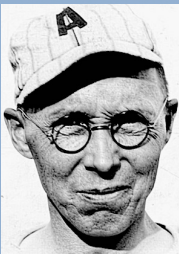


Down to the nuts and bolts

It took three years to gather the funds to build it and two years of construction to make McKale Center a reality. Delays pushed the arena's total cost from \$2 million to more than \$8 million. When it opened to the first men's basketball crowd 37 years ago, however, McKale became a hit. Today, it packs in more fans than any other Pac-10 Conference venue — and a ticket is a hard prospect when the Wildcats take the floor.



The arena's namesake

The University of Arizona Alumni Association voted in 1967 to name the proposed arena after **Dr. J.F. "Pop" McKale**. (The popular former Arizona coach and teacher died earlier that year.) He served as the university's athletic director from 1914 to 1957, and as a coach for football, baseball, track and basketball.

Did you know?

The McKale Center roof is adorned with a band of copper sheets, which cost \$107,000 to install in 1973 (as seen in this photo to the left).

- This feature is a nod to the state's major mining product.
- Over the years, however, the band's once shiny exterior has taken on a darker demeanor, making its copper glow almost unrecognizable.

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JANUARY 1971

Construction begins at the site of McKale Center. Here, it was nothing more than a deep hole in the ground.

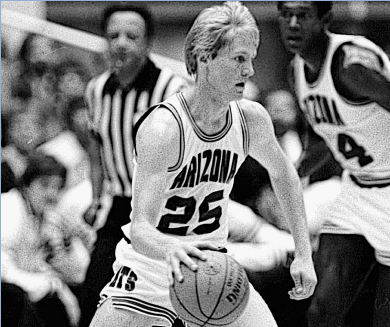
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FEB. 1, 1973

Due to construction delays, the Wildcats play their first game at McKale Center with just one month remaining in the season. Arizona defeats Wyoming 87-69.

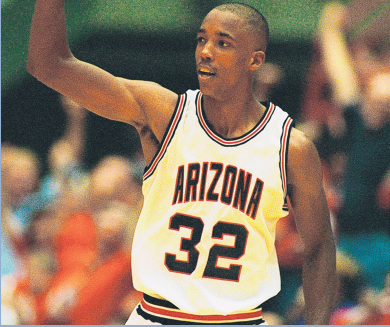
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JAN. 20, 1984

An emotional moment of silence precedes the game against ASU. Just four days after his father — Malcolm Kerr, president of American University in Beirut — is assassinated, Steve Kerr scores 12 points in a 71-49 win over the Sun Devils.

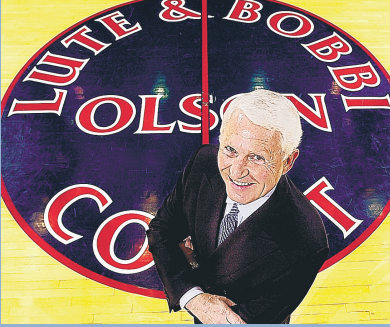
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FEB. 18, 1989

A free throw with 7:10 remaining in a game against UCLA gives Arizona forward Sean Elliott the title of Pac-10 career scoring leader — pushing him past Lew Alcindor, who would later change his name to Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. Elliott led the team in scoring for four consecutive seasons.

— Arizona Daily Star photo



JAN. 7, 2001

At a memorial for Lute Olson's late wife, Bobbi, the floor in McKale is renamed "Lute & Bobbi Olson Court." The floor was previously recognized as "Lute Olson Court" on Feb. 26, 2000, in honor of the Wildcats' head coach. Olson is one of three coaches in NCAA history to post 29 or more 20-win seasons — 20 of those consecutively.

— Arizona Daily Star photo

How to get tickets

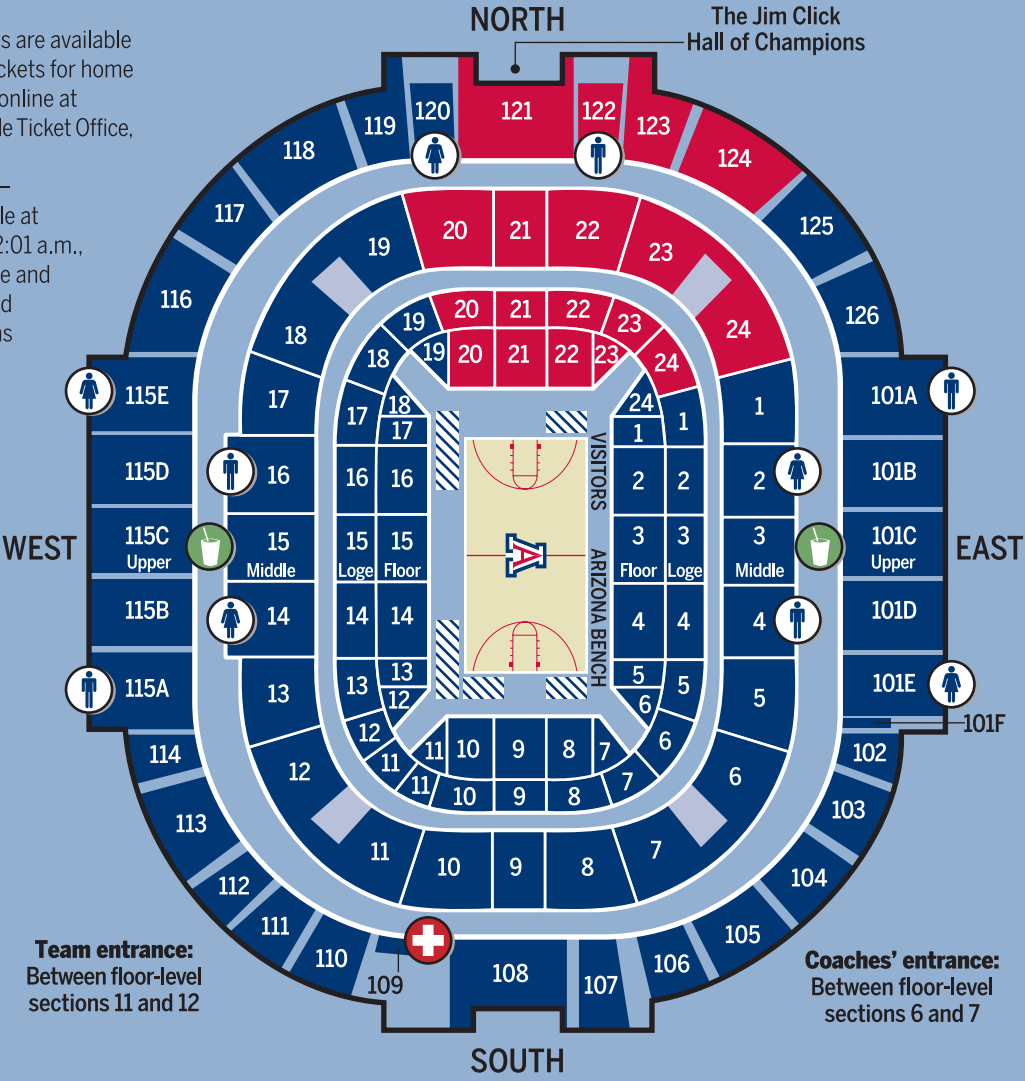
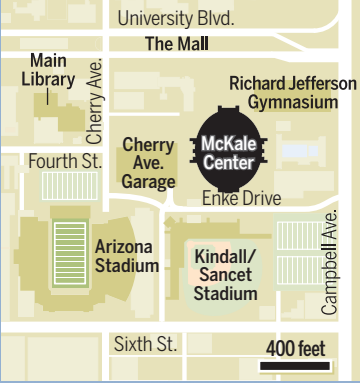
Arizona men's basketball season tickets are available in most seating areas. Individual-game tickets for home games through Jan. 8 can be purchased online at www.arizonawildcats.com, from the McKale Ticket Office, or by calling 621-2287.

Tickets for all remaining home games — from Jan. 15 through March 5 — go on sale at www.arizonawildcats.com on Dec. 4 at 12:01 a.m., in prices ranging from \$19 to \$120. Phone and ticket office sales start Dec. 6. Unreserved student-section tickets in Middle Sections 20-24 can be purchased the Wednesday prior to most home games.

Women's basketball individual-game tickets range from \$4 to \$8.

Finding your row

- **FLOOR LEVEL** Rows 1A-9.
- **MIDDLE LEVEL** Rows 17A-29B.
- **LOGE LEVEL** Rows 10-16.
- **UPPER LEVEL** Rows 30-40.



Where to find: Restrooms Concessions First aid Student cheering section Scholarship row

By the numbers

- 2,300** Members in Zona Zoo, the student cheering section.
- 13,658** Seating capacity for men's basketball games in 1973
- 14,545** Current seating capacity
- 15,176** Biggest home game crowd (March 4, 1978, against Arizona State. The Wildcats won 88 to 75.)

