

FOOD FACE-OFF



LOBEL'S NEW YORK STEAK SANDWICH


2 BALLPARK BITES

What's on the menu at America's two newest baseball stadiums? T+L compares New York's finest.

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SHAKE SHACK'S SHACK-AGO DOG

	THE YANKEES	THE METS
THE STADIUM	Yankee Stadium (<i>1 E. 161st St., Bronx, N.Y.; yankees.com</i>) is no longer the original House That Ruth Built, but it's still a shrine to Yankee triumphs past.	Citi Field (<i>Flushing, N.Y.; mets.com</i>), a big upgrade on Shea, has a sunlit rotunda honoring Jackie Robinson.
THE MENU	For a genuine taste of the Bronx, go to field-level section 127 for a sandwich from Mike's Arthur Avenue Italian Deli , like the light-and-zesty eggplant parm. Other options: Lobel's of New York and Brother Jimmy's BBQ . But if you're in one of the 4,000 premium seats (which run as much as \$1,250 a pop), you'll have access to the Legends Suite Club —where celeb chefs including Masaharu Morimoto and April Bloomfield (the Spotted Pig) will make guest cooking appearances.	A trio of top Manhattan restaurateurs is catering to the Amazin' faithful. Danny Meyer hits a homer with outposts of Shake Shack and Blue Smoke , plus slow-cooked pork tacos with tomatillo-chipotle salsa at El Verano Taquería . Drew Nieporent (Nobu; Corton) has opened the upscale Acela Club (reservations required), and David Pasternack (Esca) operates Catch of the Day , where the lobster roll bats clean up.
THE DRINK	Duck into Tommy Bahama's Bar for a "Mo"jito—a blend of rum, club soda, sugar, mint, and fresh lime juice—named for the Bombers' longtime closer, Mariano Rivera.	Brooklyn-brewed Shack-Meister Ale is sold exclusively at Shake Shack (for a booze-free option, try a creamy vanilla frozen custard shake).
THE PENNANT	 <p>THE YANKEES MAY HAVE 26 WORLD SERIES TITLES VERSUS THE METS' TWO, BUT THIS CULINARY SUBWAY SERIES GOES TO THE TEAM IN QUEENS.</p>	