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Denver mayor dons Patriots jersey to fulfill wager made with Boston mayor

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[Denver Mayor](#) [2] [Michael Hancock](#) [3] laughs while wearing a [New England Patriots](#) [4] jersey during an NBA basketball game between the Denver [Nuggets](#) [5] and Utah Jazz today to pay off a bet with Boston Mayor [Tom Menino](#) [6] after the [Denver Broncos](#) [7] lost 45-10 to the Patriots in an NFL divisional playoff football game.

Denver Mayor Michael Hancock, who as a teenager worked as the Denver Broncos' mascot Huddle, today made good on a friendly [wager](#) [8] with Boston Mayor Tom Menino over the result of Saturday's NFL playoff game between the Broncos and the New England Patriots.

Denver lost the game 45-10 to New England, which meant that Hancock also lost his wager, agreeing to wear a Patriots' quarterback [Tom Brady](#) [9]'s No. 12 jersey in public. He also secured some [Colorado](#) [10] beef for Mayor Menino, according to a press release issued by Hancock's office.

"As a stalwart Broncos fan, it was certainly not easy to put on that jersey, but it was well worth the wager to support such an outstanding season," Hancock said. "The City of Denver was proud to come together to support our team. The Broncos gave us an exciting season and a dramatic playoff victory, and we can't wait for next season."

Hancock kept his word by wearing a jersey, donated by Northfield Stapleton's Mobile Memorabilia, during half-time at the Denver Nuggets game at the Pepsi Center earlier this evening.

Hancock also got a large combination pack of beef from Arvada's Ralston Valley Beef. The "steak dinner" sent to Mayor Menino will contain 40 pounds of premium natural beef, including "Tebow tenderloins."

"We want to thank the participation of our Denver area businesses in supporting their team," Hancock said. "I hope Mayor Menino shares this unbelievable dinner so people in Boston will know why Colorado's beef is some of the best in the nation. Just like our [beer](#) ^[11]."

That last comment was a little dig at Menino, [who last week scoffed at Colorado's beer](#). ^[12] That set off many in the Centennial State, which has a growing and award-winning beer business.

UPDATE: *Corrects name.* The previous week, Hancock's wager with Pittsburgh's mayor Luke Ravenstahl resulted in Ravenstahl wearing a Denver Broncos' [jersey of Tim Tebow and "Tebowing" in Roberto Clemente Park before photographers](#). ^[13]

Had the Broncos beaten New England, Menino agreed to drape a Broncos' jersey over the Paul Revere statue and send Hancock a Lobster dinner.

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