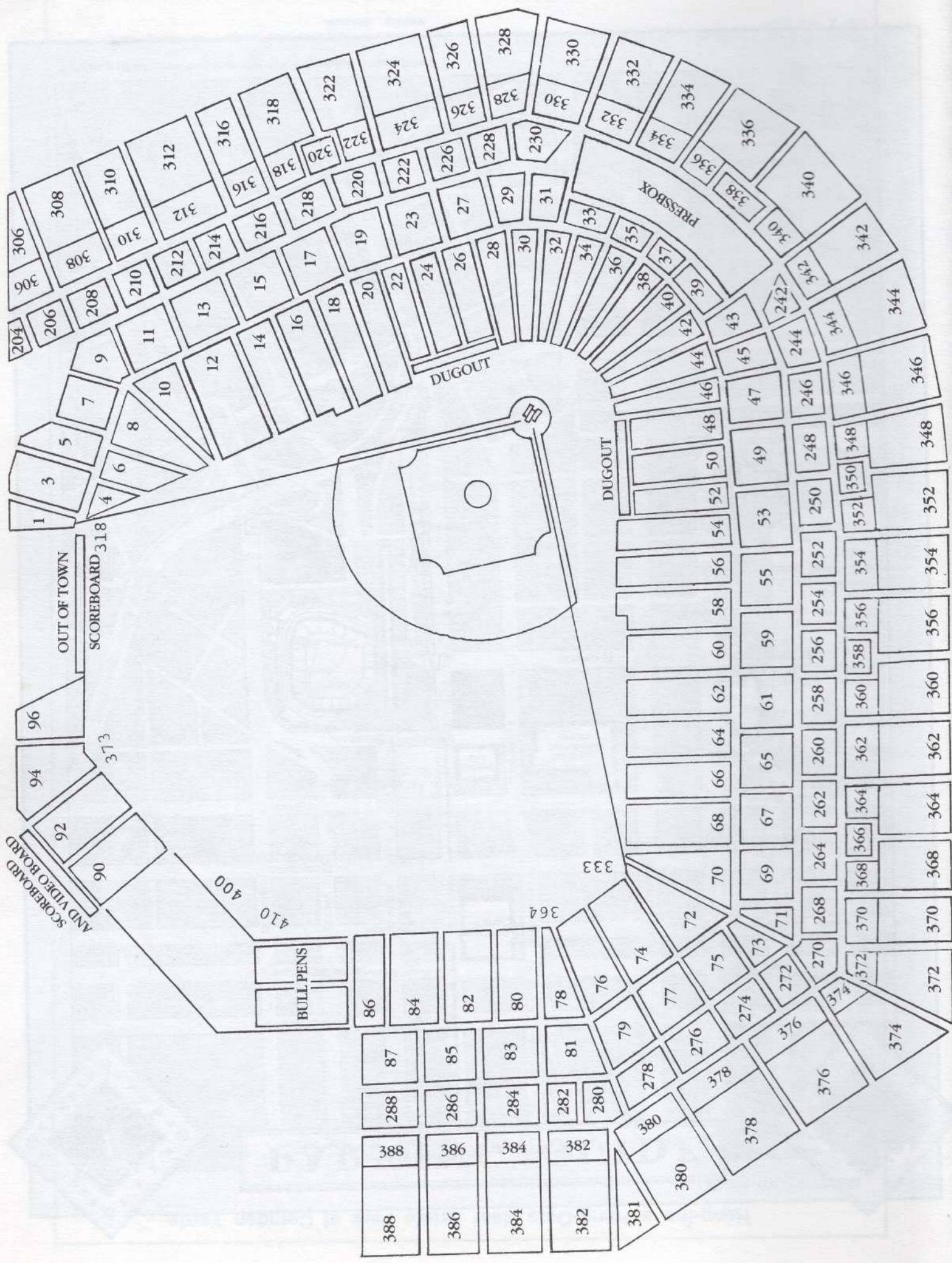


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QUICK FACTS ABOUT ORIOLE PARK AT CAMDEN YARDS

DESCRIPTION: A traditional, baseball only, urban ballpark.

OWNER: Maryland Stadium Authority

TENANT: Baltimore Orioles

DEVELOPED BY: The Maryland Stadium Authority with substantial input from the Baltimore Orioles and their fans.

ARCHITECT: HOK Sports Facilities Group, Inc. • Kansas City, Missouri

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER: Barton Malow Sverdrup • Upper Marlboro, Maryland

LOCATION: Four blocks west of the Inner Harbor in downtown Baltimore, between I-395 and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

SCHEDULE:	Design Began	December	1988
	Foundation Construction Began	December	1989
	Steel Construction Began	August	1990
	Playing Field Sod Laid	November	1991
	Orioles Moved In	March	1992
	Stadium Opens	April	1992

FIRST GAME: April 6, 1992 vs. Cleveland Indians

ALL-STAR GAME: Oriole Park at Camden Yards will host the 1993 All-Star Game.

CAPACITY: Approximately 48,000

COMFORT: There are no seats obstructed by columns (there were some 3,400 partially obstructed view seats in Memorial Stadium). Leg width of the seats is between 32-33 inches and the seat width is 19-21 inches (at Memorial Stadium there was as little as 24 inches of leg room and 16 inches of seat width).

RESTROOMS: The number of restrooms was increased from 13 women's and 14 men's rooms in Memorial Stadium to 28 restrooms for each in Oriole Park at Camden Yards.

UPPER DECK: The slope of the upper deck has been reduced from 33 to 31 degrees, thus all but eliminating the "nose bleed" feeling in the upper deck. By comparison, Wrigley Field's upper deck is 29 degrees. New Comiskey's upper deck is 36 degrees. Ramps to the upper deck are sloped very gently, making the walk easy.

ACCESS: The new park is easily reached via rail (MARC Trains and Baltimore's newest mass transit, Light Rail) and 24 bus lines as well as four major highways (I-95, I-83, I-70 and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway).

PARKING: Over 5,000 non bumper-to-bumper parking spaces are located on-site and over 30,000 spaces are located in garages and lots throughout downtown, all within one mile of the park.

PLAYING FIELD: The field itself is Prescription Athletic Turf, which was developed to incorporate a sophisticated drainage system. The sod, which was grown on the Eastern Shore, is three types of bluegrass.

The field features assymetrical dimensions:

- 333' to leftfield
- 318' to rightfield
- 410' to left centerfield, the deepest part of the park
- 460' from warehouse to home plate.

Rightfield ends with a 25-foot high, 100-foot long outfield wall. The rest of the outfield wall is 7' high. There are five angles in the outfield fence.

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Oriole Park at Camden Yards is a traditional ballpark located in a dense urban setting. The configuration of the playing field and seating bowl were dictated by site geometry. The steel trusses were modeled after older parks, a roof covers half of the upper deck and the brick facade of the park resembles that of the adjacent historical warehouse. The out of town scoreboard, located in rightfield, is in the field of play.

THE WAREHOUSE: Beyond the rightfield wall is the restored brick B&O Warehouse, actually six warehouses combined together, eight stories high and over 1,100 feet long. Built in 1898, it is now an integral part of the ballpark structure and houses many functional areas including the central kitchen for concessions and the ushers changing rooms. The warehouse also holds the executive offices for the Orioles. The Camden Club and Banquet Room are located on the upper floors. It is the longest building east of the Mississippi River.

TRADITIONAL TOUCHES: A cafe, once owned by Babe Ruth's father, was located in what will be right-center field...The rightfield foul pole has been transported from Memorial Stadium to the new ballpark...Seats at the end of the rows feature an iron cast of the Orioles' 1892 logo.

ORIOLE PARK AT CAMDEN YARDS

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