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Reardon says, ‘My hockey team’s better than your hockey team’

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*Snohomish County Executive makes friendly wager with Mayor of Spokane;
Silvertips will beat the Chiefs!*

Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon is making a friendly cross-Cascades wager with his good friend Jim West, the newly elected Mayor of Spokane.

The bet?

Reardon says he will mow West’s lawn if the Everett Silvertips don’t defeat the Spokane Chiefs in the first round of the Western Hockey League playoffs. Moreover, he says he’ll cut a tape promoting the Chiefs’ 2004-2005 season. The Silvertips, of course, are this year’s champion of the WHL’s United States Division. The ‘tips play the fourth-place Chiefs in a best-of-seven series beginning Friday night at the Everett Events Center, face-off at 7 p.m.

West, meanwhile, upped the ante in the bet.

He said that, not only should the loser cut the winner’s lawn, but he should do so *in the jersey of the winning team!* And West said that he, too, would willingly cut a radio promotional spot for the Silvertips if the Chiefs, as expected, melt on the ice.

“I’ll take Jim’s bet,” Reardon said. “I know West’s cheap, so he probably still owns the first push mower he bought in the 1960s. It’ll mean a lot more work for me. But I am so confident that the Silvertips are going to beat the Chiefs that I would double the bet if he agrees. Two mows!”

“My lawn gets pretty lush in the spring. I’ll enjoy watching Jim cut it. So will my Rottweiler Lizzie.”

West responded: “Aaron can mow my lawn twice; that’s fine. I’ll get him some iced tea. You know, it gets hot here in the summer, just like the play of the Chiefs will be against the Silvertips. Go Spokane!”

Reardon stressed that the bet only applied to hockey matches between Everett and Spokane. He added that he is firmly in the camp of Gonzaga University and Eastern Washington University in the NCAA basketball tournament. And he invited officials from both schools to consider scheduling their basketball teams for games at the Everett Events Center next season.

“Everett and Snohomish County love hosting the Chiefs in hockey,” Reardon said. “And we’d love to host the Bulldogs and the Eagles in basketball. We’d sell that Events Center out!”

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