



Ed Leverich of Mark One stands in one of Kauffman Stadium's four electrical rooms

KAUFFMAN STADIUM CONSTRUCTION

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Guillen, Jacobs, Teahen, Leverich...all bring power to Kauffman Stadium. Who is Leverich, you ask? It's Ed Leverich, field superintendent at Mark One Electric Company, the contractor that provided power lighting, fire alarm security, voice data fiber and audio/visual services on the renovation project.

Ed, a Shawnee resident and Kansas City native, coordinated all of the foremen on the project, which was split into four quadrants. Leverich has worked with Mark One for 30 years. The first 15 years of his career were spent working on automotive assembly plants. He has also worked on Sprint's headquarters, the Kansas City Star building and the economy parking lot at KCI.

While those projects involved all new construction, the stadium featured a blend of new construction and remodeling. This made it one of the most challenging projects

of Leverich's career.

"We were demolishing areas in the lower part of the stadium and we had to keep everything online as games were still going on. Starting from scratch in an existing building is tough," Leverich said.

The weather also presented challenges.

"Eighty percent of the work was outside. We had a tough winter...it was cold and the stadium is like a wind tunnel," relayed Leverich.

A project as massive as the stadium required large amounts of fixtures, conduit, and cables. Nearly 12,000 new fixtures were hung and over 600,000 feet of conduit was installed. Mark One installed a combined 420 miles of feeder cable, branch cable, and low-voltage cable. If laid end-to-end, the cable would stretch along I-70 from one side of Kansas to the other!

Leverich was very calm as he rattled off

more big numbers while showing Royals Gameday Magazine around one of four electrical rooms at Kauffman Stadium.

"We've got 13,000 volts coming in here. The backup generator is 1.25 million watts," he said.

The project also included the latest technological advancements, including relayed controlled lighting. This feature allows Todd Burrow, Royals' Director of Engineering and Maintenance, to control the lighting from his *home* computer!

Leverich, who enjoys coming to Royals games, is proud of what his team accomplished. "It's nice to be on a high-profile job that you see on TV and can drive by," Leverich said.

Yes, what a sight Kauffman Stadium is — especially at night with the lights shining bright! ♦