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Best bang for a buck: Terrace Deck 314-324 The view is pretty good from here as it is the lower 1/3rd upper deck. These sections are placed around the board, with tickets in general going to be about \$30. You won't find too many seats for less money on this field.
LOWEST PRICES: Outfield Deck 432-434, 407-408 Stay in the lower ranks is the name of the game here. You're a considerable distance from the home plate, but if you're looking for the lowest price get-in, this is (deservedly so). At least you'll have a beautiful view of the retractable roof.
Cheapest seats in Minute Maid Park - Section 438 (roof open)
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Crawford boxes
Crawford Boxes are part of the seats in Minute Maid Park running parallel to Crawford Street in downtown Houston, Texas. They are located in the left field and span sections 100 to 104 (with all but the second in beautiful territory). The home plate-to-fence measurement is just 315 feet (96 meters), one of the shortest in Major League Baseball. [1] A 19-foot wall in front of elevated boxes also manually operated an out-of-town scoreboard, depicting the day's other games. Landry's Restaurants, Inc. she bought the naming rights to crawford boxes. [2] Organizers from various Landry restaurants (such as Rainforest Cafe and Saltgrazes Steakhouse) appear at games and throw T-shirts, key chains, frisbees and stuffed animals to fans in Crawford boxes. Also, any fan who catches a home run ball landing in Crawford Boxes wins a gift certificate to Landry's restaurant. Reference
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Union Station a pre-ballpark
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Hlavní článek: Union Station (Houston)
V roce 1909, by the time West End Park was Houston's premier ballpark, the Houston Belt and Terminal Railway Company commissioned the design of a new union station for the city from New York-based architects Warren and Wetmore. The site called for the demolition of several Houston buildings. Horace Baldwin Rice resident and Adath Shesurun congregation synagogue among other structures have been removed. [16] Illustration union station, 1913 With original estimated costs of USD 1 million, Union Station was built by an American construction company for a possible total of five times that amount. [17] The outer walls were built of granite, limestone and terracotta, while the interior used a large amount of marble. It was completed and opened on 1 March 1911. At the time, Houston, with 17 railroads, was considered the main rail hub of the southern United States. [18] This is also evident from the Houston Seal, which is conspicuously equipped with a locomotive. Two more floors were added the following year. [19] The station served as houston's main long-distance passenger terminal more than seven decades later. Passenger rail declined significantly after World War II, and the last regularly scheduled Lone Star train moved its service to the current Amtrak station in Houston on March 31, 2014. With this step, the building really became abandoned. On November 10, 1977, the building was added to the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service. Planning and financing
In August 1995, Astros owner Drayton McLane, then leasing an Astrodome from Harris County, commented to the Houston Chronicle that he was not in the market for a new ballpark. In reference to The Three Rivers Stadium of Pittsburgh and Cincinnati Riverfront Stadium, McLane noted [...]. I remember when those were built in the 1970s and those were as good stadiums as there were. They were the most modern stadiums in the world, and now they say they're all bad. That they can't do it without a new stadium. It helps, but there are other things. [20] Later that year, Houston's NFL franchise and joint-tenant Astrodome, the Houston Oilers, announced they were leaving for Nashville, Tennessee to make a new stadium built for the team there. Citing a lack of adequate luxury boxes, in October, Astros Vice-President Bob McClaren argued that renovating the Astrodome would help boost revenue. [21] Drayton McLane pointed to the renovation of the Astrodome as necessary and said: It's been 30 years and not much money has been spent on rebuilding. [22] According to the organization, the team was in danger of being sold to a Virginia businessman who was expected to move the Astros to the Washington D.C. area due to poor revenue. In June 1996, a Graduate of the University of Houston, BMC Software and San Diego Padres owner, J. Moores, who wanted to own another NFL franchise in Houston, met with Texas State Sen. Mario Gallegos, Jr., and other local Hispanic leaders regarding the future of the football-only Astrodome and the new baseball-only ballpark in Downtown Houston. Harris County Judge Robert Eckles, meanwhile, put together a plan to build a new playground next to the Astrodome in Astrodomeam. The Astros repeated the location of Astrodomeam sentiment because they believed the construction time would be shorter. [24] Eckles, who convinced then-Mayor Bob Lanier of the lack of liability for a downtown playground, was quoted as saying: They keep telling me about these miracles in other cities, but in Houston it doesn't work [...]. If we're going to build this stadium somewhere, let's stick to a proven place. [25] The plan was considered nearly complete when the Astros and Harris County agreed to a \$250 million stadium whose cost of overrun would be funded by the Astros. [26] Exterior of Minute Maid Park at the intersection of Crawford Street and Texas Avenue in August 1996, the Houston Union Room received a \$2 million grant from the Texas Transportation Commission for renovations in a separate project. [27] Plans to place a new ballpark were drastically changed by September, mostly in response to enron chairman Kenneth Lay's entry and a commitment to make a substantial contribution to funding if it is located in the city centre. [28] At that time, the Union Station location was designed by Lay. After agreement between all the leading players, the idea of a retractable roof stadium was confirmed for the new stadium. A November referendum was planned for Harris County residents to approve the deal. The Harris County referendum, held on November 5, 1996, to help fund the ballpark passed by a narrow margin of 51% to 49%. [29] In response to the referendum, during the 75th Texas Legislature Texas State Sen. John Whitnire of Houston sponsored a bill sponsored by five of the six Harris County district senators that would have created the Harris County-Houston Sports Authority. [30] House Bill 92, authored by Houston Representative Kim Brimer, voted and was passed by both chambers, and permission to create a sports body was approved. It was signed by Governor George W. Bush on June 2, 1997. [32] The Harris County-Houston Sports Authority would assist in financing the new ballpark as well as allow the renovation of the Astrodome by allowing special county-wide taxation of rental cars, tickets, parking and hotel use. In June 1997, with the ability to create a sports body signed into law, the concurrent votes of the Harris County Commissioners' Court and the Houston City Council set up the Harris County-Houston Sports Authority on effective September 1, 1997. [33] Its Chairman and 12 The directors were jointly appointed mayor of Houston and a Harris County judge. The institution still exists today. Ballpark was named Enron Field after a \$100 million, 30-year naming rights agreement was struck with Enron on April 7, 1999. [34] Design and construction of early stadium sketches from Kansas City-based HOK Sport (now Populous) using the Ballpark work title at Union Station were released to the public on October 11, 1996, where Astros President Tal Smith was open about his designs for the stadium , including the location of the mast in the center of the field and the traditional duty path from pitcher hill to home plate. [35] [36] While the dusty road was not implemented, the idea of a mast became known as Tal's Hill and remained a hallmark of the course until 2016. The design of the new park integrated the main hall of the Union Station building and re-seized the space for the clubhouse, café, team shop and office space. [37] A large model train was also included in the design of the park as a tribute to the station. At the end of 1997, it was announced that the local Brown &amp; Root would manage the construction of the stadium, while Populous and Walter P. Moore would design it. [38] The electrification of the Minute Maid Park retractable roof was developed by VAHLE, Inc. [39] Pioneering the Ballpark at Union Station was 30. Enron CEO Kenneth Lay, Houston Mayor Bob Lanier, Astros owner Drayton McLane, Harris County Judge Robert Eckles, Harris County Commissioner El Franco Lee and Harris County-Houston Sports Authority Chairman Jack Rains attended the groundbreaking ceremony. Statues of longtime Astros players Jeff Bagwell and Craig Biggio are found in the exterior of the ballpark in a space known as the Plaza in Minute Maid Park. Two former teammates are pictured playing baseball with each other. Square also displays flags for all Astros Division &amp; League championships, plus a World Series title, as well as several plaques in memory of the remarkable Astros and their achievements. The opening and simultaneous use of Ballpark was first named Enron Field on April 7, 2000, with naming rights sold to a Houston energy and financial trading company in a 30-year, \$100 million deal. However, Astros management faced a public relations problem when the energy company went bankrupt in 2001 due to a financial scandal. They quickly want to distance themselves from Enron, with the Astros' ownership asking for an early termination of naming rights, but Enron refused. On February 5, 2002, the Astros filed a lawsuit overseeing the company's bankruptcy to force Enron to make an immediate decision on the matter. By February 27, the two entities had agreed to terminate naming rights, and settled with the Astros to pay \$2.1 million to Enron. Without a naming rights agreement, the ballpark became known as Astros Field. [42] In June 2002, the Astros announced that they had sold the naming rights to the ballpark to a local subsidiary of Coca-Cola: Minute Maid for \$100 million over 30 years. [43] Its official name was then changed to Minute Maid Park. During his days as Enron Field, it was also nicknamed Ten-Run or Home Run Field because of its cozy left-field dimensions. In keeping with this theme while paying homage to its current sponsor, the nickname Juice Box is now colloquially used. [44] Dubbing the park as an extreme hitter-friendly park has been called into question. The 2009 season saw the park ranked 24th out of 30 Major League parks in terms of runs scored on the park and ten other ballpark stats saw multiple home runs hit. [45] The long dimensions of midfield and left midfield (before renovation in 2016-17) have neutralised the park, and the Minute Maid batting park factor is consistently very close to average. However, in 2014, it was ranked 12th-most dough-friendly ballpark. [46] Changes
In 2004, the Astros launched Wi-Fi throughout the ballpark, allowing fans to use the Internet when visiting the game for a fee. [47] In addition, the ballpark was the first large sports facility to use a separate video board exclusively for closed captions for the hearing impaired PA system and video board content, rather than appearing along the bottom of the main board. Ballpark in 2010, before its 2011 right field changes in 2006, Chick-fil-A Cows were exposed to foul poles, says EAT MOR FOWL, and cows have Astros caps on. If an Astros player hits the pole, all fans in attendance will get a free chicken sandwich coupon from Chick-fil-A. Hunter Pence is the first and second Astros player to ever hit left field fowl field when he did it twice in the 2007 season. Ty Wigington became the third Astro to be a member of the Astro. Kazuo Matsui hit a right field foul stick on August 3, 2009, with a two-run homer in the sixth inning to beat the Giants. Carlos Lee hit a left field pole on July 28, 2010, giving the Astros an 8-1 victory against the Cubs. Two days later, Jeff Keppinger hit left field to help the Astros win, 5-0, against the Brewers. After the 2008 season, the Astros' administrators began installing 2.3 acres (9,300 square meters) of new turfgrass playing surface at Minute Maid Park. The Astros also became one of the first to use the new Chemgrass, later known as AstroTurf after its first well-publicized use at the Houston Astros in 1966. In honor of longtime Astros broadcaster Milo Hamilton, the city of Houston officially renamed part of the Ballpark District and the Part of Hamilton Avenue that runs within that district on Milo Hamilton Way on April 8, 2009. [49] For the 2011 season, the park added a big screen Daktronics HD El Grande replaces the original in right field. At 54 feet (16 meters) high and 124 feet (38 meters) wide, it is the fourth largest scoreboard in Major League Baseball, behind T-Mobile Park (home of the Seattle Mariners), Progressive Field (home of the Cleveland Indians), and Kauffman Stadium (home of the Kansas City Royals). The old screen was removed and replaced with billboards. In addition, a smaller HD screen has been added to the far left wall of the box. The circle of advertising screens around the park has been replaced in favor of HD tape boards. [7] After the Astros returned to their original paints and logo in 2013, much of Minute Maid Park was repainted with navy and orange brick-and-red. Tags with the previous logo and colors have also been replaced. [50] More than 4,500 U.S. gallons (17,000 l) of paint were used and more than 1,000 brands were replaced. In June 2015, the Astros announced that Tal's Hill would be removed in a large-scale renovation project during the 2015-2016 offseason, which will be replaced by additional sessions, concessions and escalators for fans. [51] This would reduce the dimensions of the center field to 436 feet (then the longest in MLB) to 409 feet. In addition, seating sections 256, 257 and 258 on the mezzano would be removed. However, the project had to be postponed due to the Astros' unexpected American League Wild Card championship and subsequent postseason appearance, along with the stadium's offseason action schedule. The renovation was completed in the off-season 2016-2017. The masts have become out of the picture. On October 9, 2005, Minute Maid Park hosted the longest postseason game in Major League Baseball history, both in terms of time and number of innings. The Astros beat the Atlanta Braves 7-6 in a game lasting 18 innings that lasted 5 hours and 50 minutes to play. [54] The record was defeated by Game 3 of the 2018 World Series, which lasted 18 innings and lasted 7 hours and 20 minutes. On October 25, 2005, Minute Maid Park hosted the first World Series game ever played in Texas, and the longest World Series game ever played, which the Astros lost to the eventual World Series champion Chicago White Sox 7-5 in 14 innings; This game lasted 5 hours and 41 minutes. The following night, the White Sox won their third title and first in 88 years at Minute Maid Park. On September 30, 2007, in craig biggio's last game of his career, Minute Maid Park hit the highest attendance in its 8-year history by selling 43,823 tickets, 107% of its capacity. On April 5, 2010, Opening Day 2010, Minute Maid Park again surpassed the highest attendance by selling 43,836 tickets, 13 more tickets than its previous record. [57] The Astros moved to the American League for the 2013 season, which led to the hitter rule going into effect at Minute Maid Park. The last pitcher to be The MLB game in Houston was Astros pitcher Bud Norris. In his third start as an Astro, pitcher Mike Fiers threw the stadium's first no-hitter in a 3-0 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers on August 21, 2015. In late October 2017, the Astros hosted three World Series games against the Los Angeles Dodgers. The Astros would go on to win the 2017 World Series, winning 2 of 3 games in Houston and 2 of 4 games in Los Angeles. In late October 2019, the Astros hosted four World Series games against the Washington Nationals. While the Astros won all three games, they lost all four games played at Minute Maid Park. He was one of two hosts (Globe Life Field's second) for the 2020 NLDS. Atlanta swept Miami 3-0 and advanced to the NLCS. Non-baseball action
Soccer
While primarily a baseball venue, Minute Maid Park can adequately host sports such as football and both codes of rugby. Large music concerts can also be enjoyed on site. It's not big enough to comfortably adapt to American football. However, the opening of BBVA Compass Stadium four blocks southeast on Texas Avenue for the MIS Houston Dynamo in 2012 effectively made its use for future football games questionable. His debut as a football venue became the 2006 edition of the CONCACAF Champions Cup. The stadium hosted the first leg of the quarterfinals between Portmore United of Jamaica (home team) and Club América of Mexico. [59] Day Winning Team Result Losing Team Tournament Spectators February 22, 2006 Club América 2-1 Portmore United 2006 CONCACAF Champions' Cup Quarterfinals 12,988 Professional Wrestling
Minute Maid Park hosted the 2020 Royal Rumble on January 26, the first time they hosted a WWE pay-per-view event. Concerts
By Paul McCartney, Jay-Z, Beyoncé, Taylor Swift, Nelly, Tim McGraw, Staind and Madonna performed at Minute Maid Park. Date Artist Opening Act(s) Tour/Concert Title Attendance Earnings Notes April 2, 2007 Jimmy Buffett Robert Earl Keen Barna Breeze Tour — — Sonny Landreth was a guest. Michael Utley wasn't on the show because of a minor operation. Mac McAnally filled out the keys. [60] 16. 2008 Madonna - Sticky &amp; Sweet Tour November 41, 2011 Taylor Swift NeedtobreatheDavid NailAdam Brand Speak Now World Tour \$42,095/\$42,095 \$3,435,756 Nelly was a special guest. [61] November 14, 2012 Paul McCartney DJ Chris On the Run Tour 38,036 / 38,036 \$4,478,038 July 18, 2014 BeyoncéJay-Z — On Run Tour 40,103 / 40,103 \$ 5,235,438 September 9, 2015 Taylor Swift Vance JoyShawn Mendes 1989 World Tour 40,122 / 40,122 \$ 5,202,196 Originally planned to take place on October 13, but was moved back to avoid a possible scheduling conflict with the Houston Astros potentially making the 2015 Major League Baseball postseason. [62] Wiz Khalifa was a special guest. [63] 15. Chris Stapleton North American Tour 2018 — — November 3, 2018 Ed Sheeran Snow PatrolLaav + Tour 39,354 / 39,354 \$3,985,595 May 20, 2020 Kenny Chesney Florida Georgia LineMichael FrantiSpearhead Chillaxification Tour TBA TBA August 1, 2020 Green DayFall Out BoyWeezer Interrupters Hella Mega Tour TBA TV Nationally syndicated TV talk show Rachael Ray held a mass wedding in the park after Hurricane Ike for 40 couples who couldn't get married after the company they paid to organize a wedding went bankrupt. Comedian Jeffrey Ross served as a witness for all 40 couples. The ceremony was broadcast as part of a special episode of the talk show on November 21, 2008. [64] Another ESPN sal Paolantonio event to talk tom brady and matt ryan at the Super Bowl LI Premiere Stadium is also hosting the Houston College Classic college baseball tournament, part of the Winter Fan Festival held in February. The tournament presents local schools of the University of Houston and Rice University each year, a pair of major conference schools, alternating between the 12 members of the University of Texas at Austin, Texas Tech University, Baylor University and SEC member Texas A&amp;amp; M University, as well as two other teams from all over the country. On May 9, 2015, Canelo Alvarez fought James Kirkland in the first boxing match that took place at the stadium. Alvarez defeated Kirkland by knockout in the third round. The University of Houston-Downtown also holds their commencement ceremony at Minute Maid Park. On November 11, 2015, Minute Maid Park hosted a cricket match, the second in a series of three Cricket All-Stars matches played by retired greats. [66] Shane Warne's Warriors took field the stadium. 2-0. In keeping with the convention names from the previous game at Minute Maid Park, the endings were named after Nolan Ryan and Jose Cruz, two players who have their numbers eliminated by the Astros. On January 30, 2017, Super Bowl Opening Night hosted Super Bowl LI at nearby NRG Stadium. From 2017 to 2020, the park will host the final rounds of Houston's first championship. To avoid damaging the field while the Astros were in the season, competition fields were built on stage above the inner dirt between first and third base. On January 26, 2020, WWE Park hosted the pay-per-view Royal Rumble, one of the four annual flagship professional wrestling events. [69] The Minute Maid Park train is visible from the exterior of the playground. The largest entrance to the park is inside what was once Houston Union Station, and the left-field side of the stadium offers rail as a tribute to the history of the site. The train moves along an 800-foot (240-square-foot) track length on top of the length of the outside wall behind left field when the Astros took the field during the first inning when the Astros hits a home run, and when the Astros win the game. It is run by Bobby Vázquez, who goes by the name Bobby Dynamite. The train is an upscaled replica of the general 4-4-0 and is towed by a cable that is operated by the driver. [70] The engine menu is full of giant oranges in reference to minute maid's most famous product, orange juice. After winning the World Series, as in 2017, Queen's We Are the Champions is playing over PA. Union Station Lobby is the main entrance to Minute Maid Park and the former hall of Houston's original Union Station, built in 1911. In dramatic contrast to the Astrodome, the new pitching-oriented stadium in Major League Baseball for most of its existence, Minute Maid Park is known by [whom?] for being partly hitter-friendly down the line, especially in left field, where it is only 315 feet (96 meters) high on Crawford boxes, even though the wall is 19 feet (5.8 meters) tall. In a call to home run hitters, former Astros owner Drayton McLane's office window, located in the old Union Station and directly above Crawford boxes, is made of glass and the sign under the window is marked 422 feet (135 meters) from the home plate. On the left, under Crawford's boxes, is a hand-controlled scoreboard out of town. Unlike the exsae of hitting a home run on Crawford Boxes, it is pretty hard to hit the ball out in center field, as the deep-center wall was 436 feet (133 feet) from the home plate and held first place for active MLB ballparks for the deepest center field of any park in baseball. [71] Fielding is also a challenge, given the 90-foot (27 m) wide midfield slope called Tal hill, for former team president Tal Smith, an element taken from Crosley Field and other historic ballparks, and a mast in the game, an element taken from Yankee Stadium during its redevelopment in the mid-70s and Tiger Stadium among others. Milwaukee Brewers player Richie Sexson once hit the ball off the mast. There was a mark there until the 2011 season when the rod was repainted. The hill and mast were supposed to be removed after the 2015 season,[72] but remained in place due to an unexpected playoff battle. [73] The hill and mast remained in place until the end of the 2016 season. [74] The visiting team's bullpen is located exclusively in the left outside wall of the field, next to Crawford boxes, which is one of the few bullpens in Major League ballparks to be completely inside. Although the windows in the fence offer views to and from the bullpen, its entrance is actually built into the side of Crawford boxes. While crosley's infamous left terrace, which was half as steep (only 15°) as Tal's Hill (30°), was a natural feature of the park's location, Tal's Hill is purely decorative. Both positions were held in the same disdain by center fielders. hill caused some of the most played catches in recent baseball history, and plenty of controversy as well. Lance Berkman said: If the ball is rolling up the hill, it's not steep enough to come back, so you have to go get it. Then there's the chance we'll hit the mast that's on it and get hurt. Fans started an online petition to remove the hill and flag, although the petition has since been suspended. On June 4, 2015, the Astros announced they would remove Tal Hill as part of a \$15 million renovation for the 2016 season. The center fence was supposed to be moved from 436 feet (133 meters) (which was the longest in baseball from 2000 to 2016) to 409 feet (125 meters) from the home plate, but the center field renovations were postponed until after the 2016 season, at least in part because of the 2015 playoffs, which were shortened to the scheduled construction time. [75] There are 19,201 lower-level seats on the course,[76] 132 second-level seats,[76] 880 at suite level[76] and 13,750 at the top level. [76] (Phillips 66 Home Run Pump Hall above Tal's Hill features a Phillips 66 Home Run Veranda in left-center field that is across the field of play, and features a classic gasoline pump that displays the total number of Astros home runs hit since the park opened. The stadium can be fully air-conditioned if necessary. Tal's Hill Tal's Hill and the Tal's Hill mast, also called The Grassy Knoll,[77][78] were a 90-foot (27 m) wide-30 degree slope in the outfield at Minute Maid Park in Houston, Texas, United States. [79] It was created in 2000, when Enron Field (as Minute Maid Park was named at the time) was opened with a mast. [80] In 2016, Tal's Hill was compared to the Houston Astros to add a new midfield seat instead of a hill. [81] He was named after former Astros president Tal Smith, who proposed his inclusion. [82] History
In 1996, when the Astros proposed a new stadium during a meeting at the Astrodome, owner Drayton McLane asked: What can we do to make this ballpark special? Tal Smith responded by designing a hill and pole in midfield similar to the Cincinnati Reds' Crosley Field. [82] The project became known as Tal's Hill when populous architects created designs to facilitate the integration of the hill. Some players nicknamed him The Grassy Knoll. [83] The first catch on Tal's Hill was made by Andruw Jones of the Atlanta Braves in 2000 after he fell uphill in the previous game. [84] Catches on the hill were considered some of the heaviest, and many players fell on it or hit a pole. [85] Lance Berkman once said: If the ball is rolling up the hill, it's not steep enough to come back, so you have to go, then there's a chance you'll hit the mast that's on it and get hurt. [77] 2015, the Houston Astros announced that Tal's Hill would be removed as part of an organizational review requested by owner Jim Crane. [86] It was to be replaced by new seating and concession stands. [87] The elimination was scheduled for the end of the 2015 Major League Baseball season; However, the Astros reached the postseason, which postponed work until after the 2016 season. [88] The removal of Tal's Hill was seen as an example of changes in MLB ballparks that were removed for financial gain and also in the pursuit of uniformity in the MLB ballpark playing fields. [89] The basic rules of Minute Maid Park, both Tal's Hill and the mast, were considered in play. If the ball hit a mast on the hill and stayed in the area of the game, it was in play. If it went out of the field (over the fence), it was a home run. [90] The Hill has been criticized many times for a propensity that could cause injuries to fielders who are not used to it. [84] However, no player has ever been injured in relation to Tal's Hill. [91] Minute Maid Park traffic access is located in downtown Houston in a centralized area of the city and is accessible by a short drive distance to Interstate 10 (Katy Freeway/East Freeway), Interstate 69 (Southwest Freeway/Eastex Freeway) and Interstate 45 (Gulf Freeway/North Freeway). There is street parking, garage parking and private parking in the car park with an estimated 25,000 spaces within walking distance of the stadium. Taxis and pedicabs are also commonly found near the surrounding ballpark. Public transport makes it accessible via bus or light rail transport. MetroRail light rail system has a station located one block south of Minute Maid Park. Convention District Station, serviced by green and purple lines. The red line also serves the ballpark at Preston station, six blocks west. Hurricane Harvey
In 2017, the park and the entire city suffered the devastation of Hurricane Harvey, which flooded many parts of the city with several feet of rain over four days. The Astros announced that despite the water entering the service level at the stadium, Minute Maid Park remained in good condition when the storm cleared out. The lingering effects of Harvey forced the Astros to move their series against the Texas Rangers to Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Florida. The Astros returned to Houston on Friday, July 1. Minute Maid Park hosted the city's first post-Harvey sporting event, and the park's first double-header the second day in an interleague game against the New York Mets. Links
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