

# After 85 yrs, Yankee Stadium going, going, gone!

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NEW YORK (AP) — Even Yogi Berra knew this was the end.

As baseball said farewell to Yankee Stadium, one of the game's most beloved players

September night.

All the greats were remembered, with fans wearing a collection of jerseys that could fill a Hall of Fame. On one subway car alone, there were shirts with Derek Jeter's No. 2, the Babe's No. 3, Mickey Mantle's No. 7,

This Sunday was the last.

Visitors touched the 24 plaques and six monuments, posed next to them for family photos. Under the kind of cloudless sky that made people recall summer days of yore, they slowly circled the warning track.

Some posed along the 318-foot sign in the left-field corner of the pockmarked fence, raising baseball gloves along the top of the blue-padded wall as if they were making leaping catches. Others stood alongside the 408 sign in center. Some covered their

hands with dirt and put their hand prints on an advertisement with a black background.

Those who could not walk were pushed along in wheelchairs. Parents brought strollers to make sure toddlers got to experience the great ballpark before it is dismantled.

Moses Del Rio, a 32-year-old from Brooklyn, held his 11-month-old son, Ryan, who started walking only in the past week.

"I brought him here to take pictures of him in the stadium," the father said.

Jeter, likely to get a plaque of his own years from now in the new Yankee Stadium, said Saturday was the first time he looked around and tried to soak in the memories — the three big decks filled with fans, the sign in the tunnel from the clubhouse to the field with the Joe DiMaggio quote: "I want to thank the Good Lord for making me a Yankee."

Jeter began his day by watching old Yankees games on television.

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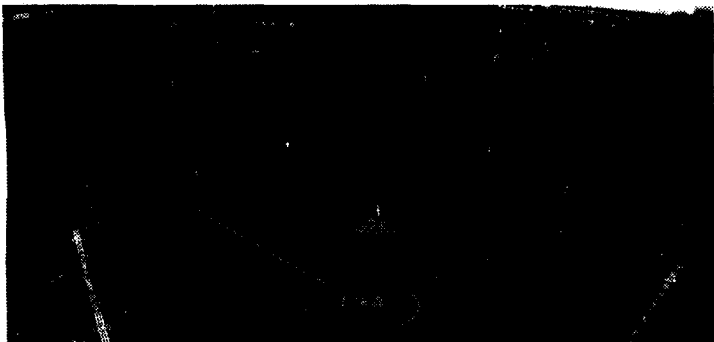


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The House that Ruth built will be torn down and rebuilt across the road.

stood beneath the stands in a full vintage uniform. Now 83, the man who coined the phrase "it ain't over till it's over" put his own stamp on the day.

"I'm sorry to see it over, I'll tell you that," Berra said.

The goodbye completed an 85-year-old run for the home of baseball's most famous team. What began with a Babe Ruth home run on an April afternoon in 1923 was likely to end with Mariano Rivera pitching on a

Phil Rizzuto's No. 10 and Don Mattingly's No. 23.

Fans were allowed on the field starting at 1 p.m. and entered through the left-field seats not far from where Aaron Boone's home run landed five years ago.

Glenn Bartow and his 13-year-old daughter arrived more than 12 hours before New York played Baltimore at night, and were the first ones into Monument Park.

"We come every Sunday," Emily Bartow said.

## Penn St. rolls; Paterno watches from press box

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STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — The whereabouts of coach Joe Paterno was the most compelling part of the second half of No. 16 Penn State's matchup with Temple.

The 81-year-old Hall of Famer moved to the press box after halftime, after having complained of a sore right leg earlier this week. It mattered little on the field, where the Nittany Lions overcame a sluggish first quarter to rout the Owls 45-3 on Saturday.

Paterno also moved back into sole possession of first place on the career major-college coaching victories list with No. 376. Paterno and Florida State coach Bobby Bowden were tied to start the day, but the Seminoles lost 12-3 to Wake Forest Saturday night.

Daryll Clark threw for 196 yards and two touchdown passes and ran for an 11-yard score, and Stephon Green rushed for 132 yards, including a 69-yard TD, as the Nittany Lions rolled to 4-0 this season.

Linebacker Navorro Bowman had three sacks and an interception to pace a stellar Penn State defense that held Temple to 138 yards and 10 first downs.

Not that Paterno was too happy after spending the second half with his assistants upstairs. He was worried about some ugly stats, like five Penn State fumbles, though only one was recovered by Temple.

"I thought it was a very, very sloppy performance," Paterno said. "I wasn't very pleased."

Wearing his trademark khakis and black sneakers, JoePa walked slowly and gingerly at times along the sideline in the first half as Penn State built a 31-0 lead.

"My leg's OK. It's just standing on it too long, it aches," Paterno said. "I'm probably babying myself."

His team was sluggish, too, in the first quarter, held scoreless in the opening frame for the first time this season. Penn State fumbled twice in the quarter, recovering both times.

Things changed in a hurry.

Green had a 27-yard run to get Penn State to the Temple 20 before Clark connected with Brett Brackett over the middle, barreling over the Owls' Dominique Harris as he crossed the goal line to give Penn State a 7-0 lead with 14:27 left in the second quarter.

Evan Royster had a 32-yard TD run about 3:30 later. Temple thought it had regained momentum after Travis Shelton returned the ensuing kickoff 74 yards to the Penn State 26.

But the Nittany Lions got an interception. Three plays later, Clark ran in from 11 yards to put the Nittany Lions up 21-0. Clark finished 13-for-20 with one interception, overcoming what he said was a "flat" and "funky" start.

The defense held things together until the offense caught up.

"We're coming out with tenacity that we're trying to keep the opponent out of the end zone no matter what the score is, no matter what time of the game it is," safety Anthony Scirrotto said. "We punish the guys with the ball."

Jake Brownell's 25-yard field goal in the third quarter gave the Owls their only score. Quarterback Chester Stewart finished 16-for-30 for 116 yards and three interceptions in relief of starter Adam DiMichele, who was knocked out of the game because of a right shoulder

injury.

"We need to protect the quarterback better. Obviously, that's the bottom line," Temple coach Al Golden said. "We must have given up a ton" of sacks.

Penn State had seven sacks, including two each from ends Josh Gaines and Aaron Maybin.

Penn State's offense, dubbed the "Spread HD," continued to click against overmatched opponents. The Nittany Lions scored 40 or more points for the first four games in a season for the first time in school history.

"I'd coach from the press box if I had that offense," Golden joked, referring to Paterno's move to the press box.

Paterno's son and quarterbacks coach, Jay Paterno, said he initially thought his father wouldn't even coach from the sideline in the first half.

Joe Paterno has complained of soreness in the right leg after kicking a ball in practice several weeks ago. He was on the sideline the entire game for the first three games this season, but monitored practices this week from a golf cart.

Paterno also sat in the press box the final two games of the 2006 season, including the Outback Bowl, as he recovered from a left knee injury.

He chastised reporters for the attention on his health, especially after his squad had worked through a number of injuries and suspensions on defense to go undefeated in nonconference play. Illinois visits Beaver Stadium next week to open the Big Ten schedule.

"I got a bunch of guys out there, fighting all kinds of adversity, different lineups, hanging in there and you're worried about my leg."

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Some events and fundraisers that the cheerleaders are involved in include "Take your kids to work day."

Kids are brought in from faculty and cheerleaders mingle with them during common hour. The cheerleaders get the opportunity to cheer for them, eat lunch with them and take pictures.

PSH cheerleaders also are involved in the annual Holiday Parade located in downtown Harrisburg. Cheerleaders get to march in the parade down 2nd Street.

"We get to wave at people, do some chants and give out candy canes. It's really all about having fun and showing some Penn State spirit," said Marrow.

Candle sales are also a benefit for the cheerleaders. Candles are sold to family, friends, parents, co-workers, professors and anyone interested in helping out the PSH

cheerleading squad.

"As a collective team, last year we sold about 100 candles," said Morrow.

Money made from candle sales go towards whatever is needed for the squad, including T-shirts and things given out free of charge at games. In last year's basketball season, T-shirts, beads and little basketballs were thrown into the crowd.

"This year we are looking to give stuff out again so people better come to the games! We are anticipating big crowds this year to show both Women's and Men's Basketball teams support!"

If you are interested in trying out for the cheerleading squad, please contact Head coach Tammy James at [Taj14@PSU.EDU](mailto:Taj14@PSU.EDU) or Sports coordinator Julie Stoehr at [JRS1017@PSU.EDU](mailto:JRS1017@PSU.EDU).

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