

# And I Had To Catch It On Baseball Tonight

WOO HOO!!!!!!! Captain Jeter has done what few other have done and the first Yankee to do it! I have always thought (well for the past several years, anyway), that Derek has been and continues to be a star in not only the way he plays but the in way he presents himself off the field. A real classy guy!

Yesterday at 2PM, number 2 hit a homerun in his second time at bat. Why is this so special? This homer was DJ's 3000th lifetime hit in the 'stripes! Something else the superstar shortstop did that he has not done in a bit... he went 5-5 at the plate!

The fan who nabbed the ball showed a tremendous amount of class himself! Instead of cashing in, he gave the ball back to Jeter. In return, the phone salesman was awarded with four tickets to each of the remaining Yankee's home games as well as autographed balls and bats. I know what some of you are thinking... he'll sell those and make a mint that way! ☐ I hope not.

Why couldn't he have hit it when the game was carried in our area? AH, WELL DJ3K!

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## Welcome to the 2011 Season

I was planning to do this yesterday amid all the fanfare of Opening Day but in all the excitement, I totally forgot!

Excitement that built itself up until 1:05PM: The Tigers and the Bombers were standing on their respective baselines. The young lady sang the National Anthem. And then suddenly and

without warning there was this **"TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE SUN!"** It must have been a freak occurrence as I heard nothing about it from anywhere else but it got very dark, I couldn't see a thing and moments later when it got light again, the Detroit Tigers and New York Yankees were **BLACKED OUT!** What a way to spoil a perfect opening day. I was informed that the game was on the Detroit feed of FOX Sports, unfortunately, we do not have the service. I do have the ESPN app on my ipod which allows me to get updates which was no where near as fun as watching or listening, but it sufficed. And the "EVIL EMPIRE" (cue the "Imperial March") pulled off a 6-3 victory!

Warmer weather may be yet to come but the MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL SEASON has begun (for some). No matter who you root for good luck to all teams in a fun, exciting, safe, and SCANDAL FREE 6 month run! Number 28 and what is this UNDERDOG stuff!

OK... so the video is a few seasons old but it was the best I could come up with featuring the theme.

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## Goodbye, Andy

Just moments ago, ace New York Yankee pitcher Andy Pettite announced his retirement from the team he has been with for 13 of his 16 year career. He will be sorely missed. Instrumental in many Bomber seasons, notably in 5 Championship seasons. Physically, he is ready if he was needed. Emotionally, it is time for him to move on.

Pitching has got to be the most taxing and demanding position on the diamond. So many injuries and surgeries reported that one may wonder how many are able to continue into their mid and even late 30's. And now with only three starters returning (A.J. Burnett, Phil Hughes, aaaaand C.C. SABATHIA), it looks like the Yanks will once again be looking to strengthen its starting rotation.

Long-time catcher Jorge Posada has also been re-assigned to full time DH duty. Let's hope that Cervelli is able to step up and assume the position full time.

Less than a month before Spring Training games begin in Tampa!