

WSU'S MARTIN STADIUM

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"A trip to Pullman when the Cougars are winning can be a nightmare for the opposition."

—ESPN Analyst Mel Kiper, who rated Washington State's Martin Stadium the sixth most difficult venue for opposing teams prior to the 2002 season.

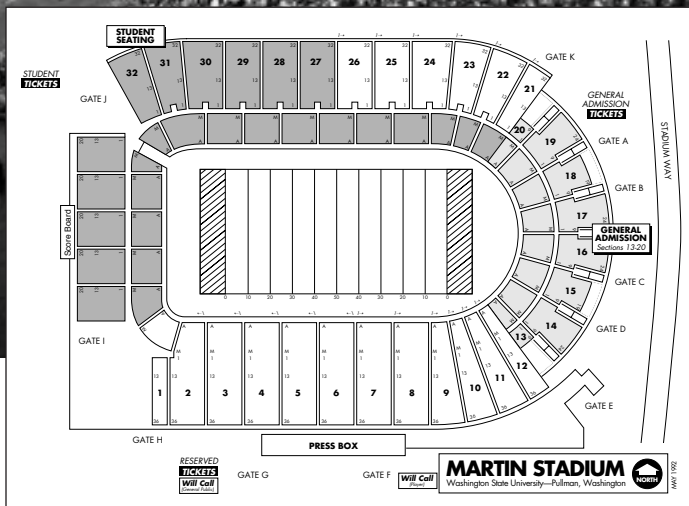


MARTIN STADIUM HISTORY

NAME: Clarence D. Martin Stadium and Academic Center
CAPACITY: 37,600

HISTORY

- 1892—Built as Soldier Field;
- 1895 (November 9)—WSU defeated Idaho 10-4 in the first football game on Soldier Field;
- 1902—The field was renamed Rogers Field in honor of the Governor of the State of Washington, John R. Rogers;
- 1936—Washington State College built a completely new football stadium, but retained the same name; the new stadium was an all-wood structure built on concrete pilings. The field also featured new stands, an enlarged press box and an electronic scoreboard;
- 1970 (April)—Fire destroyed the south stands; a one-million dollar fund drive began after the decision was made to rebuild the stands rather than relocate or build an entirely new stadium; Dan Martin, a Los Angeles businessman, gave \$250,000 to the project with the stipulation the stadium be renamed after his father, Clarence D. Martin. Clarence Martin was Governor of the State from 1933-40;
- 1972 (summer)—first artificial turf (Astroturf) was installed;
- 1972 (Sept. 30)—WSU met Utah in the first game played in refurbished Martin Stadium;
- 1975—New north (student) stands were built;
- 1978 (fall)—Work began on the academic portion of the complex on the south side with the computer center relocating to the complex upon completion of the project in 1979;
- 1979 (January)—Another renovation of the stadium began to increase the seating capacity from 27,600 to 40,000; the floor of the stadium was excavated 16 feet to add 12,400 seats; the track was removed from the stadium and relocated to the Bailey Baseball Stadium area directly north of the football complex, while a new baseball stadium was then built just south and east of Friel Court, home of Cougar basketball; the entire project, like the one in 1970, was funded through contributions; gift-in-kind and the purchase of "stadium builder" seat options; it marked the first time a collegiate football stadium had been enlarged by digging down rather than building up; the project was also funded in part by the Martin family, with Charlotte Martin, widow of Dan Martin, giving \$250,000 to the project; a SuperTurf artificial surface was installed;
- 1979 (October 13)—WSU celebrated Homecoming by defeating UCLA 17-13 before a record crowd of 32,651 in the first game played in the enlarged Martin Stadium;
- 1990 (summer)—Installed the sand-filled Omni-Turf playing surface.
- 2000 (summer)—Installed FieldTurf in Martin Stadium and on Rogers Field.



MARTIN STADIUM ATTENDANCE

40,306	11-15-97	WSU 38, Stanford 28
40,000	10-17-81	WSU 17, UCLA 17
40,000	11-20-82	WSU 24, UW 20
40,000	11-17-84	UW 38, WSU 29
40,000	11-22-86	UW 44, WSU 23
40,000	11-19-88	WSU 32, UW 31
38,434	9-30-89	USC 18, WSU 17
37,600	11-23-96	UW 31, WSU 24 (OT)
37,600	11-17-90	UW 55, WSU 10
37,600	11-21-93	WSU 42, UW 23
37,600	10-8-94	WSU 21, Oregon 7
37,600	10-15-94	Arizona 10, WSU 7
37,600	11-19-94	WSU 23, Washington 6
37,600	11-9-02	WSU 32, Oregon 21
37,600	11-23-02	UW 29, WSU 26 (3OT)
37,444	11-2-02	WSU 44, ASU 22
37,251	11-21-98	Washington 16, WSU 9
37,196	10-10-98	Oregon 51, WSU 29
36,861	10-5-02	WSU 30, USC 27 (OT)
36,770	9-19-98	WSU 24, Idaho 16
36,686	11-5-94	USC 23, WSU 10
36,090	10-21-89	Arizona 23, WSU 21
35,759	10-18-97	WSU 63, California 37
35,283	10-6-01	WSU 34, OSU 27