

# Turf tops as Giants Stadium keepsake

## NOTEBOOK

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Memorabilia dealer Brandon Steiner says nostalgic fans bought \$3 million worth of dirt from the old Yankee Stadium, and another \$800,000 in freeze-dried grass.

So what's likely to be a big lure for collectors from Giants Stadium, which is being torn down this year?

"Turf," Steiner answered yesterday at a press conference at the stadium to kick off memorabilia sales from the 34-year-old building, which is being replaced by a new stadium next door. "You can take a piece of turf to your basement, and that would be your carpet. You don't have to water it, either. Doormats, car mats — we have other ideas."

Some fans also like to buy a pair of stadium seats for their dens. The cost will be \$499.99 for a pair of Giants Stadium seats — a bit more than half the cost of a pair from Shea Stadium and one-third of the cost of two Yankee Stadium seats.

The Giants and Jets, who hired Steiner to direct memorabilia sales, are attempting to recoup much or all of demolition costs of Giants Stadium. Mark Lamping, chief executive of the new, unnamed stadium, indicated that tearing down Giants Stadium — the building will likely be gone by Labor Day — could cost nearly as much as the \$17 million tab for eradicating the Mets' old home in Queens.

The Giants were represented yesterday by Joe Morris, Ottis Anderson and Stephen Baker. Former Jet Mark Gastineau was joined by receiver Wayne Chrebet and Bruce Harper.

All-Pro Team: Chris Johnson