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MAYOR EMANUEL RAISES THE STAKES IN FRIENDLY WAGER ON OUTCOME OF BLACKHAWKS-WILD SERIES

Garrett's Popcorn, Chicago-style Giardinera and Half Acre Daisy Cutter at Stake

CHICAGO — Mayor Rahm Emanuel is raising the stakes on Saint Paul Mayor Chris Coleman's friendly wager on the outcome of the NHL playoff series between the Chicago Blackhawks and the Minnesota Wild.

At risk: A barrel of Garrett's Popcorn, a six-pack of Half Acre beer and a jar of Chicago-style Hot Giardiniera from Chicago, versus a 25-pound Pearson's salted nut roll and a six-pack of Summit beer from Saint Paul.

"I am excited to take part in this wager with our friends from the north. I have full confidence that our mighty Blackhawks will be victorious in this series. In the unlikely case that things don't go our way, I am prepared to send a six-pack of our hoppy pride and joy: Half Acre Daisy Cutter, a barrel of Chicago's own Garett's Popcorn, and some of our Chicago-style Giardinera that can spice up any casserole," said Mayor Emanuel.

Tonight, the Blackhawks will take the next step in defending the Stanley Cup. The first match of the seven-game series against the Minnesota Wild will take place tonight, Friday May 2 at 8:30 p.m., at the United Center in Chicago.

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