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Cubs owners snapping up Wrigley Field rooftop properties they once battled

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Once bitterly at odds with the rooftop businesses that ring Wrigley Field, the Ricketts family that owns the **Chicago Cubs** has moved to take control of the majority of these popular fan perches that overlook the Cubs home ballpark, according to multiple news reports.

In [its report](#), the Chicago Tribune said the Ricketts family in recent weeks has, through one of the business entities it owns, quietly acquired three rooftop buildings along North Sheffield Avenue from Chicago-based Sheffield Finance, headed by [Jerry Lasky](#) and [Murray Peretz](#).

The recent acquisitions bring to six the total number of rooftop buildings now owned by the Ricketts, who are spending a total \$575 million to renovate Wrigley Field and add other enhancements around the iconic ballpark, including a hotel. The Ricketts had previously acquired three rooftops last January.

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Now only three rooftop properties remain overlooking Wrigley Field that aren't under the control of the Ricketts.

The Ricketts had been at odds with rooftop owners for some time regarding the family's plan to erect signage in the Wrigley Field outfield, including a giant Jumbotron, that would make it more difficult to see into Wrigley from most of the rooftops.

But after a judge ruled that the Ricketts could proceed with their plans to erect the Jumbotron and other signage, rooftop owners were forced to rethink their position.

Now the Ricketts are moving to take control of the properties that once had been a big thorn in the family's side. And should property values start to soar around Wrigley Field when the renovations are completed in four years or so, the Ricketts will be well-positioned to benefit.

But for the moment, according to the Tribune, the Ricketts intend to continue to operate the rooftop businesses.