank, has become the official bank of the Richmond Kickers. This agreement is a continuation of the relationship between the former First Market Bank and the Kickers, making Union First Market Bank one of the sponsors that have supported the Kickers since their inception in 1993. Under terms of the agreement, Union First Market Bank will be the official sponsor of the Man of the Match at all professional Kickers home games, and will have naming rights to an athletic field at Ukrop Park, the Kickers state-of-the-art sports facility located in Richmond, VA. Union First, recently acquired First Market Bank.

NAMING RIGHTS: Union First Market Bankshares Corporation purchased the naming rights for the field, and the agreement was announced June 8, 2010.

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