

Tips To Create A Tailgate Touchdown

(NAPSA)—As the weather cools down and football competition heats up, Americans are dusting off their game-time gear and preparing for the fall tailgate season. Everyone knows tailgating is about three things—food, fun and football. So whether you are tailgating outside the stadium or hosting a game-time party in the living room, here are some tips to make any football festivity a winner.

- Don't let the players have all the fun—extend the friendly competition off the field. At the beginning of your party have each guest write down which team they think will win and what the final score of the game will be. After the final pass is thrown, award the guest who comes the closest with a silly prize, like an oversized foam football hat or piñata.

- Got little ones who are not quite interested in the game yet? Develop fun activities that will keep them occupied and engaged from the first kick-off to the last sack. Stock up on coloring books and art projects for them to create or put together a football-themed scavenger hunt and place clues throughout the house. These fun activities will ensure that they have fun during the game without interrupting any important plays.

- Planning ahead will eliminate any last-minute scrambling before kick-off. Prep food and develop as many make-ahead-meals as possible the night before. For example, create satisfying barbecue pulled-pork mini-sliders by slow cooking



Barbecue pulled-pork mini-sliders are an always-enjoyable tailgate treat that are surprisingly easy to make.

pulled pork with barbecue sauce the evening prior—once the game starts the meat will be fully-cooked and ready to serve on warm Sister Schubert's Homemade Rolls. If you're looking for more delicious game-time recipes to add to your lineup visit SisterSchubertsFeedYourTeam.com and while you're there enter the Feed Your Team sweepstakes for a chance to win a \$50 gift certificate to Cooking.com or a grand prize of \$5,000!

- A party without a little flair will be easily forgotten. To make it memorable, choose decorations, such as plates, utensils and streamers, in the colors of the home team. While packing up the car for the tailgate, bring along a few branded blankets for when the cool evening breeze comes in. If you're hosting at home add some additional flair by using old footballs, helmets and trophies as centerpieces for the table.