

500 Lights From Ebbets Field Will Shine on Randalls Island

The 1,500-watt lights of Ebbets Field, which once illuminated the nocturnal activities of the Brooklyn Dodgers, will soon shed their glare at Downing Stadium on Randalls Island.

Marvin Kratter, the president of Kratter Corporation, the new owner of Ebbets Field, said yesterday that the 500 field lights would be given to New York City's Department of Parks for use at the 22,000-seat stadium.

Kratter will turn the lights over to Newbold Morris, the Commissioner of Parks, next Tuesday at Ebbets Field. The ball park, which is now almost completely leveled, is giving way for a middle income housing project.

Downing Stadium, located be-

tween Manhattan and the Bronx, is used for soccer, baseball and football games, track and field meets and public gatherings. Morris predicts an increased demand for the 24-year-old stadium with the addition of the lights.

"When these lights are finally installed," he said, "additional events can be scheduled in this stadium. In fact, there is no reason why, with a good lighting system, night events could not be held at any time of the year—spring, fall, summer or winter."

Morris estimated that the revenue derived from the additional events that would be scheduled in the stadium would amortize the cost of installation within a few years.

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