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DOLE WAGERS BEEF ON ROYALS SERIES WIN

WICHITA, Kan. -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan.) today bet 25 pounds of prime Kansas beef that the Kansas City Royals will win the 1980 World Series over the Philadelphia Phils.

Dole placed the wager against that of Pennsylvania Republican Senator John Heinz, who has agreed to put up 25 pounds of Philadelphia-style pretzels and mustard.

"Personally, I'm bullish on the Royals," Dole said. "In the unfortunate and unlikely event that the Royals should lose, however, I would reluctantly give up my portion of the 'steaks.'

"I have faith that the Royals will exhibit the same strength and excitement in the World Series that they showed all season long.

"There is one element in my favor, however, and I think it might make Senator Heinz have some misgivings about his support of the Phillies. In nine of the past 10 presidential elections, Republicans have won when the American League has taken the Series, and Democrats have won when the Series has gone to the National League team. The only time this went awry was in 1948, the year Harry Truman was elected president and the Cleveland Indians won the title. But, by applying this formula I am confident that neither our presidential candidate nor my 25 pounds of beef is in extreme danger."

The Series begins tonight as the Royals and Phillies square off in Philadelphia.