

Are you a fan of vintage baseball, a New York resident or will be visiting the Big Apple on April 3 and 4? If so, you may want to be in the stands of the new Yankee Stadium and relive a bit of history. There will be two pre-season games between the Yankees and the Chicago Cubs on those days. Team owners are charging the same prices for tickets as they did for the 1923 season Major League opener on April 18 of that vintage year. A limited number of bleacher tickets will be sold for 25 cents and grandstand seats will be \$1.10.



Those ticket prices don't seem quite so distant to me. I remember attending Phillies and Athletic games as a kid in Philly in the 1930s and 1940s, and those were still the prices then. I never saw the legendary Babe play, but I was a witness to history in July 1941 at Shibe Park when the Yankee Clipper Joe DiMaggio was on his record-breaking 56 consecutive game hit streak.

It isn't likely that the 25-cent bleacher seats, even if fans fill them to capacity for the two pre-season games, will help pay the 2009 salaries of Jason Giambi, \$23 million; Bobby Abreau and Andy Pettitte each \$16 million; Alex Rodriguez \$12 million and a few more bucks spread here and there among the other Yankee jocks.

For information about the pre-season promotions and regular season schedules, contact the the team at yankees.mlb.com.

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