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Alderman Bets the Sausage on the Brew Crew

Alderman Bob Bauman Agrees to Friendly Wager with Philly City Council Member

Alderman Bob Bauman has faith in Brewers star Ryan Braun and his talented teammates, and he's betting a case of **Braunschweiger** and other tasty Milwaukee-made Usinger's sausages that the playoff-bound Brew Crew will win their National League Divisional Series against the Philadelphia Phillies.

Alderman Bauman said this morning that he's accepted the friendly wager of Philadelphia City Councilman Curtis Jones, Jr., who – like Alderman Bauman – represents his city's 4th District. "It's a straight-up wager: If the Brewers win, we get a package of hoagies (Philly style subs) and a box of Tastykakes treats (baked snacks similar to Hostess products)," the alderman said.

"If the Phillies win, well...we're not going there," Alderman Bauman said with a smile.

The excitement of the Brewers long-awaited return to the playoffs has fed festive gatherings throughout Milwaukee and especially in downtown pubs and other 4th District watering holes, bringing cheering fans and residents together in ways not seen for more than 25 years. "I've seen total strangers high-fiving each other and honking cars filled with happy Brewers fans," the alderman said. "This is truly wonderful for a city that really can use something to cheer and smile about."

Councilman Jones, who took office in January 2008, is chair of the Transportation and Public Utilities Committee and vice chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee. Like other Philadelphia council districts, his district has a population of about 150,000 residents.

In Milwaukee, where Alderman Bauman was reelected in April to his second four-year term, each district has approximately 44,000 residents.

"That's OK – like the Brewers we are the underdogs, we're the little guys," he said.