

# Bobby Bowden Field at Doak Campbell Stadium

rom a maximum capacity of 15,000 in 1953 to a record crowd of 84,347 in 2005 against Miami, Doak S. Campbell Stadium has risen along with the Florida State football program to the top of the college football ladder. In a special ceremony prior to the Florida game on November 20, 2004, the home of Florida State football took on a meaning even more special when Bobby Bowden Field was dedicated. With the final phase of construction completed, Seminole fans are welcomed with state-of-the-art additions.

Fans visiting Doak Campbell Stadium in 2007 will once again be treated to more upgrades to enhance the gameday experience. This year 250 feet of ribbon board will be added to each side of the stadium. The LED displays, which are four-feet high and cost over a million dollars, are not the only addition for this season. A new sound system will also be installed improving the sound quality and smoothness. The system will now provide high quality sound to each and every person in the 83,000+ seat stadium.

The newest structural portions of the stadium are a second deck of the Varsity Club in the northwest corner of the stadium and additional Skyboxes

### **Stadium Facts**

- 2007 Capacity 82,300
- Surface 419 Tiftway Bermuda
  - Location Pensacola Street & Stadium Drive
- First Game October 7, 1950
- Opponent Randolph-Macon
  - Score Florida State 40, Randolph Macon 7
  - All-Time Home Record 246-79-4 (.754)
- Bowden's Home Record 156-26-2 (.853)

leased through Seminole Boosters in the northeast corner. However, the newest addition to the stadium is a brand new playing surface completed in March of 2004. The entire floor of the stadium was excavated 8 inches deep and the old pump drainage system was replaced with a complete wall-to-wall system built exactly to USGA golf green standards. The entire field was sodded with the same variety of 419 Tiftway Bermuda that the Seminoles have been playing on for most of the previous 12 years.

The south endzone houses the Florida State school of hospitality education where students in the program receive hands-on experience in various aspects of the food and beverage industry. The multi-level facility includes a restaurant and a sports grill on the top floor that gives a panoramic view of Bobby Bowden Field at Doak Campbell Stadium.

The north endzone, which consisted of wood bleachers until the 1994 season kicked off, is topped by the offices of the football coaches. The offices are just part of the Daisy Parker Flory wing of the Moore Athletic Center which include a number of amenities for the football staff. An even more drastic change came to completion in June of 2005 when the athletics department offices moved back into the newly rebuilt Moore Center.

Towering above college football action from the east side are skyboxes, which stretch from goal line to goal line. New skyboxes are located above the west stands on the eighth floor. The west addition also houses the president's level on the seventh floor (which includes an open air terrace in the northwest corner) and one of the largest press boxes in college football with seating for over 250 members of the media.

A brick facade surrounds the

### TOP SINGLE SEASON HOME ATTENDANCES

NO.	YEAR	GAMES	TOTAL	AVERAGE
1.	2006	8	644,256	80,532
2.	2003	6	498,895	83,150
3.	2004	6	497,047	82,841
4.	2005	6	496,343	82,724
5.	2002	6	490,598	81,766
6.	2001	6	488,645	81,441
7.	2000	6	484,985	80,830
8.	1998	6	482,941	80,490
9.	1999	6	472,350	78,725
10.	1996	6	465,200	77.533

#### FLORIDA STATE'S LARGEST ROAD ATTENDANCES

1. 2.	106,145 105,578		at Michigan at Michigan
3.	90,669	2005	at Florida
4.	90,407		at Florida
5.	89,491		at Ohio State
6.	87,158	1981	at Ohio State
7.	86,200		at Clemson
- 8.	85,747	1999	at Florida
9.	85,732	2001	at Florida
10.	85,711	1995	at Florida

#### STADIUM CAPACITIES SINCE 1950

YEARS	CAPACITY
1950-53	15,000
1954-60	19,000
1961-63	25,000
1964-77	
1978-79	47,413
1980-81	51,094
1982-84	55,246
1985-91	60,519
1992	70,123
1993	72,589
1994	75,000
1995	77,500
1996	80,000
2001-2002	82,000
2003-present	

## CAMPBELL STADIUM'S TOP 25 CROWDS

NO	ATT	YEAR	OPPONENT	FSU	OPP
1.	84,347	2005	Miami	10	7
2.	84,336	2003	Miami	14	22
3.	84,223	2004	Florida	13	20
4.	84,155	2004	Virginia	36	3
5.	84,106	2002	Notre Dame	24	34
6.	83,938	2002	Florida	31	14
7.	83,912	2005	NC State	15	20
8.	83,854	2003	NC State	50	44
9.	83,717	2005	Syracuse	38	14
10.	83,538	2004	Ćlemson	41	22
11.	83,510	2006	Clemson	20	27
12.	83,507	2006	Florida	14	21
13.	83,294	2003	Colorado	47	7
14.	83,043	2006	Boston College	19	24
15.	83,042	2000	Florida	30	- 7
16.	82,885	2003	Maryland	35	10
17.	82,836	2001	Miami	27	49
18.	82,804	2006	Virginia	33	0
19.	82,708	2004	UNC	38	16
20.	82,626	2005	Maryland	35	27
21.	82,589	2005	Wake Forest	41	24
22.	82,565	2001	Maryland	52	31
_ 23.	82,514	2000	Clemson	54	7
24.	82,425	2001	NC State	28	34
-25.	82,397	2002	Duke	48	17

stadium, matching the architectural design of most of the buildings on the Florida State campus. The University Center surrounds Bobby Bowden Field at Doak Campbell Stadium and houses numerous offices that were located on the interior of the FSU campus.

Inside the stadium, the lowest tier of field level seats were removed, providing increased sideline space and better viewing lines for the first few rows of fans. A matching brick



wall was constructed along the east and west sidelines, limiting field access, increasing safety and giving the inside of the stadium a whole new look.

In its last 118 home games, FSU is 105-12-1. Bobby Bowden's Florida State teams have lost only 26 games at home in 31 years, giving the coach an impressive 156-26-2 record and an .853 winning percentage in Tallahassee. A milestone was reached on September 28, 1996 when Bowden won his 100th game in Doak Campbell Stadium as FSU's head coach with a 13-0 victory over North Carolina.

But the winning tradition of Doak S. Campbell Stadium,

which was named after the former FSU president of the same name, goes back before Bowden. All-time, Florida State is 246-

79-4 in 329 home games for a winning percentage of .754.
Since the stadium opened on Oct. 7, 1950 with Florida
State University taking a 40-7 victory over Randolph-Macon,
millions of fans have packed Doak S. Campbell to see the finest in college football action. In 2003, Florida State set a single season attendance mark by drawing 498,895 fans over six home games. The latest expansion is the ninth in the history of the stadium. The current capacity of 82,300 reflects an increase of 28,281 since the end of the 1991 season.

Florida State first began play at Centennial Field during the inaugural 1947 season. In the three

seasons that the Seminoles called Centennial Field their home, FSU had an overall home record of 8-4, including Coach Don Veller's undefeated 8-0 home mark over the 1948 and '49 seasons.

It's hard to imagine the first Doak Campbell Stadium, with a capacity of 15,000 back in 1950 was built at a cost of \$250,000. In 1954, the stadium grew to a capacity of 19,000. Six thousand more seats were added in 1961. During the Bill Peterson era (1960-70) the stadium was expanded to 40,500 seats, and it remained at that capacity for the next 14 years. Between 1978 and

1982, there were three more additions. Doak Campbell Stadium's scoreboard video system features a big screen presentation that is crystal clear and allows game day producers to show highlights of games from all over the country to Seminole fans watching their team in the stadium. With the changes, Doak Campbell is growing and improving faster than ever before. Like its residents, the most successful college football program over the past two decades, Doak S. Campbell Stadium has become a fitting showcase for Florida

State University.



