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### **YANKEES CATCHER JORGE POSADA TO ANNOUNCE RETIREMENT; PRESS CONFERENCE TO TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY AT YANKEE STADIUM**

The New York Yankees today announced that **catcher Jorge Posada** will hold a press conference on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. to announce his retirement.

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All credential requests for this press conference must be submitted via the MLB credentialing website at [credentials.mlb.com](http://credentials.mlb.com). **Please note that BBWAA cards, all Major League Baseball-issued credentials and Yankees 2011 full-season credentials WILL NOT be honored for this event.** Media access for this press conference will be provided only with newly-issued commemorative Yankees credentials obtained through the process described in this release. The online application is the **only** acceptable method for requesting a credential for this press conference. Applications **must** be completed by a Sports Editor or Sports Director and **must** be received by **Monday, January 23 at 5:00 p.m.** Requests received after the aforementioned deadline will not be processed.

Parking for the event will be available at cost in the River Avenue Garage (entrance on east side of River Avenue between 162<sup>nd</sup> and 164<sup>th</sup> Streets).

**WHAT:** JORGE POSADA PRESS CONFERENCE

**DATE:** TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2012

**TIME:** PRESS CONFERENCE BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 11:00 A.M.; PRESS GATE OPENS AT 10:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** YANKEE STADIUM PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM

ENTER STADIUM THROUGH PRESS GATE (adjacent to Gate 4 at 161<sup>st</sup> Street and Jerome Avenue)

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Posada, 40, finishes his 17-year Major League career with a .273 batting average (1,664-for-6,092) with 900 runs, 379 doubles, 275 home runs and 1,065 RBI in 1,829 games—all with the Yankees. Of the 13 former Major League catchers in the Hall of Fame (Johnny Bench, Yogi Berra, Roger Bresnahan, Roy Campanella, Gary Carter, Mickey Cochrane, Bill Dickey, Buck Ewing, Rick Ferrell, Carlton Fisk, Gabby Hartnett, Ernie Lombardi and Ray Schalk), only Berra has better numbers in batting average, home runs and RBI (.285, 358 and 1,430, respectively).

As a player on five World Series championship teams (1996, '98, '99, 2000, '09), Posada finished his career among Baseball's all-time postseason leaders in games played (second, 125), doubles (third, 23), hits (fourth, 103) and RBI (tied for ninth, 42). His 119 postseason contests at catcher are the most all time, ahead of Berra (second, 63). In his career, he caught at least one game in six different World Series, tied with Elston Howard and Wally Schang for third-most all time, trailing Berra (12) and Bill Dickey (eight). In 2011, he batted a team-best .429 (6-for-14) in the Yankees' five-game ALDS vs. Detroit.

Originally selected by the Yankees in the 24<sup>th</sup> round of the 1990 First-Year Player Draft, Posada holds the distinction of being one of just five players all time to record at least 1,500 hits, 350 doubles, 275 home runs and 1,000 RBI while playing at least 50.0% of his games at catcher, joining Ivan Rodriguez and Hall of Famers Johnny Bench, Gary Carter and Carlton Fisk. He ranks eighth all time in home runs among players whose primary position was catcher.

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### JORGE POSADA ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT, continued

Posada was the first Major Leaguer to catch at least one game with the same team in 17 straight seasons (1995-2011) since Cincinnati's Johnny Bench did so in 17 consecutive seasons from 1967-83 (credit: *Elias Sports Bureau*). In his career, Posada caught 1,574 games with the Yankees, trailing only Bill Dickey (1,708) and Yogi Berra (1,695) for most games ever caught in pinstripes. A five-time American League All-Star (2000-03, '07), he twice finished in the top 10 in American League Most Valuable Player balloting, ranking third in 2003 and sixth in 2007. On May 17, 1998 vs. Minnesota, he caught David Wells' perfect game, the second of three in Yankees history.

The Puerto Rico native finishes his career ranked seventh on the Yankees' all-time list with 379 doubles and 936 walks, eighth with 275 home runs and 11<sup>th</sup> with 1,065 RBI. He is one of just eight players to appear in at least one game with the Yankees in each of 17 different seasons, joining Yogi Berra (18), Mickey Mantle (18), Frank Crosetti (17), Bill Dickey (17), Lou Gehrig (17), Derek Jeter (17) and Mariano Rivera (17). Along with Jeter and Rivera, Posada is part of the first trio of teammates in MLB, NBA, NFL and NHL history to appear in a game together in each of 17 straight seasons (credit: *Elias*). *Elias* also notes his 1,693 regular season games played with Jeter surpassed Lou Gehrig and Tony Lazzeri (1,659 games) for the most games played together by any pair of teammates in franchise history. A model of durability, Posada began his career by playing 1,450 games (1,369 at catcher) before being placed on the disabled list for the first time on April 28, 2008 with right rotator cuff tendinitis.

A five-time Silver Slugger Award winner (2000-03, '07), Posada homered in 29 different ballparks during his career, the most by any player in Yankees history. His 246 home runs *as a catcher* rank second on the Yankees' all-time list behind only Yogi Berra. In his career, Posada recorded 14 pinch-hit, go-ahead RBI in the seventh inning or later, tied with Johnny Blanchard for the most such RBI by a Yankee since 1950 (credit: ESPN Research).

#### POSADA'S CAREER REGULAR SEASON PLAYING RECORD

Year	Team	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HP	BB	SO	SB	CS	E	OBP	SLG
1995	YANKEES	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000
1996	YANKEES	.071	8	14	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	.133	.071
1997	YANKEES	.250	60	188	29	47	12	0	6	25	1	2	3	30	33	1	2	3	.359	.410
1998	YANKEES	.268	111	358	56	96	23	0	17	63	0	4	0	47	92	0	1	4	.350	.475
1999	YANKEES	.245	112	379	50	93	19	2	12	57	0	2	3	53	91	1	0	5	.341	.401
2000	YANKEES	.287	151	505	92	145	35	1	28	86	0	4	8	107	151	2	2	8	.417	.527
2001	YANKEES	.277	138	484	59	134	28	1	22	95	0	5	6	62	132	2	6	11	.363	.475
2002	YANKEES	.268	143	511	79	137	40	1	20	99	0	3	3	81	143	1	0	12	.370	.468
2003	YANKEES	.281	142	481	83	135	24	0	30	101	0	4	10	93	110	2	4	6	.405	.518
2004	YANKEES	.272	137	449	72	122	31	0	21	81	0	1	9	88	92	1	3	9	.400	.481
2005	YANKEES	.262	142	474	67	124	23	0	19	71	0	4	2	66	94	1	0	3	.352	.430
2006	YANKEES	.277	143	465	65	129	27	2	23	93	0	5	11	64	97	3	0	9	.374	.492
2007	YANKEES	.338	144	506	91	171	42	1	20	90	0	3	6	74	98	2	0	5	.426	.543
2008	YANKEES	.268	51	168	18	45	13	1	3	22	0	1	2	24	38	0	0	1	.364	.411
2009	YANKEES	.285	111	383	55	109	25	0	22	81	0	5	2	48	101	1	0	7	.363	.522
2010	YANKEES	.248	120	383	49	95	23	1	18	57	0	2	7	59	99	3	1	8	.357	.454
2011	YANKEES	.235	115	344	34	81	14	0	14	44	0	2	2	39	76	0	2	1	.315	.398
<b>Major League Totals</b>		<b>.273</b>	<b>1829</b>	<b>6092</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>1664</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>1065</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>1453</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>.374</b>	<b>.474</b>

#### POSADA'S 2011 AND CAREER POSTSEASON PLAYING RECORD

	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HP	BB	SO	SB	CS	E	OBP	SLG
2011	.429	5	14	4	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	5	0	0	0	.579	.571
<b>Major League Totals</b>	<b>.248</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>.358</b>	<b>.387</b>

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### YANKEES ALL-TIME LISTS

#### Doubles

1. Gehrig.....	534
2. JETER.....	492
3. B. Williams.....	449
4. Mattingly.....	442
5. Ruth.....	424
6. DiMaggio.....	389
<b>7. Posada.....</b>	<b>379</b>
8. Mantle.....	344
9. Dickey.....	343
10. Meusel.....	339
11. Lazzeri.....	327
12. Berra.....	321
13. Combs.....	309
14. O'Neill.....	304
15. White.....	300
16. CANO.....	286
17. Henrich.....	269
18. Crosetti.....	260
19. Pipp.....	259
Randolph.....	259

#### Games

1. JETER.....	2426
2. Mantle.....	2401
3. Gehrig.....	2164
4. Berra.....	2116
5. Ruth.....	2084
6. B. Williams.....	2076
7. White.....	1881
<b>8. Posada.....</b>	<b>1829</b>
9. Dickey.....	1789
10. Mattingly.....	1785
11. DiMaggio.....	1736
12. Randolph.....	1694
13. Crosetti.....	1683
14. Rizzuto.....	1661
15. Lazzeri.....	1659
16. Nettles.....	1535
17. Howard.....	1492
18. Pipp.....	1488
19. Combs.....	1456
20. Munson.....	1423

#### Home Runs

1. Ruth.....	659
2. Mantle.....	536
3. Gehrig.....	493
4. DiMaggio.....	361
5. Berra.....	358
6. B. Williams.....	287
7. RODRIGUEZ.....	284
<b>8. Posada.....</b>	<b>275</b>
9. Nettles.....	250
10. JETER.....	240
11. Mattingly.....	222
12. Giambi.....	209
13. Winfield.....	205
14. Maris.....	203
15. Dickey.....	202
16. Martinez.....	192
17. O'Neill.....	185
18. Keller.....	184
19. Henrich.....	183
20. Murcer.....	175

#### RBI (since 1920)

1. Gehrig.....	1996
2. Ruth.....	1976
3. DiMaggio.....	1538
4. Mantle.....	1509
5. Berra.....	1430
6. B. Williams.....	1257
7. Dickey.....	1210
8. JETER.....	1196
9. Lazzeri.....	1160
10. Mattingly.....	1099
<b>11. Posada.....</b>	<b>1065</b>
12. Meusel.....	1013
13. RODRIGUEZ.....	903
14. O'Neill.....	858
15. Nettles.....	834
16. Winfield.....	818
17. Henrich.....	795
18. White.....	758
19. Martinez.....	739
20. Howard.....	732

#### At-Bats

1. JETER.....	9868
2. Mantle.....	8101
3. Gehrig.....	8001
4. B. Williams.....	7869
5. Berra.....	7545
6. Ruth.....	7215
7. Mattingly.....	7003
8. DiMaggio.....	6821
9. White.....	6650
10. Dickey.....	6304
11. Randolph.....	6303
12. Crosetti.....	6276
13. Lazzeri.....	6096
<b>14. Posada.....</b>	<b>6092</b>
15. Rizzuto.....	5816
16. Combs.....	5752
17. Pipp.....	5594
18. Nettles.....	5519
19. Richardson.....	5386
20. Munson.....	5344

#### Hits

1. JETER.....	3088
2. Gehrig.....	2721
3. Ruth.....	2518
4. Mantle.....	2415
5. B. Williams.....	2336
6. DiMaggio.....	2214
7. Mattingly.....	2153
8. Berra.....	2148
9. Dickey.....	1969
10. Combs.....	1866
11. White.....	1803
12. Lazzeri.....	1784
13. Randolph.....	1731
<b>14. Posada.....</b>	<b>1664</b>
15. Rizzuto.....	1588
16. Pipp.....	1577
17. Meusel.....	1565
18. Munson.....	1558
19. Crosetti.....	1541
20. Richardson.....	1432

#### Runs

1. Ruth.....	1959
2. Gehrig.....	1888
3. JETER.....	1769
4. Mantle.....	1675
5. DiMaggio.....	1390
6. B. Williams.....	1366
7. Combs.....	1186
8. Berra.....	1176
9. Randolph.....	1027
10. Mattingly.....	1007
11. Crosetti.....	1006
12. White.....	964
13. Lazzeri.....	952
14. Rolfe.....	942
15. Dickey.....	931
16. Henrich.....	901
<b>17. Posada.....</b>	<b>900</b>
18. Rizzuto.....	878
19. Pipp.....	820
20. RODRIGUEZ.....	815

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