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Daley puts Chicago hot dogs, beer on line in Blackhawks series

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Sporting a Chicago Blackhawks cap, Mayor Richard Daley today announced a “friendly wager” with his Vancouver counterpart over the outcome of the second round playoff series that [starts tonight](#).

The mayor—who said he’s been a Blackhawks fan since he was a kid, when tickets to hockey game were “the tickets”—stood aside a table decked out in black cloth and red bunting, laden with the Chicago goodies he would fork over if the Blackhawks lose to the Canucks.

The theme was red, in keeping with the Blackhawks’ primary color. Should they lose, Vancouver will get Red Hot Chicago hot dogs, Red Hots candies, Goose Island Brewery’s new Red Felt beer, red Marinara sauce and red wines, all made in Chicago.

Also on the table were Blackhawks cupcakes (in black) made by a local bakery and various gear with the Chicago 2016 Olympics candidate city moniker.

Vancouver, meanwhile, is putting up three types of beer, Bad Girl chocolates, smoked salmon, tortilla chips, dried wild morels (they’re mushrooms), vegetarian blueberry sauce and Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympic Games gear.

If Tribune Blackhawks beat writer Chris Kuc is correct, Daley will be boxing up those goodies and shipping them to Canada---he says Vancouver [in seven games](#).

For his trouble, Daley given a surprise gift: a red Blackhawks jersey with "D-A-L-E-Y" on the back. It was presented by hockey Hall of Famer Denis Savard, now a team ambassador, and Jay Blunk, the team’s senior vice president for business operations.

“You know this is going to be grabbed by my daughter and my son right away,” Daley said.

The mayor also spoke well of the team. "They play with a lot of heart and confidence and excitement," Daley said.

Blackhawks Chairman Rocky Wirtz also was on hand for the event.