

# DONALD W. REYNOLDS RAZORBACK STADIUM



Donald W. Reynolds Razorback Stadium (DWRRS) will serve as the home of Razorback Football for the 87th season during the 2024 campaign. Since opening in 1938, the Razorbacks have played 322 games at the current site, winning 64 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 athletics 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. A \$160 million stadium renovation and north end addition was completed prior to the 2018 season. All existing suites and club areas were renovated, and additional elevators were constructed in the northwest and northeast corners of the stadium. As part of the same project, a south video board was added in time for the 2017 season. The north end addition is home to the new Broyles Athletics Center as well as suites, loge boxes, club seats and club areas. The addition also provided new concessions and restrooms as well as a stadium-wide concourse that allows the flow of fans throughout the stadium. A new football team locker room, press conference room, other team areas and various displays celebrating Razorback history and traditions were also part of the north end addition.

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 64 Razorback All-Americans. The west concourse, “Bowl Alley,” commemorates each of the program’s 45 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 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. The surface reverted to a natural grass beginning with the 2019 season.

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 stands.

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.

## ALL-TIME TOP 10 CROWDS

RANK	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. 1, 2022	75,579
6.	Alabama	Oct. 8, 2016	75,459
7.	LSU	Nov. 12, 2016	75,156
8.	BYU	Sept. 16, 2023	74,821
9.	Cincinnati	Sept. 3, 2022	74,751
10.	Alabama	Sept. 23, 2006	74,687

## QUICK FACTS

**CAPACITY:** 76,000

**FIRST GAME:** Sept. 24, 1938

Arkansas 27, Oklahoma A&M 7

**DEDICATED:** Oct. 8, 1938 - Baylor 9, Arkansas 6

**DWRRS RECORD:** 205-115-2 (.640)

**FAYETTEVILLE RECORD:** 323-148-10 (.682)

## FRANK BROYLES

For more than five decades, Frank 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 served 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 athletics 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 on-campus football playing field for the Arkansas Razorbacks within Donald W. Reynolds Razorback Stadium, was named for the longtime head football coach and athletics 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.

Broyles, 92, died from complications of Alzheimer's Disease, on Aug. 14, 2017.



## WAR MEMORIAL STADIUM



The Razorbacks' home venue in Central Arkansas for 76 years, War Memorial Stadium/AT&T Field will host Arkansas football games through 2025. Arkansas is slated to face UAPB (2024) and Arkansas State (2025) in Little Rock.

Three-year Arkansas letterman and Medal of Honor recipient 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.

### QUICK FACTS

**CAPACITY:** 54,120

**FIRST GAME AND DEDICATION:** Sept. 18, 1948 -  
Arkansas 40, Abilene Christian 6

**WMS RECORD:** 153-62-4 (.708)

**LITTLE ROCK RECORD:** 170-68-5 (.710)

# AT&T STADIUM



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 non-conference 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 Arlington in 2014 and kicked off the first game of an 11-year agreement. Arkansas leads the all-time series versus the Aggies, 42-34-3.

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.

## QUICK FACTS

**CAPACITY:** 80,000

**FIRST ARKANSAS GAME:** Oct. 3, 2009 - Arkansas 47, Texas A&M 19

**AT&T STADIUM RECORD:** 5-8 (.385)

## FRED W. SMITH FOOTBALL CENTER



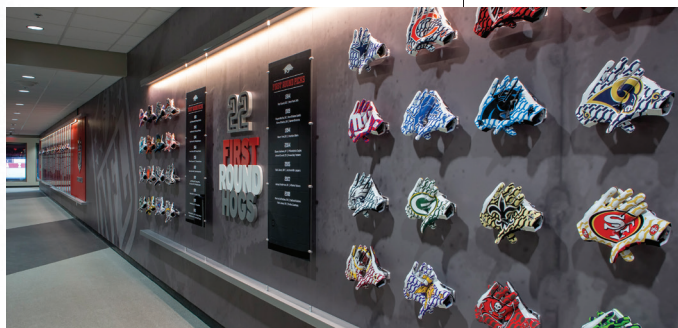
The 80,000-square-foot Fred W. Smith Football Center opened in 2013 and includes a spacious locker room, team meeting rooms, training room, equipment room, a student-athlete lounge and study area, coaches' offices, a recruiting reception area and football displays celebrating the tradition of Razorback 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.

Fred W. Smith, former chairman of the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation and longtime benefactor of the University of Arkansas and Razorback Athletics, passed away at age 84 on April 29, 2018, in Santa Monica, Calif. Through his work with the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation, Mr. Smith was instrumental in the university's securing of several multi-million-dollar gifts, including the Donald W. Reynolds Razorback Stadium expansion,

the Jerry and Gene Jones Family Student-Athlete Success Center and the Student-Athlete Development program, within Razorback Athletics.

In 2011, under Mr. Smith's leadership, the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation issued a \$10 million challenge grant to help generate funding for a new football operations building for the University of Arkansas. In 2013, the \$40 million Fred W. Smith Football Center was dedicated providing Razorback Football with a new home.



## 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.

