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Round Rock Express Named MiLB.com Food Fight Champions Unique Lava Rock Fire and Ice Package Takes Top Honors

ROUND ROCK, Texas – The food fight is over and the **Round Rock Express** have come out on top! MiLB.com announced today that the Express were named champions of their semi-annual Food Fight competition, pitting the top 71 food dishes in Minor League Baseball stadiums against one another. Fans voted on their favorite dish in a random match-up over the course of four weeks.

The winning dish was the **Lava Rock Fire and Ice Package**, a brand-new premium suite item created by **Ryan Sanders Sports Services (RS3)**, the food, beverage and hospitality arm of **Ryan Sanders Baseball**. It features Nolan Ryan Beef tenderloin, Texas gulf shrimp, asparagus, and shiitake mushrooms delivered on an ice-cold frozen marble slab to ensure the cuts of meat maintain the perfect temperature and freshness prior to grilling. They are then grilled *à la minute* on a volcanic rock sourced from the Sicilian quarries from volcanic Mt. Etna. The tenderloin and shrimp are served on a roasted garlic crostini along with a choice of truffle mayo, horseradish crème, lemon aioli or kale presto. Guests have the benefit of seeing the signature quality of the filets in advance and selecting their own choice cut of meat off the marble. They then watch it sizzle on the volcanic rock directly in front of them, creating a memorable and unique experience.

“More than ever before, improving the fan experience has become a core ethos throughout the sports and entertainment industry, and that’s evolved to now include the dining experience,” Jay Kudla, Vice President of Operations for RS3 said. “You can see that in the high level of competition and culinary creativity in this year’s Food Fight that probably wouldn’t have occurred 5 to 10 years ago. We wanted to have a little fun with it this year, so our executive chefs went into the test kitchen to research how to bring the concept of ancient volcanic rock cooking to a baseball game. They did a great job of creating a new menu item that really brings the sights, sounds & smells to the ballpark.”

The Fire and Ice Package is currently available as a menu item in the suite level at Dell Diamond.

The Express finished in second place in the 2014 Food Fight, with their famous Grilled Cheese Hot Dog just barely missing the top spot. The Grilled Cheese Hot Dog is still available at Coop & Kennel locations on the main concourse.

For more information on the Express, visit www.RoundRockExpress.com or call (512) 255-2255. Keep up with the Express on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), Snapchat and [Twitter](#)!

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Round Rock Express Baseball, owned and operated by Ryan Sanders Baseball, LP, is the Triple-A affiliate of the Texas Rangers and a member of the Pacific Coast League.