

New Comiskey Park

Building a Tradition

It took almost two years, 33 trade unions, more than 2,000 workers and 400,000 man-hours to build Chicago's state-of-the-art ballpark. "New Comiskey Park – Building a Tradition" takes you behind the scenes for a look at how it all came together.

Learn why home plate in the new park is sited on the northwest corner instead of the traditional southwest, and how engineers who specialize in wind effects analyzed cross winds to determine if it would be a hitters' park.

Watch the 50,000-pound, 90-foot long upper deck supports set into place in the dead of winter, the raising of the fully assembled light towers and the topping off celebration – complete with the hoisting of a flag-bedecked cement mixer to the top of the deck.

We'll take you "back of the house" and on a tour of player areas – from clubhouse to whirlpool – through the party areas, and food concessions.

You'll get a look at stadium operations – from running the exploding Jumbotron scoreboard to the meticulous preparation of the field drainage system that absorbs torrents of rain and provides a ready-to-play field in minutes.

From ticket windows, to Nancy Faust's organ hideaway, to the storage areas for beer kegs and hot dog buns, "New Comiskey Park – Building a Tradition" is an insider's look at Chicago's new "Baseball Palace of the World."