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A concrete stadium to replace wooden Clark Field was a long-time dream of University of Texas athletics director L. Theo Bellmont. In 1923, that dream turned to reality as Bellmont met with 30 student leaders and initiated a plan to build a stadium. The idea was presented to the Board of Regents, who approved the project in December 1923. A Central Stadium Committee was named at the Regents meeting on Jan. 16, 1924, and the project was underway.

Heralded as “the largest sports facility of its kind in the Southwest” upon its completion in 1924, the first unit of the stadium consisted of the east and west stands with a seating capacity of 27,000. A product of University of Texas and state pride, the stadium was financed through donations from both students and alumni. The estimated cost of the structure was \$275,000.

The enthusiasm was at an all-time high, and UT was forced to construct temporary bleachers to accommodate the overflow crowd of approximately 33,000 people at the dedication ceremonies during the 1924 Texas A&M game.

The UT student body decided to dedicate the stadium in honor of the 198,520 Texans — 5,280 of whom lost their lives — who fought in World War I. On Veteran’s Recognition Day 1996, the stadium was rededicated to veterans of all wars in an effort to insure the memory of those who fought valiantly to preserve freedom.

HONORING DARRELL ROYAL

The University of Texas honored legendary head football coach Darrell Royal by adding his name to the Longhorns’ stadium (Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium) in 1996. Royal, who led UT to three National Championships and 11 Southwest Conference titles in 20 seasons (1957-76), was recognized and the stadium officially named for him the weekend of the Notre Dame game that year.

CAMPBELL-WILLIAMS FIELD

At the request of the Jamail family, Joe Jamail Field was renamed in 2020 in honor of Longhorn Legends and Heisman Trophy winners Earl Campbell (1974-77) and Ricky Williams (1995-98).

Campbell, the famed “Tyler Rose,” holds a special place in The University of Texas and state of Texas’ football history. As a senior at UT in 1977, Campbell became the first Longhorn to win the Heisman Trophy after he rushed for 1,744 yards – a Southwest Conference record that stood for 16 years – and 19 touchdowns. He led the nation in rushing and scoring, and posted a pair of 200-yard games on the road against Texas A&M (222 yards) and SMU (213 yards). Campbell also set a Texas record for 100-yard rushing games that season (10).

Williams, a San Diego native, completed his UT career with 21 NCAA and 46 school records under his name en route to becoming Texas’ second Heisman Trophy winner in 1998. He was a three-time first-team all-conference pick, a two-time Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year and only the second player to twice win the Doak Walker Award (nation’s top running back). Williams’ career culminated in his final home game, on the field now named in his honor, when he surpassed Tony Dorsett’s 22-year-old NCAA rushing record.

The field at Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium was originally named after Joe Jamail in 1997 to honor the lifelong Longhorn’s immense contributions to The University of Texas’ athletic department.

TEXAS’ LONGEST HOME WINNING STREAK

42 games — began with a 31-3 win against Oklahoma State on Oct. 5, 1968, and ended with a 30-0 loss to Houston on Nov. 6, 1976

LARGEST FBS STADIUMS

- 107,601 Michigan Stadium Michigan
- 106,572 Beaver Stadium Penn State
- 102,780 Ohio Stadium Ohio State
- 102,733 Kyle Field Texas A&M
- 102,321 Tiger Stadium LSU
- 102,915 Neyland Stadium Tennessee
- 101,821 Bryant-Denny Stadium Alabama
- 100,119 Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium Texas**
- 92,746 Sanford Stadium Georgia
- 91,136 Rose Bowl UCLA
- 88,548 Ben Hill Griffin Stadium Florida
- 87,451 Jordan-Hare Stadium Auburn
- 85,458 Memorial Stadium Nebraska
- 81,500 Clemson Memorial Stadium Clemson
- 80,795 Notre Dame Stadium Notre Dame
- 80,126 Gaylord Family Oklahoma Memorial Stadium Oklahoma
- 79,560 Doak S. Campbell Stadium Florida State
- 77,559 Williams-Brice Stadium South Carolina
- 77,500 Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum USC
- 76,621 Camp Randall Stadium Wisconsin
- 74,866 Spartan Stadium Michigan State
- 72,000 Donald W. Reynolds Razorback Stadium Arkansas
- 70,138 Husky Stadium Washington
- 69,250 Kinnick Stadium Iowa
- 68,400 Acrisure Stadium Pittsburgh

STADIUM

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| 1. 105,215 Georgia 2024 | 27. 101,150 Clemson 2024 |
| 2. 105,213 Alabama 2022 | 28. 101,144 UTEP 2009 |
| 3. 104,203 TCU 2022 | 29. 101,142 Wyoming 2012 |
| 4. 103,507 USC 2018 | 30. 101,096 ULM 2009 |
| 5. 103,375 Florida 2024 | 31. 101,003 UCF 2009 |
| 6. 102,986 Kansas 2023 | 32. 100,995 BYU 2011 |
| 7. 102,850 ULM 2024 | 33. 100,990 New Mexico 2012 |
| 9. 102,846 Kansas State 2023 | 34. 100,752 Texas A&M 2010 |
| 8. 102,811 Kentucky 2024 | 35. 100,740 West Virginia 2022 |
| 10. 102,520 UTSA 2022 | 36. 100,705 Kansas State 2011 |
| 11. 102,498 Iowa State 2018 | 37. 100,703 West Virginia 2018 |
| 12. 102,452 Texas Tech 2023 | 38. 100,668 Texas Tech 2013 |
| 13. 102,315 Notre Dame 2016 | 39. 100,659 Oklahoma State 2010 |
| 14. 101,892 UTSA 2024 | 40. 100,629 Texas Tech 2017 |
| 15. 101,851 West Virginia 2012 | 41. 100,506 Texas Tech 2011 |
| 16. 101,777 Wyoming 2023 | 42. 100,452 Baylor 2010 |
| 17. 101,670 BYU 2023 | 43. 100,142 Iowa State 2010 |
| 18. 101,624 Rice 2011 | 44. 100,101 Oklahoma State 2011 |
| 19. 101,474 Ole Miss 2013 | 45. 100,072 Iowa State 2022 |
| 20. 101,437 UCLA 2010 | 46. 100,018 Iowa State 2012 |
| 21. 101,388 Mississippi State 2024 | 47. 99,916 Oklahoma State 2021 |
| 22. 101,357 Kansas 2009 | 48. 99,950 TCU 2012 |
| 23. 101,353 Baylor 2012 | 49. 99,799 Florida Atlantic 2010 |
| 24. 101,339 Wyoming 2010 | 50. 99,739 Oklahoma State 2013 |
| 25. 101,297 Texas Tech 2009 | |
| 26. 101,152 Colorado 2009 | |

LONGHORNS AT HOME

Texas’ all-time home record at home 552-145-13 (.787)
at DKR-Texas Memorial Stadium (1924-present) 406-123-10 (.763)

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As The University of Texas continues at the forefront of the college football landscape, Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium at Cambell-Williams Field remains a state-of-the-art facility.

The stadium, which is in its 101st season of operation in 2025, has continually gone through upgrades and renovations to enhance the fan and student-athlete experience.

In May 2019, Texas Athletics broke ground on a major expansion project in the south endzone of Darrell K Royal Texas Memorial Stadium with team moving into their new facility in August 2021. Fans began enjoying all of the amenities associated with it when the Longhorns kicked off against Louisiana on Sept. 4. The \$175 million stadium expansion project includes more than a 106,000-square-foot training facility footprint that provides significant upgrades to the Football coaches and staff offices, team areas, strength and development center and athletic training/medical facilities. It also will enhance the fan experience greatly with an end zone seating area of more than 4,500 seats, including more than 1,300 student seats. It includes the Founders Lounge, Myers-Dodds Legacy Club, Living Room and Loge Boxes, as well as a Field Club area right near the action that accommodates more than 800 people. Atop it all is a 160-foot by 44-foot videoboard to visually celebrate all of the action. The total gross square footage of the entire project is more than 215,000-square feet.

Prior to the 2017 season, the Moncrief-Neuhaus Athletic Center saw upgrades to the Longhorns' locker room, weight room and meeting rooms. Additionally, to enhance the fan experience, a new LED video board and ribbon boards were installed inside of DKR. Additionally, the west-side façade, including Bellmont Hall, underwent a restoration and reinforcement project, along with an application of a protective coating and painting.

After the 2012 season, UT Athletics started a waterproofing and bleacher replacement project to the lower east and west grandstands. Damaged concrete was repaired, then sealed and painted, and new bleachers and chairbacks were installed. Handrails, portals and field level walls on both sides of the lower level were also given a fresh coat of paint. The improvements not only beautify the stadium and improve the fan experience, but also help to preserve the revered structure.

Installation of a new FieldTurf playing surface was completed in the spring of 2013, providing a state-of-the-art surface that not only holds up to challenging weather conditions, but also allows the stadium to be a multi-use facility.

The Red McCombs Red Zone Sports Medicine & Strength Training Project, located in the lower levels of the north end zone was completed in the summer of 2013. The two-floor, 32,448 square-foot project includes a state-of-the-art sports medicine facility on the upper floor, and a strength training complex on the lower floor. Amenities include a hydrotherapy pool, two plunge pools, golf putting and simulator area, a 40-yard acceleration track, a nutrition area and student-athlete/staff locker rooms.

In May of 2012, the University's athletics offices were moved from Bellmont Hall on the west side of the stadium to the north end zone's Walter W. Fondren III Athletics Leadership Center. The move not only created new space for academics in Bellmont Hall, but also consolidated the various athletics departments into a modern office-space facility. Athletics department offices now housed in the beautiful, 53,812 square-foot venue include the men's and women's athletics directors, men's and women's basketball coaches and administration, the T-Association, the Longhorn Foundation, Business/Travel, Human Resources, Events, Trademark & Licensing, Communications and Athletics IT.

The Texas locker room underwent renovations for the 2011 season, featuring 135 new wide-space lockers connected to a state-of-the-art exhaust system. Additions also included a nutrition bar, a lounge area with gaming stations, a 72-inch LED screen in the center of room along with five other LED screens throughout the area, and a new sound system and speakers.

In 2009, south end zone seating was upgraded and expanded, increasing the stadium to its current capacity of 100,119, making it the seventh-largest collegiate stadium in the country and the largest in the Southwest. In addition, renovations were completed on the Moncrief-Neuhaus Athletic Center that provided a new football academic center approximately three times the size of the previous area, along with a new indoor practice area, defensive meeting room, hall of fame and a newly-designed facility entrance.

In 2008, renovations to the north end zone, named the Red McCombs Red Zone, were completed with the addition of an upper deck, approximately 2,100 club seats and 47 suites. That end of the stadium also includes a new academic center for UT athletics, a war memorial plaza and a food court. Including the 2007 renovations to the lower deck of the north end zone, the project added a total of

approximately 9,000 additional seats, raising capacity to 94,113 for the 2008 season.

Two major upgrades were made for the 2006 season, including a new video board and temporary bleacher seating in the south end zone, which expanded the stadium's capacity by over 4,000 seats to a total of 85,123.

At the time, the scoreboard was the nation's largest high-definition video display board and remains the largest in collegiate athletics thanks to DAKtronics. The \$8-million Prostar Video Board is 55-feet high by 134-feet wide and offers complete flexibility, with the capability to show one large single video image, multiple video images and a combination of live or recorded video with real time scores and stats, out-of-town game information, sponsors' messages, graphics and animation.

In recent years, the stadium has also had renovations to the press box, the Carpenter-Winkel Centennial Room and other renovations to the interior of Moncrief, most notably to the players' lounge.

The stadium was previously renovated in August 1999 with the removal of the track and the lowering of the field by six feet to allow the addition of several rows of seats.

It was part of a project that included removal of the artificial turf from the stadium, construction of the Frank Denius Fields practice facility, the Red & Charline McCombs Field (softball), the Mike A. Myers Track and Soccer Stadium, and extensive remodeling of DKR-Texas Memorial Stadium/Jamail Field and the Moncrief-Neuhaus Athletic Center.

The first stages of the ambitious project were completed in 1996. They included the installation of a sophisticated grass playing field in the stadium and the completion of the Frank Denius Fields.

Progress continued in 1997 with the addition of 14 stadium suites on the west side. The first major construction to the facility since the upper deck was added in 1972 also included a total remodeling of the underside of the stands, including a new concession plaza and a visitors' locker room in the northwest corner of the stadium.

The changes that took place at DKR-Texas Memorial Stadium for the 1998 football season included the addition of a 5,000-seat upper deck on the east side. The massive construction included 52 suites and a 13,000-square foot private club room.

In the Moncrief-Neuhaus Athletic Center, significant expansion and upgrades included a new locker room, training room, trophy room, players' lounge, football academic center and an addition almost doubling the space in the strength and conditioning area.

The football coaching and academic staffs were moved to the facility, housing the key elements of the entire football program in a single complex for the first time.

The final phase of the construction began shortly after the 1998 season ended, when the 75-year-old stadium floor was excavated to a depth of six feet to allow a reconfiguration and addition of seats and the removal of the track to provide a more intimate football setting.

The stadium was originally dedicated on Thanksgiving Day in 1924, after the UT student body decided to name the stadium in honor of the 198,520 Texans who fought in World War I and the 5,280 who lost their lives doing so. In 1977, the stadium was rededicated to veterans of all wars.

TALE OF THE TURF

- Memorial Stadium's field was natural grass from 1925-68.
- Artificial turf was first applied to the Memorial Stadium floor in summer 1969. The turf also was replaced in 1974, '82 and '89.
- UT returned to natural grass (prescription athletic turf/PAT) in 1996.
- The field was lowered and the grass (PAT) was replaced in 1999.
- The turf (PAT) was replaced with TifSport Certified Bermudagrass in 2002.
- UT switched back to an artificial surface, installing FieldTurf, in 2009.
- A new FieldTurf surface was installed in 2013.
- Texas Athletics installed a new FieldTurf surface prior to the 2021 season.

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FREDDIE STEINMARK SCOREBOARD

In a pregame ceremony prior to UT's game with Miami on Sept. 23, 1972, the scoreboard at Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium was dedicated to the memory of Freddie Steinmark.

The small (5-foot-10, 166 pounds) but tough Steinmark was a starting safety for UT as a sophomore and junior in 1968-69. During that time, the Longhorns won 20 of 22 games and two conference titles with Steinmark providing five interceptions as a sophomore and two as a junior. Steinmark, who also earned Academic All-Southwest Conference honors in 1968 and '69, led the team in punt returns (25 for 177 yards) as a sophomore and averaged 6.1 yards on 38 punt returns during his career.

Following the final regular season game of his junior year, he became a national symbol of courage and determination as he began a year-and-a-half battle against cancer. In fact, just six days before a diagnosis of bone cancer forced the amputation of his left leg, Steinmark started and played in UT's 15-14 win at Arkansas that clinched the 1969 National Championship.

Determined to live, he astounded the doctors by appearing on crutches less than a month later at the 1970 Cotton Bowl against Notre Dame. After UT won the game, 21-17, Darrell Royal and the Longhorns presented the game ball to Steinmark. Within six weeks, he walked on an artificial leg across the stage to accept his letter jacket at UT's awards banquet.

Steinmark continued his college education without interruption and served as a student freshman coach during fall 1970, which would have been his senior season.

However, his battle with cancer was one that could not be won on heart alone. Despite all the doctors could do, Steinmark died on Sunday, June 6, 1971. Born Jan. 27, 1949, in Wheatridge, Colo., he was just 22 years old.

As Longhorns players exit the dressing room for a game, they pass by the Steinmark Scoreboard and touch his picture in recognition of the courage he showed in his fight for life and facing his cancer.



1924

MILESTONE GAMES

Last game at Clark Field
Texas 7, Florida 7 on Oct. 25, 1924

First game at Texas Memorial Stadium
Baylor 28, Texas 10 on Nov. 8, 1924
Attendance: 13,500

Texas Memorial Stadium dedication game
Texas 7, Texas A&M 0
on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27, 1924
Attendance: 35,000

First night game
Texas Tech 20, Texas 14
on Sept. 17, 1955
Attendance: 47,000

First game on Astro Turf
Texas 49, Texas Tech 7 on Sept. 27, 1969
Attendance: 65,200

Last game on Astro Turf
Texas 21, Baylor 13 on Nov. 23, 1995
Attendance: 58,497

First game at Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium
Texas 40, Missouri 10
on Aug. 31, 1996
Attendance: 70,613

Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium dedication game
Notre Dame 27, Texas 24
on Sept. 21, 1996
Attendance: 83,312

Last game prior to track removal
Texas 26, Texas A&M 24
on Nov. 27, 1998
Attendance: 83,687

900th Program Win
Texas 37, USC 14
on Sept. 15, 2018
Attendance: 103,507

Campbell-Williams Field dedication game
Texas 38, Louisiana 18
on Sept. 4, 2021
Attendance: 91,113



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