

Cheesehead hat reflects America's playful sports spirit

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Americans long have leavened their powerful global image with goofiness, a cheerful confidence that can deflect international wonder over certain strains of ignorance into a smile.

Behold, for example, the cheesehead hat.

Made of sofa foam and sunny yellow defiance, the hat was created in the late 1980s in response to the taunting faced by supporters of sports teams in Wisconsin, which has long called itself America's dairyland.

"Cheeseheads!" residents of neighboring Illinois said. The insult was embraced and, yes, turned on its head — particularly in the realm of a certain football team named the Green Bay Packers.

Soon, Wisconsin sports fans were appearing at events wearing the hats shaped like large, dimpled wedges of cheddar. (The dimples evoked Swiss, but U.S. notions of cheese, especially processed versions, are another slice of Americana.)

This doesn't mean that a single state has a lock on silly hats, though the "Wisconsin Cheesehead" is now included in the Smithsonian's American History Museum. U.S. sports — college sports especially — bounces with fans who throw inhibition aside and put on horns or animal ears, or strip off shirts and paint their torsos even in freezing weather.

The seasonal display is perhaps the most colorful, and harmless, of the "Hold my



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A Green Bay Packers fan wears a cheesehead hat during a Ravens football draft party at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore.

beer" exuberance that's defined generations of Americans at home and overseas.

We are loud. We do dumb things. We are tribal in ways both superficial (sports) and significant (the current political landscape).

We have a pretty good record of stumbling into greatness. "I wasn't thinking too deeply about it," the creator

of the cheesehead hat, Ralph Bruno, once told Milwaukee magazine about his inspiration, which is now trademarked, owned by a professional football team and sells for \$28.99 apiece.

Above all — literally, with this towering block of fake cheese that just might be a metaphor — Americans are known for being able to laugh at ourselves.

Brewers reliever suspended following Cardinals game

BY KRISTIE RIEKEN
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Milwaukee reliever Abner Uribe received a one-game suspension and an undisclosed fine for his inappropriate actions towards the St. Louis dugout earlier this week, MLB announced Friday.

Uribe is appealing the suspension so he will be available Friday night when the Brewers open a three-game series at Houston.

The suspension comes after Uribe's behavior Tuesday night following an inning-ending strikeout in a 6-0 victory over the St. Louis

Cardinals. Uribe retired Alec Burleson on a called third strike with two outs and runners on first and second in the eighth, the only inning he pitched. Uribe then made three WWE-style crotch chops while facing the Cardinals dugout.

The Cardinals challenged the call, which was close, but narrowly confirmed to be at the bottom of the strike zone.

Brewers manager Pat Murphy said after the game that he was embarrassed by Uribe's antics and that it was unacceptable.

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