

Seahawks vs. Huskies: A Tale of Two Very Different Kinds of Loud

Seattle offers two football experiences that are famous for their noise—but the way that noise is created could not be more different. Attending games at both stadiums reveals not just how loud they are, but how intentionally that sound is produced and sustained.

Husky Stadium (University of Washington)



Husky Stadium delivers a relentless wall of sound from kickoff to the final whistle. The noise is almost constant, with fans rarely waiting for strategic moments to raise their voices. A defining feature is the stadium's extensive use of metal in its structure. When fans stomp their feet, the entire venue resonates like a giant drum. During the game, my watch repeatedly issued loud-environment warnings—something that usually only happens to me in church!

Seahawks Stadium (Lumen Field)



Lumen Field is famous for record-setting decibel levels, but what stood out most was how controlled the noise felt. Seahawks fans unleash deafening sound primarily when the opposing team is in the huddle or trying to call plays. When Seattle's offense takes the field, the stadium often becomes surprisingly quiet. The effect is engineered chaos—brief, explosive bursts of sound used with precision.

Noise Comparison Table

Feature / Observation	Husky Stadium (University of Washington)	Seahawks Stadium (Lumen Field)
Overall Loudness	Noise is nearly constant throughout the game	Extremely loud at peak moments, but not continuous
When Fans Get Loud	Fans are loud regardless of game phase	Primarily when the opposing team is calling plays
Fan Behavior	High, steady energy from start to finish	Quiet when the Seahawks are on offense
Stadium Construction	Metal surfaces amplify stomping dramatically	Concrete structure channels sound
Effect on Devices / Hearing	Triggered multiple loud-environment alerts	Short bursts of extreme loudness
Sound Quality	Metallic, echoing, and continuous	Intense but episodic