

snacks

As the national day of pigging out with pigskin approaches, we at *Golfdom* have reached with greasy fingers for something a little more decadent, a little more daring and a lot more delicious than our standard fare. Drawing upon nearly three decades of tireless snack research, it is with chips firmly in cheek and Cheetos dust about our mouth that we proudly present the inaugural class of the Snack Food Hall of Fame. The method to our madness: no candy, no meat products, lots of sodium and sugar, and low nutritional value. In addition, these nominees need to come in a bag or a box and be good without sauces, dips or other such creamy accoutrement. The chosen few:

10. Chicken in a Biskit — While this dainty snack cracker looks nothing like a biscuit and tastes little like chicken (there is dehydrated chicken in it), the seasoned goodness of these flavor crisps literally rubs off on your hand. Once my favorite, they have slid in recent years, with an inordinately goofy cartoon chicken on the box and a subtle but noticeable change in the actual cracker.

9. Oreo — The standard bearer for store-bought cookies. Now most folks opt to twist and lick; I prefer to dip in milk and bite. Pros, of course, can attempt the Oreo Double Stuff.

8. Rold Gold Pretzel Sticks — Although no longer in the distinctive blue bags, the Rold Gold Pretzel Sticks remain a fun if not filling snack. Twirl them around or

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WHEN IT COMES TO A SQUARE MEAL

ON SUPER BOWL SUNDAY,

THESE TREATS CAN'T BE LICKED

BY MARK LUCE

treat them like a toothpick, these little pretzels will satisfy salty cravings.

7. Iced Animal Cookies — I enjoyed these as a child and then rediscovered them as my wife got the itch during her first pregnancy. Plenty of brand varieties, but Stauffer's makes a yummy one with pink icing.

6. Fritos Honey BBQ Flavor Twists — They look like strands of DNA, and taste much, much better. A sweet, spicy seasoning dresses up the normal hum-drum corn chip.

5. Rosemary and Olive Oil Triscuit — It was on Thanksgiving Day that I first became acquainted with the heavenly delights of the latest high-falutin' flavor of the woven wheat. Nearly overpowering zest but thoroughly addictive.

4. JELL-O Pudding Pop — They are back but may be hard to find. And they are still, pound-for-pound, the best ice-cream treat ever invented.

3. Andy Capp's Hot Fries — These baked (really) fries smothered with tangy sauce will stick in your teeth, burn your tongue

and turn your hands an eerie scarlet color. That said, they are absolutely, amazingly good.

2. Doritos Four Cheese — Four Cheese brings the best of both worlds, that crunchy corn chip you've come to know and love and a dusting of a magical blend of cheeses. Those who say they taste like the more popular Nacho Cheese Doritos obviously suffer from an unsophisticated chip palette.

1. Chex Mix Bold Party Blend — At first, it was the onion-garlic flavoring that lured me. Then, it was the little round crackers and the pretzel grids. But now, it's all about the melba toast. Yes, it would taste better if you made it yourself, but it's not nearly as efficient.

One last warning: Do not attempt to eat all of these in one sitting. Any three, though, will make your Super Sunday a bit more tasty. And the fearless prediction — Steelers over Eagles.

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