

Singles Join The Tailgating Team

(NAPSA)—It seems tailgating isn't just about supporting a favorite sports team—now it's about winning at the game of love, too.

A recent survey commissioned by the Aluminum Can Council (ACC) found that two-thirds of men report that they “pick people up” while tailgating or have friends that do (66 percent). To impress the ladies, nearly 73 percent of respondents have performed or have seen others engaged in competitive activities such as building can pyramids (73 percent).

But beware—your love may have an expiration date. Respondents say that if you run out of drinks, the party is over. Running out of beverages was reported to be the biggest snafu, followed by charcoal that won't light, rain, not enough food and warm drinks. And for those who like to be prepared—the average number of cases of soda, energy drinks or alcoholic beverages needed for the average tailgate is 3.8.

“For serious tailgaters, there's just no excuse for not being prepared this football season,” says Chris Rose, the original host of “The Best Damn Sports Show Period.” “Be a pro and make the play for tailgate greatness—stocking the cooler and chilling down those favorite ice-cold canned beverages.”

Your Tailgate Mate...

Good preparation pays off for a tailgate...or a date. If you want to see if they are “thirsty” for love, just check out what they are drinking. A previous ACC survey



Teaming Up—A survey shows that tailgate parties are the new place to meet dates.

found that canned-beer drinkers and those who opt for a mix of alcohol and canned energy drinks describe their romantic demeanor as “friendly” and “open” (77 percent and 70 percent, respectively).

If you can't spot the drink in his or her hand, it may help to observe how he or she is acting. So scan those tailgates and look for a can pyramid. You might just find a dream date who is “thirsty” for romance as well.

Lose a Bad Date...

If all else fails and you're stuck with Mr. or Ms. Wrong, you can visit www.thecanfan.com for a whole season's worth of tongue-in-cheek suggestions for getting out of a bad date, found on the site's “Canned Excuse Engine” page.

“The ACC's canned excuses will take your rookie excuses to an all-star level,” says Rose. “I'd like to high-five the guy who can break a date with this one: My thumb-wrestling match went into overtime and I just can't make it there.”