

## DURHAM BULLS ATHLETIC PARK



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**FIRST TRIPLE-A BATTER:** The first Triple-A batter at the DBAP was Louisville CF Greg Martinez, who homered into the new Diamond View seats in right field off Dave Eiland.

**SITE:** The stadium was built on an eight-acre plot of land that was previously a parking lot owned by a pharmaceutical company.

**NAME:** The name for the park was chosen by the Durham City Council during a meeting on March 20, 1995, which was a mere 17 days before the stadium officially opened.

**PLAYING FIELD:** The playing field is officially known as Goodmon Field in honor of Jim Goodmon, after the Durham City Council voted to name the field after the man who bought the team for an estimated \$2 million in 1991.

**BLUE MONSTER:** Original plans for the left field wall called for an eight-foot fence 325 feet from home plate, but when construction work began crews realized that the renderings didn't account for the presence of a street that would have to be closed to

make a normal distance possible. Since neither closing Dillard Street nor altering its path was possible, the distance to left field was shortened by 20 feet. To compensate for the short porch, the wall was made to be 24 feet high. In 1998, the Monster got a little taller when it was raised to 32 feet and it has remained at that height ever since.

**ACC TOURNAMENT:** The stadium has hosted the ACC Baseball Championship tournament six times (1996, 1998, 1999, 2009, 2011 & 2013), and in 2014, it was announced the DBAP would host the ACC Tournament from 2015-2018. On May 25, 2013, UNC squared off against NC State in the tournament semifinals in front of 11,392 fans - the largest crowd to ever see a collegiate baseball game in the state - in an 18-inning marathon, the longest game in ACC Tournament history. UNC prevailed 2-1.

### FIELD AT A GLANCE

LEFT FIELD 305 Feet  
 LEFT CENTER 375 Feet  
 CENTER FIELD 400 Feet  
 RIGHT CENTER 375 Feet  
 RIGHT FIELD 325 Feet  
 BLUE MONSTER HEIGHT 32 Feet

STADIUM CAPACITY 10,000  
 STADIUM ARCHITECTS HOK Sport -  
 Freelon Group  
 COST OF STADIUM (1995) \$16.1 Million  
 GRAND OPENING April 6, 1995

PLAYING SURFACE Tifway 419 Bermuda  
 Grass

## #DBAP20

**A LONG TIME COMING:** Plans for a new ballpark began in 1989 after the commercial success of the film "Bull Durham." Then in 1990, Jim Goodmon, president and CEO of Capitol Broadcasting Company, buys the team and plans to move it to a sports complex in eastern Durham County near the Raleigh-Durham airport. After reaching an agreement with the City of Durham, the Bulls instead decided to build their new stadium in Downtown Durham, less than one mile away from Durham Athletic Park, which had hosted the team since the 1920s. Originally scheduled to open in 1994, DBAP construction bids came in over budget back a full season to 1995.

### REVITALIZATION OF DOWNTOWN DURHAM:

In 1987, American Brands closed the American Tobacco warehouse on Blackwell St. in Durham, closing the doors on a building that had produced Lucky Strike and Bull Durham tobacco. In 2004 though, Capitol Broadcasting re-opened the former tobacco campus, located directly across the street from Durham Bulls Athletic Park, ushering in a renaissance in Downtown Durham. The company invested over \$200 million to renovate the factory buildings, laying the groundwork for a cutting-edge office, entertainment and residential area. With the success of the over 100 companies that call the American Tobacco Campus home, business growth expanded north of the campus and ballpark, leading to the erection of Durham Performing Arts Center, cementing the area as a restaurant and entertainment district. Today, over 100 businesses call the American Tobacco Campus home, encompassing over 4,000 employees.



**COMMITMENT TO BASEBALL:** In addition to 72 Bulls games a season, Durham has hosted a portion of Duke University's home schedule since 2010, USA Baseball games, the 2012 Triple-A National Championship Game, the 2014 Triple-A All-Star Game, the 2009, 2011 and 2013 ACC Tournaments, and in 2014 was chosen as the host of the ACC Tournament from 2015-2018.

**2014 RENOVATIONS:** Prior to the 2014 season, the Bulls upgraded the DBAP, installing \$20 million in renovations to the stadium. Included in the renovations was a new video board and sound system, playing surface, concessions, club level, picnic areas, seat upgrades and lighting. Following the season, *Ballpark Digest* recognized the upgrade to the stadium as the "Best Ballpark Renovation Over \$2 Million" in its annual awards.

**THE SNORTING BULL:** The Snorting Bull that stands atop the Blue Monster in left field - baseball's most iconic home run target - is actually the third iteration of the Snorting Bull. The original sign made famous in "Bull Durham" was a prop designed for the movie and soon deteriorated. Upon the team's move to the DBAP the second sign was placed in right field, where it sat at Durham Athletic Park, but was later destroyed in a hurricane. The current version, in left field, has been hit 45 times.



## MEMORABLE DBAP MOMENTS

**AUGUST 9, 2002:** Hall-of-Famer Joe Morgan returns to Durham to have his number retired at Durham Bulls Athletic Park.

**SEPTEMBER 12, 2002:** The Bulls defeat the Buffalo Bisons 2-0, winning the series 3-0 and claiming their first International League title.

**AUGUST 1, 2005:** ESPN's "SportsCenter" broadcasts live at the DBAP as part of their "50 States in 50 Days" promotion.

**JULY 16, 2006:** Pitchers Jason Hammel and Juan Salas combine on a no-hitter as the Bulls defeat the Columbus Clippers 4-1.

**SEPTEMBER 7, 2007:** The stadium's playing surface is named "Goodmon Field" in honor of Jim Goodmon, the president and CEO of Capitol Broadcasting Company.

**JULY 4, 2008:** Kevin Costner and his band Modern West perform at Durham Bulls Athletic Park to celebrate the 20th anniversary of "Bull Durham."

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2012:** The DBAP hosts the Triple-A National Championship Game, when the Reno Aces defeated the Pawtucket Red Sox 10-3. It marked the first Triple-A National Championship Game played east of the Mississippi River.

**APRIL 26, 2014:** Pitchers Mike Montgomery and Brad Boxberger combine to no-hit the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders in a 5-0 victory.

**JULY 16, 2014:** The DBAP hosts the Triple-A All-Star Game for the first time, as the International League defeats the Pacific Coast League 7-3. The DBAP becomes just the second ballpark to host both the Triple-A National Championship Game and All-Star Game in its current format.

**JULY 21, 2014:** Charlie Montoyo wins his 614th games as Bulls manager, setting the franchise record for most wins.

**SEPTEMBER 1, 2014:** The Bulls conclude the 2014 season with a paid attendance mark of 533,033, shattering the franchise's previous attendance record of 520,925.

## HIT BULL WIN STEAK

### BULLS BATTERS

Date	Player	Pitcher
5/31/2014	Justin Christian	Seth Rosin (LHV)
4/7/2014	Justin Christian	Charlie Leesman (CHA)
8/6/2013	Craig Albarnaz	Scott Diamond (ROC)
6/17/2013	Shelley Duncan	Pedro Villarreal (LOU)
6/2/2013	Shelley Duncan	Brett Marshall (SWB)
8/26/2012	Sean Rodriguez	Dana Eveland (NOR)
7/7/2011	Desmond Jennings	Rick Van den Hurk (NOR)
6/13/2011	JJ Furmaniak	Brad Bergesen (NOR)
5/14/2008	Jeff Bannon	Francis Beltran (TOL)
4/11/2008	Jon Weber	Jose Veras (SWB)
5/30/2007	Joel Guzman	Eude Brito (OTT)
5/9/2007	Shawn Riggins	Garrett Olson (NOR)
4/7/2005	Jonny Gomes	Kenny Baugh (TOL)
8/19/2004	Midre Cummings	Matt Ronney (TOL)
7/28/2004	Keith Osik	Franklin Perez (SWB)
5/19/2004	Jason Maxwell	Phil Seibel (PAW)
4/19/2004	Midre Cummings	Sam Marsonok (COL)
6/23/2002	Andy Thompson	Jason Phillips (BUF)
5/20/2002	Damian Rolls	Cary Hiles (SWB)
4/13/2002	Carl Crawford	Mark Johnson (IND)
5/16/2001	Toby Hall	Leo Estrella (LOU)
5/4/2001	Brent Abernathy	Butch Henry (SYR)
4/10/2001	Andy Sheets	Jerrold Riggan (NOR)
8/13/2000	Pat Borders	Jeremy Powell (OTT)
6/7/1999	Aaron Holbert	Ryan Henderson (LOU)
5/8/1999	Aaron Holbert	Jim Farrell (PAW)
4/23/1999	Tom Wilson	Brian Looney (TOL)
8/16/1998	Scott McCain	Bryan Keyser (IND)

### OPPOSING BATTERS

Date	Player
6/22/14	Steven Souza Jr. (SYR)
4/4/14	Edward Salcedo (GWN)
7/4/13	Luis Exposito (NOR)
8/3/12	Ernesto Mejia (GWN)
7/28/2008	Paul Janish (LOU)
4/21/2007	Kevin Hooper (TOL)
4/10/2007	Ed Rogers (PAW)
7/31/2006	Donaldo Mendez (ROC)
5/9/2005	Brandon Phillips (BUF)
4/27/2005	Derrick Gibson (RIC)
7/28/2003	Mark Smith (IND)
7/26/2000	Pat Watkins (TOL)
6/15/2000	Izzy Alcantara (PAW)
6/13/2000	Garey Ingram (PAW)
8/13/1999	Peter Bergeron (OTT)
8/1/1999	Jason Maxwell (TOL)
5/26/1998	Tom Evans (SYR)

List includes home runs hit off the Bull only since the 1995 season, when the DBAP opened



## TRIPLE-A FIRSTS AT THE DBAP (1998-PRESENT)

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### FIRST GAME

April 16th, 1998 vs. Louisville (Bulls lost, 6-1)

### FIRST STARTING PITCHER

Dave Eiland

### FIRST RELIEF PITCHER

Josias Manzanillo

### FIRST BULLS WINNING PITCHER

Mark Eichhorn (4/19/18 vs. Louisville)

### FIRST BULLS SAVE

John Daniels (4/20/18 vs. Indy)

### FIRST BULLS BATTER

Randy Winn (Struck Out)

### FIRST BULLS RUN

Dave Silvestri

### FIRST BULLS HIT

Russ Morman

### FIRST BULLS RBI

Russ Morman

### FIRST BULLS DOUBLE

Russ Morman

### FIRST BULLS TRIPLE

Steve Cox (5/21/98 vs. Rochester)

### FIRST BULLS HOME RUN

Dave Silvestri (4/17/98 vs. Louisville)

### FIRST BULLS GRAND SLAM

Scott McClain (4/26/99 vs. Toledo)

### FIRST LEADOFF HOME RUN

Jim Buccheri (5/23/98 vs. Syracuse)

### FIRST WALK-OFF HOME RUN

Chris Martin (5/19/98 vs. Rochester)

### FIRST TWO-HOME RUN GAME

Greg Blosser (5/3/98 vs. Norfolk)

### FIRST 10+ STRIKEOUT GAME

Josias Manzanillo (6/11/98 vs. Richmond)

### FIRST TRIPLE PLAY

8/2/05 vs Norfolk

*NOTE: The DBAP opened in 1995 when the Bulls were the Advanced-A affiliate of the Atlanta Braves. The first game was played on April 6, when the Lynchburg Hillcats defeated the Bulls 6-2 in front of 10,886 fans. Sean Lawrence earned the win for Lynchburg, while Maurice Christmas, who threw the stadium's first pitch, suffered the loss. The ceremonial first pitch was thrown by North Carolina Governor Jim Hunt to Walt Sorgi, who was a catcher for the Bulls in 1945.*

## REGULAR SEASON ATTENDANCE AT THE DBAP

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1998	467,701
1999	464,001
2000	475,363
2001	505,315
2002	502,553
2003	493,174
2004	490,615
2005	520,371
2006	507,547
2007	520,952
2008	503,636
2009	488,385
2010	500,073
2011	462,682
2012	483,593
2013	498,735
2014	533,033

## TOP 10 SINGLE-GAME ATTENDANCES IT'S A SELLOUT AT THE DBAP

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#	DATE	OPP
11,754	7/4/13	NOR
11,674	7/4/10	GWN
11,536	8/24/13	NOR
11,507	5/4/14	CLB
11,300	6/19/09	PAW
11,117	7/4/12	NOR
11,104	8/31/14	NOR
11,071	9/1/07	CHA
11,060	4/14/06	TOL
11,048	7/4/06	SYR