## 🗫 DONALD W. REYNOLDS RAZORBACK STADIUM 💵



Donald W. Reynolds Razorback Stadium (DWRRS) will serve as the home of Razorback Football for the 80th season during the 2017 campaign. Since opening in 1938, the Razorbacks have played 280 games at the current site, winning more than 66 percent of their contests.

Located on the western side of campus, DWRRS was formerly known as Razorback Stadium before being renamed in 2001 in honor of the late Donald W. Reynolds. The playing field is named in honor of former athletic director and the winningest, longest-tenured head football coach in University of Arkansas history, Frank Broyles.

Upon undergoing many modifications, DWRRS gives the University of Arkansas one of the finest football facilities in the nation. The Home of the Razorbacks will soon undergo another major transformation. In July 2016, the University of Arkansas Board of Trustees approved a \$160M stadium renovation and north end zone addition scheduled to be completed prior to the 2018 season.

Prior to the 2001 season, the stadium underwent a dramatic advancement a \$110 million project, which included a \$20 million gift from the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation, increased the seating capacity from 51,000 to 72,000.

The renovation included reconstructed concourses with a brick facade that completely enclosed the concrete and steel below the stands. In addition, the concourses were widened, and concession areas and restrooms were replaced.

Known as "Championship Alley," the east concourse displays all 13 conference championships, the 1964 national title and every football letterman. The south end zone concourse, "All-American Alley," is dedicated to the 57 Razorback All-Americans. The west concourse, "Bowl Alley," commemorates each of the program's 42 bowl teams.

Another noticeable addition was the enclosure of the south end zone, which features chair back seating and the addition of approximately 7,300 total seats as well as a food court with vendor space.

Along with an expanded press box, which includes Orville Henry Press Row, 68 luxury suites/skyboxes were added, bringing the total to 134.

The 3,800 square foot Wilson Matthews A Club was added on the east side next to a 6,500-seat upper deck that is complemented by enclosed premium club seating. The stadium's capacity includes 8,950 club seats, inside and out.

One of the first ever expansion projects occurred in 1950 and included the construction of a new press box and 5,200 more seats on the west side. Another 5,200-seat addition to the east side was completed in 1957.

Earlier building efforts in 1965 and 1969 raised capacity to 42,678 - a figure held steady for more than a decade.

Prior to 2001, the last previous expansion occurred before the 1985 season and added additional seats and skyboxes, bringing the facility to 50,000 seats.

Astroturf was added in 1969. The playing surface then returned to natural grass in 1995 prior to its transition to synthetic turf in 2009.

Making its debut on Sept. 24, 1938 as Arkansas defeated Oklahoma A&M, 27-7, the stadium was dedicated later that year on Oct. 8 when the Razorbacks hosted Baylor.

Constructed as a Works Progress Administration project with an original capacity of 13,500, the facility was first enlarged upon the arrival of John Barnhill as athletic director in 1947 when an additional 2,500 seats were added to the north end of the east and west grandstands.

Prior to 1938, the Razorbacks played in a 300-seat stadium built in 1901 on land atop "The Hill," now occupied by Mullins Library and the Fine Arts Center.

#### DWRRS FAST FACTS

**Capacity: 72,000** 

First Game: Sept. 24, 1938 - Arkansas 27, Oklahoma 7

Dedicated: Oct. 8, 1938 - Baylor 9, Arkansas 6

**DWRRS Record:** 186-92-2 (.668) Fayetteville Record: 304-127-10 (.701)

#### **ALL-TIME TOP 10 CROWDS**

RK	OPPONENT	DATE	ATTENDANCE
1.	Alabama	Sept. 25, 2010	76,808
2.	Tennessee	Nov. 11, 2006	76,728
3.	Southern California	Sept. 2, 2006	76,564
4.	Texas	Sept. 11, 2004	75,671
5.	Alabama	Oct. 8, 2016	75,459
6.	LSU	Nov. 12, 2016	75,156
7.	Alabama	Sept. 23, 2006	74,687
8.	Alabama	Sept. 15, 2012	74,617
9.	Florida	Nov. 5, 2016	74,432
10.	Georgia	Sept. 19, 2009	74,210

## FRANK BROYLES

or more than five decades, Broyles helped shape intercollegiate athletics as a legendary coach, nationally respected administrator and a tireless goodwill ambassador for his university and state. In July 2014, Broyles stepped away from his day-to-day duties with the Razorback Foundation after a combined 55 years of service with the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and Razorback Foundation. Broyles continues to serve as Athletics Director Emeritus.



In his 19-year stint as Arkansas' head coach, the Razorbacks posted a record of 144-58-5, captured seven SWC championships, one national championship and earned 10 bowl berths. Broyles was a six-time SWC Coach

of the Year and became the mentor to dozens of assistant coaches preparing them for successful head coaching careers in both college and pro football. His impact on the coaching profession is best measured in the development of more than 40 head coaches. Former Broyles' assistant coaches have combined to win five Super Bowls, five national championships, more than 40 conference titles and more than 2,000 games. His legacy is celebrated annually with the presentation of the Broyles Award to the nation's top assistant football coach.

Broyles assumed the role of athletic director in July 1973 and remained in that position long after retiring from coaching in 1976. While universally



recognized for his coaching prowess, it was his keen administrative and business skills that allowed Broyles to charter a steady course of success for the Razorbacks. Broyles laid the groundwork for transforming the athletic program into an all sport program that produced 41 national championships, 57 SWC and 48 SEC championships, 22 bowl appearances and a bevy of other team and individual accomplishments under his tenure.

On Nov. 3 2007, Frank Broyles Field, the oncampus football playing field for the Arkansas Razorbacks within Donald W. Reynolds Razorback Stadium, was named for the long-time head football coach and athletic director. The field was dedicated at halftime of the Arkansas-South Carolina game in an on-field ceremony that included Broyles once again leading former Razorback football lettermen through the "A" and a surprise visit from broadcasting legend and Broyles' former ABC Sports broadcasting partner Keith Jackson. The dedication culminated a memorable weekend that also included a reunion of former football lettermen spanning Coach Broyles' 19-year career as the Razorbacks' head football coach.

On Nov. 23, 2013, a bronze statue was dedicated in Broyles honor in front of the Broyles Athletic Center. The statue, sculpted by Dr. Gary Renegar, stands seven and a half feet and weighs more than 700 pounds.



## 🦫 WAR MEMORIAL STADIUM 🚺



The Razorbacks' home venue in Central Arkansas for 70 years, War Memorial Stadium/AT&T Field is slated to host Arkansas football games until 2018 after an extension was signed in 2013. During that span, the facility will host one University of Arkansas game annually.

Three-year Arkansas letterman and Congressional Medal of Honor Winner Maurice (Footsie) Britt was the featured speaker during dedication ceremonies for War Memorial Stadium on Sept. 18, 1948. On that day, a crowd of 24,950 (a record football attendance in Arkansas at that time) watched the Razorbacks defeat Abilene Christian, 40-6.

During its existence, the facility has expanded from its original capacity of 31,000 to its current figure of 54,120.

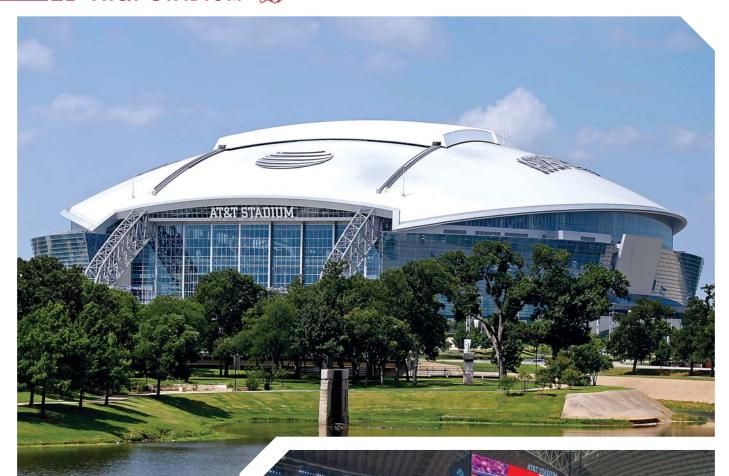
A complete lighting system and Astroturf surface were added for the 1970 season with a new artificial surface to follow in 1974. Ten years later, another new layer of artificial turf was installed before a return to natural grass was made in 1994. AstroPlay was installed for the 2002 season. War Memorial Stadium installed a new turf manufactured by Field Turf during the summer of 2010 and the field was named AT&T Field. In addition, a new \$7.5 million press box that includes 500 club seats was constructed for the 2010 football season. The War Memorial Stadium Commission, along with the University of Arkansas Athletic Department, has renovated the Razorback Letterman's Club and Recruit Room.

In 1974, the press box was honored as the best in the nation by the Football Writers Association of America, a recognition for the facility and the services provided. The press floor is now named for longtime sportswriter and an authority on Razorback history, Orville Henry.

### **WAR MEMORIAL STADIUM FACTS**

**Capacity:** 54,120 First Game and Dedication: Sept. 18, 1948 -Arkansas 40, Abilene Christian 6 WMS Record: 150-60-4 (.710) Little Rock Record: 167-67-4 (.710)





In 2008, Arkansas and Texas A&M officials agreed to enter into an agreement with AT&T Stadium, home of the Dallas Cowboys in Arlington, Texas, to renew its long-time storied rivalry under the name "Southwest Classic."

After a 16-year absence, the 2009 season marked the return of the rivalry between the former Southwest Conference foes. This time, the Razorbacks and Aggies clashed in a nonconference showdown where Arkansas claimed a 47-19 victory. The matchup followed suit in 2010 and 2011, both resulting in Razorback victories.

Due to scheduling conflicts associated with the Aggies' move to the SEC in 2012, the schools were forced to alternate home venues for the 2012 and 2013 contests; however, the contest returned to

### **AT&T STADIUM FACTS**

Capacity: 71,815
First Arkansas Game:
Oct. 3, 2009 - Arkansas 47, Texas A&M 19
AT&T Stadium Record: 4-3 (.571)

Arlington in 2014 and kicked off the first game of an 11-year agreement.

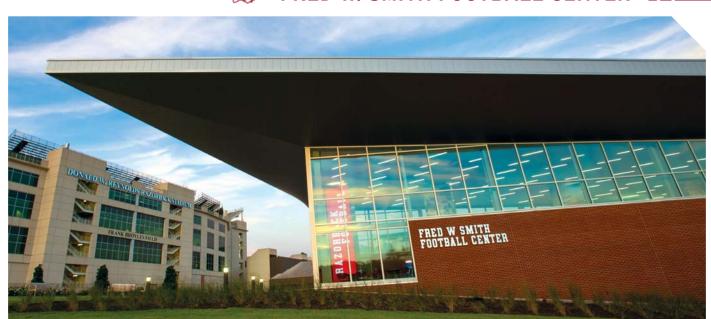
Arkansas leads the all-time series versus the Aggies 41-29-3.

One of the most expensive sports venues ever built, AT&T Stadium was completed in 2009 and is fourth-largest in capacity in the NFL. Capacity can expand to seat upwards of 85,000 people. The \$1.15 billion project was spearheaded by Dallas Cowboys

owner and former co-captain of the Arkansas 1964 national championship team, Jerry Jones.

Containing the world's largest column-free interior and the fourth largest high definition video screen, which hangs from 20-yard line to 20-yard line, the facility also serves as a multi-purpose venue for concerts and other college and high school athletic events.

# FRED W. SMITH FOOTBALL CENTER NAT



The 80,000 square-foot Fred W. Smith Football Center opened in 2013 and includes a spacious locker room, team meeting rooms, training room, equipment room, a studentathlete lounge and study area, coaches' offices, a recruiting reception area and football displays celebrating the tradition of Razorback Football. In the fall of 2012 as part of the football center project, two new practice fields and a parking deck were completed south of the Walker Family Training Center providing the football team with spectacular new practice venues and university faculty and students with approximately 225 covered parking spaces.

Arkansas is also one of only 13 college football programs and three NFL teams to own a piece of training equipment called STRIVR, a virtual reality training software. The STRIVR equipment allows the student-athletes to be immersed into a first-person 360 degree environment, taking a classroom approach to preparation while simulating real-time experiences on the football field.



#### **BRET BIELEMA**

"It is apparent Fred W. Smith and his family are extremely proud of the University of Arkansas and all it represents. They have been long-time fervent advocates of the Razorbacks and the entire state. He is a man of few words and lots of action and his generosity has once again demonstrated a strong devotion to our mission of winning championships. I am a big believer in preparing student-athletes for football and for life and I am pleased to associate Fred W. Smith's name with the facility that will amplify our focus in these areas for countless future Razorbacks."

## JUI JONES FAMILY STUDENT-ATHLETE SUCCESS CENTER 🖘





The Jerry and Gene Jones Family Student-Athlete Success Center helps address the academic, nutritional, personal and professional development of more than 460 student-athletes in an approximately 55,000 square foot facility, creating an integrated academic support program focused on graduation of all student-athletes at the University of Arkansas.

- 31 Tutor Rooms (11 large rooms for 6-8 people and 20 small rooms for 2-4 people).
- 5,000-square feet of open study / lounge space
- · 2,300-square feet of Computer Lab Space (2 computer labs - large and small).
- 1,500-square feet of Group Lab Space.
- · 25 Offices for staff and academic counselors.
- 1,500-square feet in the Multi-Purpose Room with capacity of 90 or more.
- 150 Seat Auditorium (Designed for hosting the Razorback Leadership Academy, seminars, guest speakers, large group presentations and other Athletic Academic programming with full A/V capabilities).
- Designated area for Educational Enrichment Services.
- Designated area for Student-Athlete Development
- Wellness area with offices for staff psychologist and nutritionist.
- Dining Hall with full-service kitchen and seating for approximately 250 people.

