

Albuquerque Isotopes AAA Ballpark

The new Isotopes Ballpark was designed by renowned HOK Sports Group from Kansas City, Missouri. Although some of the original Albuquerque Dukes Stadium remains, the extensive renovation essentially resulted in a completely new facility. The old stadium was closed in 2000, after the Dukes were sold and moved to Portland, Oregon. In 2001, Albuquerque voters approved money for the renovation, and the city was able to attract the former Calgary Cannons to make the new park their home. Renamed the Albuquerque Isotopes, after an episode of "The Simpsons" TV show where the Springfield team is being sold to Albuquerque, the team played their first home game in April of 2003.

The total construction cost of the project was \$20.5 million (\$17.5 million bid, plus \$3 million worth of materials provided by the City). This cost compared to a projected \$30 million for a new ballpark, provides an extremely high quality facility, which is now a showcase for the city of Albuquerque. Unique construction features include light pole bases that are 30' deep and 5' in diameter, special carpet that will hold up under baseball cleats, backstop nets, field wall pads and indoor batting cages. Special impact resistant glass faces the field and varies in 12 different colors. Renovations also include two new grand entries, one on the first base side and the other on the third base side.

The ballpark holds 11,000 fans in stadium-style seats and 2,000 in the grassed terrace area beyond the right field fence. It contains 13 concession windows and 132 public toilets. Season ticket holders have access to a bar and a restaurant on the Club Level.

The architectural design utilizes horizontal layering of color and material to give the park a uniquely Southwestern feel, while still clearly identifying it as a baseball park rather than an indiscriminate "sports stadium." A continuous main concourse provides views of the game and allows spectators to interact socially while away from their seats.



Grand Conceptor Award, American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) New Mexico, 2004

"Best Buildings" Award Grand Winner, Associated General Contractors of America, New Mexico Building Branch, 2004

National Association of Industrial & Office Properties (NAIOP) New Mexico Chapter Awards of Excellence 2003 - Presidents Award

Best Renovation Over \$5 Million, Southwest Contractor Magazine, 2003

Best Steel Project, Southwest Contractor Magazine, 2003



Location.....Albuquerque, NM
 Owner City of Albuquerque
 Architects
 Of RecordSMPC Architects
 Design..... HOK Sports Group
 Cost.....\$17M (\$21.8M*)
 Size 93,565 sf
 Completion..... April 2003

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