

**Project:**  
*Higher Education Stadium  
Fort Wayne, Indiana*



The University of St. Francis was planning to launch a new football program in the fall of 1998, and naturally needed a stadium for its team. Upon being selected, Irmscher was challenged to maintain strict budget control, as the small Catholic university could not afford expensive overrun. The new football team had already scheduled its initial season games, so the stadium had to be completed on schedule – which permitted only six months for design and construction.

The new stadium was completed in time for the debut season of the St. Francis Cougars football team. In addition to the field itself, the structure is approximately 10,000-sq. ft., consisting of locker rooms, coaching staff offices, weight rooms, conference rooms, and stadium seating for 4,000 fans.

**Client:**  
*University of  
Saint Francis*

**Architect:**  
*Design  
Collaborative, Inc.*

**Services Provided:**  
*Design/Build*