

# Beaver Stadium history and facts

UNIVERSITY PARK, PA - Beaver Stadium, the 93,967-seat home of the Nittany Lions, is the second largest stadium in the Big Ten Conference and the third largest in the nation.

Beaver Stadium has more than doubled in size since it was moved from its former west campus site just northeast of Rec Hall to the east side of campus in 1960. The addition of a 10,033-seat upper deck in the north end zone in 1991 and portable seats on the north end zone concourse has made Beaver Stadium the country's second largest campus facility.

Prior to 1991, the last expansion in 1980 raised the seating capacity to 83,770. Lights were added in 1984 and the addition of walkways at the top of each end zone and entry ramps at the four corners in 1985 resulted in a reduction in capacity to 83,370.

Penn State dedicated Beaver Stadium with a 20-0 win against Boston University on Sept. 17, 1960.

Nittany Lion halfback Eddie Caye scored the stadium's first touchdown at 10:45 of the first quarter.

Built in a horseshoe configuration seating 46,284, the stadium now towers 110 rows on the east side, 100 rows on the west, 60 in the end zones and 35 in the upper deck.

Additions of over 2,000 seats in 1969 and more than 9,000 in 1974 raised the capacity to 57,536.

Expanded bleachers in the south end zone in 1976 increased seating to 60,203.

A unique expansion during the winter, spring and summer of 1978 inserted within the inner circle of the stadium, where the running track was

added more than 16,000 seats, bringing the capacity to 76,639. The stadium was cut into sections, raised eight feet by hydraulic jacks and precast concrete seating forms inserted within the inner circle of the stadium, where the running track previously had been located. Penn State's first permanent home for football was Beaver Field, located between the present-day Osmond and Frear laboratories in center campus.

Before that, games were played on the lawn of Old Main.

The first game at 500-seat Beaver Field was played on Nov. 6, 1893 against Western University of Pittsburgh (later to become the University of Pittsburgh). The game, won 32-0 by Penn State, was delayed two days because of bad weather and played on a Monday afternoon.

New Beaver Field, located adjacent to Rec Hall, was opened in 1909 with the Nittany Lions defeating Grove City, 31-0. The area also contained facilities for baseball, lacrosse, soccer and track.

New Beaver Field was the Nittany Lions' home through the 1959 season, after which the 30,000-seat stadium was dismantled and moved in 700 pieces one mile to the east end of campus. The old stadium was reassembled with 16,000 additional seats to form Beaver Stadium.

The stadium is named in honor of James A. Beaver. A lawyer in nearby Bellefonte at the outbreak of the Civil War, he enlisted as a second lieutenant in the Union Army and rose to the rank of brigadier general prior to his discharge in 1864. Beaver, who died in 1914, served as a superior court judge, governor of Pennsylvania and president

## BEAVER STADIUM MILESTONE VICTORIES

1st	Sept. 17, 1960	vs. Boston University (20-0)
50th	Oct. 21, 1972	vs. Syracuse (17-0)
100th	Sept. 11, 1982	vs. Maryland (39-31)
150th	Nov. 16, 1991	vs. Notre Dame (35-13)

## Beaver Stadium Top Ten Crowds

Size	Date	Opponent and Score
97,079	Oct. 29, 1994	Penn State 63, Ohio State 14
96,719	Oct. 16, 1993	Michigan 21, Penn State 13
96,704	Oct. 10, 1992	Miami (Fla.) 17, Penn State 14
96,672	Nov. 16, 1991	Penn State 35, Notre Dame 13
96,655	Oct. 7, 1995	Ohio State 28, Penn State 25
96,540	Sept. 30, 1995	Wisconsin 17, Penn State 9
96,493	Nov. 26, 1994	Penn State 59, Michigan State 31
96,463	Sept. 10, 1994	Penn State 38, Southern California 14
96,445	Oct. 26, 1991	Penn State 51, West Virginia 6
96,391	Oct. 28, 1995	Penn State 45, Indiana 21

## Beaver Stadium Streaks

- Consecutive Wins: 21, 1970-74
- Consecutive Losses: 3, 1964
- Consecutive Winning Seasons: 23, 1965-87
- Consecutive Non-Losing Seasons: 31, 1965 to present

## Top Beaver Stadium Season Records

Year	Wins	Losses	Ties
1978	7	0	0
1982	7	0	0
1986	7	0	0
1972	6	0	0
1973	6	0	0
1985	6	0	0
1991	6	0	0
1994	6	0	0
1962	5	0	0
1968	5	0	0
1969	5	0	0
1971	5	0	0

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He is credited with being among the most influential leaders in the development of the University at the turn of the century.

The largest crowd in Beaver Stadium history - 97,079 - witnessed the Nittany Lions, 63-14 victory over Ohio State on October 29, 1994. Penn State enters the 1996 season with a 169-38-0 record in Beaver Stadium, a winning percentage of 81.6.



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