

Controversy in Milwaukee

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GM Matayc has come out with several explosive accusations against one of the American League owners and has sent a request to the commissioner's office for an investigation into the allegations. (See *MDPP*, April 16th, 19..) Prior to sending his team on the road to face the Eagles of Kenosha, in an interleague matchup this weekend, this reporter has learned from highly placed sources within the Road front office, that GM Matayc is requesting, in a sealed document delivered to the commissioner's office, to take severe disciplinary action with the American League Kenosha Eagles GM Dave Lauer for instigating violence against his person, violating territorial integrity boundaries (set prior to San Diego's relocation to Milwaukee), and sundry threatening and derogatory statements meant to defame and slander GM Matayc's reputation.

GM Matayc, in an exclusive interview, sat down with this reporter yesterday and claimed to have video evidence that a number of sausage and crap throwers were actually Eagles fans planted at the Road FanFest in Franksville, last month. Matayc elaborated, "We have video where it is clear that there are three, or thirteen, not sure of the number, but there were a lot of them clump throwers wearing Eagles jerseys and we sent the video to the commish's office. We also sent some of the kielbasa and crap for physical evidence."

GM Matayc went on to defend his territorial integrity violations accusations by reciting how many times he has seen road signs advertising Eagles baseball club or radio/tv spots doing the same, north of the boundary line established at Wisconsin Highway 11 from Dubuque to Racine. "I am not even going into the amount of times I heard or seen these screeds for Eagles baseball and it has to stop."

When reached for comment, GM Lauer responded with, "Look, that Matayc clown, comes to the Midwest from the west coast, and expects the fans to flock to a ballclub that just lost 105 games. Heck, I heard that he lives in Seattle and doesn't even live in the town where his franchise is located. Where is he staying? The Blatz Hotel. This guy would put Emmett L. Kelly to shame. Sounds like a carpetbagger. All this wine and dine, west coast poofery. He thinks Milwaukee is a flavored wine cooler and cracker crowd, when he doesn't understand the roots of the sport here."

"Anyway, this clown thinks he's Bill Veeck and Charlie Finley, some kind of hybrid super owner who comes in and stirs up the fans. More like he pissed off his fans. Who ever heard of a general manager getting deluged with sausages and cookies at a fan fest? Those weren't Eagles fans doing that. Our fans honor food for consumption not as objects to be thrown." GM Lauer pointed out, in an aside, that the average girth of the Eagles fans forced his team's stadium capacity to drop from the mid 60s thousand to the current 47,984 configuration as stadium maintenance were forced to replace all seating with wider padded seats. GM Lauer mentioned the cup holders were his idea.

"He's lucky when he insulted Pete Kielbasa that Kielbasa fans didn't throw cans of sauerkraut at him. You don't diss the local legends. (Pete Kielbasa slugs for the Franksville Sauerkrauts, a local semi-pro team.) Now, I hear he's chasing after another high draft

pick. Conquerors, my butt, more like Tankards. Hey, Matayc, go with the Tankards. That really fits your team.”

When pressed to respond to the defamation of character charges, GM Lauer laughed and said, “Was there anything in my statements that wasn’t true. I only provided descriptions of characters that Matayc reminds me of. I won’t even get into that rebranding swindle he is trying to pull off, now. I wonder how many of his fans will get suckered into that one. Look, his team may be in first place, but they do not intimidate us. We’ll send the Road packing down the road.”