

Brewers’ successful promotion could result in more alumni events

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MILWAUKEE — Maybe the Home Run Derby doesn’t have to be limited to All-Star weekend. The Milwaukee Brewers had Prince Fielder, Ryan Braun and several other former players competing in an alumni home run derby that followed a game with the Miami Marlins last month. The promotion helped draw a sellout crowd of 41,944 fans, with nearly all of them sticking around to watch the post-game event.

Other clubs noticed, too. “I thought it was a great idea and applaud them,” Arizona Diamondbacks president and CEO Derrick Hall said. “I believe all of us will be considering something similar.” Brewers manager Pat Murphy is among those already has been conjuring up ways to expand on this idea. “I think it just opens the door,” Murphy said. “Can you imagine the Brewers versus the Cubs home run derby — their three legends versus legends of ours. You know what I



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Former Milwaukee Brewers outfielder Keon Broxton takes a swing during the team’s alumni home run derby that followed on July 25 at a baseball game with the Miami Marlins.

mean? Can you imagine that happening around the league?” The Brewers’ home run derby occurred 11 days after Seattle’s Cal Raleigh won Major League Baseball’s Home Run Derby and 10 days after the All-Star Game was decided on a swing-off. With the game tied 6-6 after nine innings, three batters from each league took three swings and Philadelphia’s Kyle Schwarber homered three times to give the NL a 4-3 victory. Brewers president of

business operations Rick Schlesinger said a half-dozen MLB teams reached out after their alumni home run derby to get information on how well it had worked. Milwaukee’s promotion was part of a 25th-anniversary celebration of American Family Field. Keon Broxton, who played for the Brewers from 2016-18, won the event and recreated Fielder’s most famous home-run celebration by standing tall at home while the teammates surrounding him fell back like a col-

lection of bowling pins. “It was awesome,” Broxton said afterward. Milwaukee wasn’t the first team to do this kind of promotion. The Houston Astros staged their own alumni home run derby events in 2018 and 2019. The Atlanta Braves had an alumni softball home run derby last year. The format represents a different way to welcome back former players rather than having the traditional Old Timers’ Day games from yesteryear. The New York Yankees are holding their first Old Timers’ Day game since 2019 on Aug. 9, and the New York Mets are having an alumni game Sept. 13. But the Brewers’ event last weekend generated plenty of national attention, particularly when highlights aired showing how the stands stayed packed throughout the event. “The guys that were all here, we all said we’d be back for anything like that, whether it’s something like what Murph suggested or even keeping it in house and playing a couple-inning game ...

maybe guys from 2005-10 against guys from 2010-15,” said Casey McGehee, who played for the Brewers from 2009-11 and participated in the home run derby. “I think there’s a lot of opportunity for some really cool stuff to come from it.” Marlins manager Clayton McCullough said he didn’t get a chance to watch the alumni derby that followed his team’s game in Milwaukee, but he liked Murphy’s idea about branching it out. “A big part of the beauty of our sport is how you remember those who played before, the history of our game and had success for your organization or those who made impacts throughout the league,” McCullough said. “So anytime we get a chance to celebrate those who did meaningful things, I’m all for it.” The trick in putting together an alumni home-run derby is finding the right participants. They must be old enough to have finished playing but remain young enough to still manage to hit bat-

ting-practice pitches out of a major league stadium. The Brewers didn’t put up makeshift fences in the outfield for this event to make home runs easier, and the former players’ swings weren’t leaving the ballpark as often as when they were in the big leagues. McGehee believes future home run derby promotions could feature more power than what the ex-Brewers showcased last weekend. McGehee said he tried working on his swing before last week’s event, but family obligations got in the way. If he gets another invitation, McGehee expects to be more prepared. “I think knowing what we know now, the product would probably even get better because we saw how cool that was,” McGehee said. “I think people would be carving out pretty significant parts of their days to get themselves ready to roll.”


Sanders, staff boast combined 160 years of NFL experience

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BOULDER, Colo. — Warren Sapp strictly enforces Colorado players being in straight lines while stretching at practice. Marshall Faulk harps over and over on proper footwork. These two Hall of Fame players turned coaches are sticklers for the little things. That’s on orders from the third member of their gold-coat club: Deion Sanders. Sapp and Faulk are part of a Buffaloes coaching staff that boasts 160 years of total NFL experience (playing, coaching or covering). The crew runs a no-nonsense, tight-knit operation, which came in handy when Sanders was away and fighting bladder cancer. The coaching staff keeps reaffirming what Sanders always stresses — paying attention to the details. “It’s the little things that will make us great,” explained Sapp, who is the defensive pass-rush specialist for the Buffaloes this season. “It’s the tedious repetition of the little things, over and over and over again. That’s what we do. “He (Sanders) has so much other things on his plate. I figured I’d handle the little things. ... We really don’t ask much of them, except, let’s go to work and

that’s what we’re going to do.” In addition to Sapp and Faulk, the list of coaches that Sanders has assembled with NFL experience includes offensive coordinator Pat Shurmur, defensive coordinator Robert Livingston, receivers coach Jason Phillips, defensive passing game coordinator/cornerbacks coach Kevin Mathis, defensive line coach Domata Peko, and offensive line coaches George Hegamin and Andre Gurode. Combined — and, of course, counting Sanders — that’s 27 Pro Bowls, five Super Bowl titles, an NFL MVP (Faulk), three Pro Football Hall of Famers (Sanders, Faulk, Sapp), two NFL defensive player of the year honors (Sapp, Sanders) and an NFL offensive player of the year recipient (Faulk, three times). “When you have a whole bunch of guys that’s been there and done that, and played in the league, it’s definitely a blessing for us,” Peko said. “Everyone kind of checks their egos at the door, and we all just try to collaborate together.” The Buffaloes may be adding more experience, too. Sanders said at Big 12 media day last month he’s trying to bring in ex-NFL QB Byron Leftwich and former Vikings head coach Mike Zimmer to the staff.

“With those two added, that’s 204 years of NFL experience,” Sanders said, “and I want those years.” Faulk and Sapp were both in Canton, Ohio, last weekend for the Hall of Fame induction ceremony. There, they hung out with the greats of the game, with Sapp recording personal video messages from past players to show his impressive Buffaloes. “I just soak it up from them, and I bring it back to the babies, because just hearing it from me, they hear me all the time,” said Sapp, who had 96 1/2 sacks over his 13-year-career. “But when John Randle was on (the video), and I can see their eyes pop up I got a whole new message.



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The Daviess County Board of Education will hold a public hearing at the Daviess County Board of Education Central Office on Thursday, August 21, 2025, at 4:15 P.M. to hear public comments regarding the proposed general fund tax levy of 69.8 cents on real property and 71.5 cents on personal property.

The General Fund tax levied in fiscal year 2025 was 71 cents on real property and 71.5 cents on personal property and produced revenue of \$48,992,466.83. The proposed General Fund tax rate of 69.8 cents on real property and 71.5 cents on personal property is expected to produce \$53,804,536.60. Of this amount, \$7,392,337.38 is from new and personal property. The compensating tax rate for 2026 is 67 cents on real and 71.5 cents on personal property and is expected to produce \$51,899,537.90.

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Public Hearing Notice

To all interested citizens of Daviess County, Kentucky:

The Kentucky Department for Local Government is accepting application material under the 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Daviess County Fiscal Court intends to apply for assistance to support the Owensboro Family YMCA in a strategic renovation of their existing facilities that will add 71 childcare openings. Daviess County will hold a public hearing prior to the submission of the application form. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, August 21, 2025, at 4:30 P.M., Local Time, at the Daviess County Courthouse in the Fiscal Court Chambers, 212 St. Ann Street, Owensboro, KY. The purpose of this hearing is to obtain views on housing and community development needs, review proposed activities, review the proposed application, and solicit public comments. Technical assistance is available to help groups representing low- and moderate-income persons in developing proposals.

The following information concerning the CDBG program is available for public inspection at the Green River Area Development District, 300 GRADD Way, Owensboro, KY 42301, during regular business hours:

A. Amount of funds available and range of activities that may be undertaken.

B. Estimated amount of funds proposed to be used for activities benefiting persons of low and moderate income.

C. Plans for minimizing displacement of persons as a result of activities associated with CDBG funds and plans for providing assistance to those persons to be actually displaced as a result of CDBG-funded activities.

D. Records regarding the past use of CDBG funds.

E. A summary of other important program requirements.

Comments on Application

A copy of the CDBG application material will be on file at the Green River Area Development District for citizens' review and comment during regular business hours from August 6, 2025, through August 21, 2025. Comments on the proposed application may be submitted to the attention of Charlie Castlen, Judge/Executive until the close of business on August 21, 2025.

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