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Washington, DC -- In the spirit of Coach Jim Fassel, Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ9) put his chips on the table, betting on Super Bowl XXXV with Congressman Benjamin Cardin (D-MD3). Giants Stadium and the Meadowlands are located in New Jersey's 9th District represented by Rothman and PSINet Stadium is located in Maryland's 3rd District represented by Cardin. The New York Giants will meet the Baltimore Ravens in the Super Bowl on January 28 in Tampa, Florida.

Rothman wagered delicacies which reflect the ethnic diversity of the 9th Congressional District: Cannoli (Italian pasta filled with ricotta cheese), Kilbasa (Polish sausage), Kimchi (Korea's national dish, a vegetable pickle seasoned with garlic, red pepper, and ginger), Knish (a Jewish delicacy, dough stuffed with a potato filling and fried), Paella (a Latino dish containing rice, meat, seafood and vegetables), Tandoori Chicken from a New Jersey Indian restaurant, and a pint of Guinness from a Irish North Jersey bar to wash it all down. Cardin anted up cases of Baltimore microbrew beer, including Clipper City brew.

"I look forward to sipping on some Baltimore microbrew while watching the Giants' victory parade in Bergen County," Rothman said. "My only consolation if the Ravens win, however, is the knowledge that the culinarily-deprived people of Maryland can have a taste of the sumptuous delicacies we in New Jersey take for granted."

Although Rothman and his young son were in attendance at last week's blowout NFC Championship where the Giants beat the Minnesota Vikings 41-0, Rothman believes that the Super Bowl will be a far closer contest.

"I think this will be a battle of two great defenses and field position," Rothman said. "Fortunately, as the Vikings learned, the Giants also have an offense, which is why I predict a 13-9 Giants victory."

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