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## **In 1947 Everett Memorial Stadium was dedicated to veterans**

This week [#EPS ThrowBackThursday](#) is on 'Way Back Wednesday' in honor of Veterans Day



For any of you who have served our country in any branch of the military/armed services or who have sent a loved one off to serve, a deeply heartfelt THANK YOU as we honor

our country's veterans this week.

Built in 1947, the Everett Elks donated the land for the Everett Memorial Stadium and dedicated it to all the Everett boys who gave their lives during WWII, hence the name "Memorial."

Associated Sand and Gravel of Everett, owned by Howard Sievers and George Duecy, both Everett High graduates, built the grandstand. The Newland Builders, owned by the Newland family, all EHS graduates, built the stadium roof. Ben Newland was remembered as one of the finest athletes ever to wear the blue and gold.

The stadium scoreboard was one of the first electric scoreboards ever in a high school stadium. It was a gift of Associated Sand and Gravel and the Everett chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).

First game was Everett vs Bellingham, November '47, and the first touchdown was scored by Bert Slater, a longtime teacher and coach at Everett High School.

The stadium was long considered to be the best kept stadium in the state of Washington. The grass and facilities were always immaculate thanks to longtime caretaker Mel Olsen and assistant Dave Wiggins who both took great pride in the place. Mel was remembered by local football fans as the great 'Everett High Halfback' who played on three EHS championship teams.