



super bash

THE SUPER BOWL DESERVES A SUPER PARTY.
HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO MAKE YOURS A BLAST
BY MARK LUCE

More people will watch Super Bowl XXXV on Jan. 28 than bothered to tune into the presidential debates.

All the hype, bluster, media credentials, corny interviews, endless pre-game and much-anticipated commercials won't mean much, though, if you can't enjoy the game with a few of your favorite friends.

We at *Golfdom* won't ever be accused of having the social graces of Martha Stewart, but we do know how to party, especially when it's the biggest game of the year. Instead of filling your head with early pigskin prognostications, we thought we might give you a few tips on making your Super Bowl party a hit, even if the game turns out to be a dud.

TV size

In this case, size does matter. If you are housing a 9-inch black-and-white television, we suggest you head to the local sports bar or another friend's house, since part of the glory of the Super Bowl is actually seeing it.

Seating

Before you start inviting folks over, figure out exactly how many people you can squeeze into your television viewing area and how many extra

chairs you have. People don't want to crane their necks to see the action, and since the game usually clocks in at about four hours, comfort is of the essence.

Beverages

A good host doesn't run out of liquid refreshments. To be on the safe side, figure on getting at least six beers per person, excepting the kids, of course. It's not a bad idea to have plenty of soft drinks, a pot of coffee and a few bags of ice.

Food

Since the game starts at 6 p.m. (Est), partiers will get hungry quickly. For hearty football fans, a crock-pot full of chili or vegetable stew will be welcome. If you are lucky enough to live in a pleasant clime, barbecue must vault to the top of the food list. You could also order a few of those 6-foot party subs from a local deli. If you're lazy and uncreative, you can always order out for pizza. But be prepared for a long wait because there are other lazy and uncreative people out there.

Snacks

True fans know that nothing goes better with football than salty snacks. So stock up on potato chips, pretzels, Chex mix or Doritos. Augmenting these should be an array of dips and sauces, ranging from the easy-to-make and sinfully good California Dip to salsa, from spinach dip to Rotel's Tex-Mex mix. More is good.

Wildcards

Unless you like to do dishes, you should procure mounds of paper plates, plastic cups, plastic silverware and napkins. No need to get fancy football designs on these accessories; just go plain. No fan should complain about the service when it features free chow.

Advice for the host

Don't try so hard to entertain — that's what the game is for. Relax, enjoy yourself and watch fellow party-goers do the same.

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