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Super Bowl Sparks Charitable Wager Between Quarterbacks' California Hometowns

Goff's City of Novato and Brady's City of San Mateo Place Bets Ahead of Sunday's Big Game

Jan. 28, 2019 – Bay Area, CA — Super Bowl LIII marks a major showdown between Los Angeles and New England, but in the Bay Area a battle is brewing between the hometown cities of Tom Brady and Jared Goff. The starting quarterbacks are set to face each other 3,000 miles away in Atlanta, GA, but both grew up just 47 miles from each other in the cities of San Mateo and Novato.

That has sparked a local clash between San Mateo Mayor Diane Papan and Novato Mayor Eric Lucan, to determine which city in the Bay Area can claim bragging rights for their hometown quarterback.

Tom Brady grew up in San Mateo and was the star quarterback at Serra High School. He is no stranger to the Super Bowl and, at age 41, he will be making his ninth appearance in the big game. Jared Goff played youth football in his hometown of Novato before going on to hurl the pigskin at Marin Catholic High School and U.C. Berkeley. At just 24 years old, he will be playing on the biggest stage for the first time. Both hometowns are buzzing with excitement as they live vicariously through these quarterbacks who grew up in their backyards.

Some fighting words and unpleasantries have been exchanged between the two mayors and now the terms have been set. After the Super Bowl, the losing city's mayor will have to hand deliver a donation to the winning city's local charity of choice, along with a basket of goods from their jurisdiction. To top it off, the items need to be presented to the winning city during a future city council meeting!

"Experience wins out in this game," San Mateo Mayor Diane Papan said confidently. "This will be our hometown hero Tom Brady's ninth Super Bowl and he's won five already. In fact, his first Super Bowl was a win over the Rams in 2002...when Jared Goff was only 7 years old."

In response, Mayor Eric Lucan of Novato quipped "San Mateo's quarterback may have been to the Super Bowl several times, but Novato's quarterback has never lost one! I'm sure we'll be welcoming a donation from San Mateo after Sunday's big game."

While the Super Bowl competition runs hot, both said they're looking forward to a local charity being awarded the benefits of their wager. Diane Papan has chosen San Mateo's Police Activities League, a local nonprofit that provides social, emotional and educational opportunities for youth in the community. Eric Lucan has nominated North Marin Community Services, a Novato nonprofit that empowers youth, adults and families in the diverse community to achieve well-being, growth and success.

The wager aside, both mayors encourage their residents to support their local quarterback at one of many viewing parties being organized at restaurants, pubs, and local gathering spots across San Mateo and Novato.

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