

= Lerkendal Stadion =

The Lerkendal Stadion (Norwegian pronunciation : [ˈlærkənˌdʊl ˈstʊndʊn]) is an all @-@ seater football stadium located at Lerkendal in Trondheim , Norway . The home ground of the Tippeligaen side Rosenborg BK , it has a capacity for 21 @, @ 166 spectators , making it the second @-@ largest football stadium in the country .

Lerkendal opened as a multi @-@ purpose stadium on 10 August 1947 , as the main football and athletics stadium in Trondheim . Originally the venue was mostly used by the football teams SK Freidig and FK Vjik , and Rosenborg did not became a tenant until 1957 . A new grandstand with roof was completed in 1962 , and floodlights were installed in 1968 . The oldest of the current stands were built in 1996 , along with new lighting . Three more grandstands were built between 2000 and 2002 , which also saw the removal of the athletics facilities and the sale of the stadium from Trondheim Municipality to Rosenborg . Further expansions plans have been launched , to increase capacity by filling in the corners and possibly by building a retractable roof .

The record attendance of 28 @, @ 569 dates from the decisive league match against Lillestrøm in 1985 . Ten international matches were held at Lerkendal between 1951 and 1990 . One domestic cup final has been held at Lerkendal ; the Women 's Cup Final in 1986 .

= = History = =

Construction of Lerkendal started as a public works during the 1930s , as a measure to create jobs . It opened on 10 August 1947 , and consisted of a main grass field , two gravel fields , two handball courts and two tennis courts . The main field had a spectator capacity for 37 @, @ 000 on temporary stands , making it the second @-@ largest stadium in the country . The long sides consisted of temporary wooden stands , with seating on the south stand and standing places on terraces on the north stand . The end sides of the stadium consisted of grass embankments at a 30 percent angle , allowing for standing space for spectators without having to build stands . Changing rooms were located in a nearby German @-@ built barracks dating from the Second World War .

The first major rebuilding of the venue took place ahead of the 1962 season , when the wooden stands were torn and replaced with concrete stands on both long sides . On the south side , a wave @-@ shaped roof was built ; originally designed to be self @-@ supporting , the contractor , Reinertsen , did not trust their own calculations and made a last @-@ minute decision to install support columns . The new stands were taken into use on 3 May 1962 . Floodlighting was installed in 1968 to allow UEFA club tournament matches to be held at the venue . An all @-@ weather running track was subsequently also laid . On 1 December 1988 , Lerkendal Station opened , allowing train passengers a short walk to the stadium . In 1994 , the first pitch with Desso GrassMaster was laid .

By the time Rosenborg had qualified for the 1995 ? 96 UEFA Champions League , UEFA had for security reasons introduced restrictions which reduced Lerkendal 's capacity to 12 @, @ 200 spectators . In addition , a total ban on standing places would be introduced from 1997 . In 1995 , a debate arose between Rosenborg and Trondheim Municipality regarding the construction of a new grandstand , to be located on the north side of the stadium . Rosenborg 's Nils Skutle stated that if it was not built ahead of the 1997 ? 98 season , Rosenborg would only be allowed to sell 2 @, @ 800 tickets to their home Champions League matches , and that they instead would be forced to play their games at Ullevaal Stadion in Oslo . The new grandstand cost 32 million , and opened in 1996 season . The upgrades also included a new floodlight and public announcement system .

Rosenborg started laying plans for further construction , at first looking at construction of a new grandstand on the east end . In May 1998 , Lerkendal Eiendom AS , owned 44 % by Rosenborg , was established to build three new grandstands , including removing the running track to make it a football @-@ only stadium . An alternative was to move and build an all @-@ new stadium at Ranheim . Following the announcement of the Ranheim plans , Mayor Anne Kathrine Slungård stated that she did not want to sell Lerkendal , as she wanted public ownership of cultural infrastructure . In April 1999 , Trondheim Municipality 's chief of administration , Knut Sæther ,

recommended that the municipality sell Lerkendal to Rosenborg , who would then along with private investors be free to construct the necessary facilities . At the time , the municipality estimated the value of Lerkendal to between NOK 50 and 100 million . The football district stated they were in favor of conversion of Lerkendal , and that they feared that if Rosenborg moved Lerkendal would incur high costs on the municipality , giving Granåsen as an example of a little used skiing facility which used half the municipal funding for sports venues .

On 5 October 1999 , the club and the municipality signed a letter of intent which indicated that the two would cooperate constructing a new venue along with private investors . The final contract was made with Reinertsen on 20 April 2000 , and other involved investors included Fokus Bank , Gjensidige NOR , I. K. Lykke , Eiendomspår , Siemens and Trondheims Næringsbygg . The club received a 47 % share of the stadium company , while the municipality received 14 % in exchange for the company taking over the ownership of the land and existing structure . As compensation for losing Lerkendal as an athletics venue , the municipality spent NOK 32 million upgrading Øya stadion as the city 's new main athletics stadium . NOK 20 million was financed by Rosenborg , while the remainder was spent using public funds .

Construction of the end stands started in January 2001 , and they were completed in November . The demolition of the 1962 stand started on 24 October 2001 , and the new stand was completed on 30 September 2002 . The cost of constructing the new Lerkendal , including all four stands from 1996 to 2002 , was NOK 335 million , of which NOK 253 million was for the 2001 and 2002 work . To give optimal conditions for the turf , the corners were not built out and the south stand was built with a transparent roof . However , the harsh climate forced the turf to be replaced two years later . In a 2012 survey carried out by the Norwegian Players ' Association among away @-@ team captains , Lerkendal was found to be the league 's second @-@ best stadium , with a score of 4 @ ,@ 40 on a scale from one to five .

= = Facilities = =

Lerkendal Stadion consists of four , three @-@ tier grandstand without corners . The stadium has a capacity for 21 @ ,@ 166 spectators , of which 1 @ ,@ 338 are in club seating and luxury boxes on the center tier of all four stands . The Hent Stand on the north side of the pitch , built in 1996 , is the largest and the only to have red seats . It holds a capacity of 7 @ ,@ 457 spectators . Originally named the Adidas Stand , it was renamed before the 2013 @-@ season . Opposite lies the EiendomsMegler1 Stand , which was completed in 2002 . In addition to change rooms and an honor stand , it has a capacity for 6 @ ,@ 194 spectators . The Rema Stand to the west , opened in 2001 , houses the supporter shop , a pizza restaurant and commercial offices . The upper tier has since its opening been used as a family tier . While the lower tier was used by Kjernen , Rosenborg 's singing supporters . Since Kjernen in 2009 moved to the upper tier of the opposite Adressa Stand , the whole Rema Stand has been used as a family stand . The Adressa Stand opened at the same time , and both have a seating capacity for 3 @ ,@ 810 people . The latter hosts office space for Rosenborg Arena and the football district , as well as change rooms for the training pitch . The upper tier is used by Kjernen , Rosenborg 's supporter club . The lower tier was earlier used by the away fans . But after Kjernen 's move to the upper tier , the away fans was moved to the western end of the Hent stand . The pitch has Desso GrassMaster , a natural grass pitch with artificial fibers sown in for increase strength . This includes an automatic watering system and a built @-@ in heating 25 centimeters (9 @ .@ 8 in) below the surface .

The stadium is part of Lerkendal idrettspark , which also consists of three training pitches , two in full size and of which one has artificial turf . The main training pitch is the natural grass Skoglunden , while the artificial turf venue is Lerkendal kunstgress . The two pitches both have flood lighting , heating and are often used for matches by Rosenborg 's recruit and reserve teams . The team has a health club located within the south stand . The club 's offices are located in Brakka , a German @-@ built barracks dating from World War II .

The stadium is located at Lerkendal , 3 kilometers (2 mi) south of the city center . It is located on the southern main road into town , with good bus service . In addition , it is located next to Lerkendal

Station , the southern terminus of the Trøndelag Commuter Rail . Parking near the stadium is very limited , and ad @-@ hoc park and ride are established on matchdays at Stavset and City Syd .

= = Events = =

The venue was opened with a friendly football match between the Trondheim city team and the Vestfold county team , which Trondheim won 4 ? 3 . The opening , attended by 8 @,@ 000 spectators , also saw several track and field events . The original main football tenants were SK Freidig and FK Kvik . The latter played in the Main League in 1951 ? 52 and 1955 ? 56 , and otherwise remained in the Second Division throughout most of the 1950s and 60s . A record 18 @,@ 000 spectators watched Freidig lose the 1948 Norwegian Football Cup semifinal against Viking . On 18 October 1950 , Lerkendal hosted a friendly between Kvik and Spartak Moscow .

Lerkendal hosted its first international on 26 June 1951 , when Norway beat Iceland 3 ? 1 . On 28 August 1953 it hosted a B international game against Finland . Later national games consist of 5 ? 0 against Malta on 3 July 1962 , 2 ? 0 against Finland on 20 August 1964 , 4 ? 2 against Luxembourg on 27 May 1965 , with the record international audience of 22 @,@ 319 , 2 ? 1 against Iceland on 21 July 1969 , 0 ? 1 against Denmark on 23 September 1973 , 2 ? 0 against West Germany on 26 September 1979 , 1 ? 0 against Wales on 6 June 1984 , 1 ? 0 against Bulgaria on 26 May 1987 @.@ and 1 ? 2 against Denmark on 6 June 1990 , The Football Association of Norway no longer plays international matches elsewhere than Ullevaal Stadion because of the conditions in its sponsorship agreements . On 26 May 1977 , the Norway national under @-@ 21 football team lost 2 ? 3 against Sweden at Lerkendal .

Rosenborg took Lerkendal into use from the 1957 ? 58 season , when they were promoted to the Regional League . The season ended in relegation and Rosenborg played the following season at their old home ground , Rosenborgbanen . With the promotion ahead of the 1959 ? 60 season , Rosenborg returned to Lerkendal and have remained there since . In 1959 , Lerkendal was the venue of a neutral quarter final in the cup between Nessegutten from Levanger and Viking , which attracted 25 @,@ 043 spectators , mostly from Innherred , setting a new stadium record . From the 1960 ? 61 season , Rosenborg established itself in the Main League .

The opening game of the new stands on 3 May 1962 was a Rosenborg friendly against Dunfermline Athletic . Freidig moved to Eberg idrettsanlegg when it was completed ahead of the 1965 season . A new stadium spectator record was set in the cup semifinal against Brann in 1967 , which was watched by 25 @,@ 551 people . Rosenborg qualified for the 1968 ? 69 European Cup and met SK Rapid Wien in the first round . The game was spectated by 22 @,@ 492 and remains the record for UEFA tournaments . Per @-@ season average attendance for Rosenborg 's league matches lay between five and ten thousand people during the 1970s and early 1980s , with an all @-@ time low of 2 @,@ 549 in 1978 , when Rosenborg played in the Second Division . The venue hosted the Norwegian Athletics Championships four times , in 1963 , 1967 , 1973 and 1983 . Lerkendal hosted the Women 's Cup Final in 1986 , where Sprint @-@ Jeløy beat Trondheims @-@ Ørn . Strindheim IL played in the top division in 1984 and 1995 , both times playing their home games at Lerkendal . Kvik remained at Lerkendal until the upgrades started in 2000 , after which they moved to Øya stadion . Bodø / Glimt played their home game in the 1999 ? 2000 UEFA Cup against Werder Bremen at Lerkendal , attracting 1 @,@ 425 spectators .

The official all @-@ time record at Lerkendal is the final game of the 1985 season , when Rosenborg won the league in the last game against Lillestrøm in a league final which attracted 28 @,@ 569 . Starting with Rosenborg 's success in the late 1980s , attendance rose and lay between eleven and thirteen thousand until 2001 . After the opening of the new stadium in 2002 , attendance again rose , peaking at an average 19 @,@ 903 in 2007 , although it has fallen somewhat since . The high of most seasons is the 16 May game held every year : the 1994 edition against Tromsø saw 27 @,@ 661 spectators , and in 1985 as many as 30 @,@ 000 may have seen the game , as the gates were opened . Since the opening of the current stadium , the attendance record is 22 @,@ 330 , set in the 2006 edition against Odd Grenland . Between 1995 and 2007 , Rosenborg played 11 seasons and 37 home matches in UEFA Champions League . The venue has been used

for numerous concerts , including A @-@ ha , Iron Maiden and Kiss .

= = Future = =

Ahead of the failed Nordic bid to host the Euro 2008 , Lerkendal was , along with Ullevaal Stadion , proposed as Norwegian venues . To reach the required spectator capacity of 30 @,@ 000 seats , the plans called for the roof of the Adidas stand to be removed to allow for a temporary third tier . Additional seating would be created by adding a single row at the bottom of the four stands , and building capacity in the corners . The proposal would have given a spectator capacity of 30 @,@ 849 , although it would have been reduced after the championship by removing the extra tier . Similar plans were launched for the Norwegian ? Swedish bid for Euro 2016 , where the cost of the stadium upgrades was estimated at NOK 800 million . In 2007 , the club management stated that they wanted to sell out all matches before they made further expansions to the stadium , independent of the plans to host the Euro . Construction of stands in the corners could give 4 @,@ 000 additional seats , although these would be the most costly to build and at the same time give the worst view of the pitch . Construction could be done by first building two of the corners . Since then , Rosenborg has experienced a significant drop in attendance . The failed Trondheim bid for the 2018 Winter Olympics , launched in 2007 , called for Lerkendal to be the Olympic Stadium and host the opening and closing ceremonies .

Rosenborg had originally planned to build additional commercial facilities and a tower hotel during the 2002 construction , but this was canceled . At the 2011 annual meeting , the plans were again launched by Skutle , who stated that construction might start as early as 2011 . In March 2005 , Rosenborg announced plans to build a retractable roof over the pitch and lay artificial turf . The roof was estimated to cost NOK 100 million , and the club estimated that it could generate NOK 30 million per year in increased revenue from concerts and events . By 2007 , the roof plans were delayed , with management stating that it would be necessary to complete the construction of all stands before a roof was built , and that they believed the stadium would soon be expanded .

On 19 September 2014 , Lerkendal was awarded the right to host the 2016 UEFA Super Cup , marking the first time a Norwegian stadium would host a European final .