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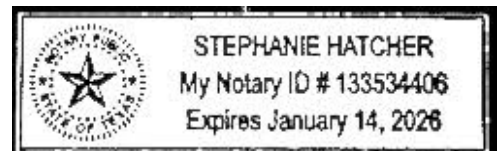
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Brewers have right manager to go far in NL



Curt Hogg
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
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MILWAUKEE, Wis. — There wasn't much time to turn the home clubhouse at American Family Field from a relaxed gathering place to a nightclub. But we, after all, are in the best stretch of Milwaukee Brewers baseball the franchise has ever seen.

In a matter of just a few minutes, from when Seiya Suzuki biffed a fly ball in the eighth inning in Atlanta to the Braves putting the finishing touches on the Cubs in the following half-inning, 800 miles away everything was ready for a full-on party set along the shores of Lake Michigan.

A brief speech was delivered in the center of the room by manager Craig Counsell. Corks popped. Goggles were flipped down. Champagne soared. A division was clinched.

The Milwaukee Brewers, as put by pitcher Brandon Woodruff, a seasoned veteran who's been a part of this entire extended stretch of Brewers success, just enjoy each other's company — and playing good baseball. "It's not a bunch of egos," Woodruff said. "It's a bunch of guys playing and trying to win baseball games. And it's a heckuva lot of fun."

As players pranced jovially in the clubhouse following Tuesday night's clinching of the National League Central despite a 4-1 loss to the St. Louis Cardinals, their third division title in the last six seasons, one word came to mind.

Connectedness.

It's what the Brewers preach. As they celebrated the fruits of six months' worth of labor, it's what they practiced.

But it's not in the champagne showers or the sneak-attack beer-dousings where you *really* see a team's connect- edness.



Despite a loss Tuesday, the Brewers celebrated clinching the NL Central.

MICHAEL MCLOONE/USA TODAY SPORTS

It's put to the test in the cramped Dodger Stadium visitor's clubhouse and the ensuing 3 a.m. plane ride to Dallas following a deflating August sweep.

It's when Brandon Woodruff goes down with a serious injury in April.

It's when 64 players from all walks of life, many of whom may never even see time in Milwaukee that year, convene in one room in late February and are pointed toward the same objective.

It's playing Tetris with baseball players, managing the emotions of humans through the good and especially the bad of the season as the roster changes day over day.

And it all starts at the top, in the manager's office.

"Craig is as good as it gets," general manager Matt Arnold said. "It starts with him in spring training. He sets the tone for our expectations and he does such an amazing job doing that."

As the Brewers add another banner to what has been the most successful stretch in franchise history, the fingers of the players who produced yet another

playoff berth all pointed to Counsell for why this team will be playing in October.

There's an entire organization and front office assembling the roster and a cascade of players sweating and grinding for each win on the field. But when those people talk about the catalyst for the Brewers, about what sets everything into motion, they all start at the top.

"He's been the best," shortstop Willy Adames said. "I think he's been the key of this team. He keeps everybody together. The way he handles his players, he's the best. He knows how to do it and when to do it. That's the most important thing for a manager. And he's been more than a manager to us. He's been like a mentor. For some of us, we can see him as a father. He's been amazing for us."

Few, if any, in baseball have shown to be more deft in-game tacticians than Counsell. But a manager's reach goes beyond that.

Counsell's impact isn't always seen in plain sight, but it's there, lying underneath the surface.

It shows itself in conversations like the one he had with reliever Trevor Megill in late July when optioning him back to Class AAA and telling him he was a big-league pitcher and he should believe that. Megill has been arguably the Brewers' best reliever since being recalled a couple of weeks later.

It shows itself in continuing to show trust in Tyrone Taylor throughout a dreadful slump, giving him at-bat after at-bat in the late summer months until eventually Taylor regained his old form and then some.

It shows itself in the success of unheralded relievers coming into the year like Hoby Milner, Bryce Wilson, Joel Payamps and Elvis Peguero who played vital roles all season.

It shows itself in Josh Donaldson dousing Rowdy Tellez head-to-toe in beer while shouting, "You're my favorite teammate!" on the day completely erroneous reports surfaced in national

media outlets about the two having beef in the clubhouse.

Connectedness.

"Look, (Counsell) grew up here," Woodruff said. "He's from here. Now he's the head of our team. Just the way he runs the team, he tries to keep everybody healthy on the field. The decisions he makes, he puts us all in the best position to succeed. I think you've seen it over his time here. This is five (playoff appearances) in six years. And in 2017 and '21 we missed it by one game."

"You're looking at a streak of going to the playoffs just about every year and it's all because it starts with 'Couns.' We're not here if not for him."

Counsell, in his usual way, deferred any discussion of himself, instead running down the laundry list of contributions the Brewers have gotten.

Sure, there are the stars — a three-headed rotation of Woodruff, Corbin Burnes and Freddy Peralta is pretty darn daunting in October, and Christian Yelich experienced a resurgent campaign — but William Contreras turned into one of the best catchers in baseball, Counsell noted. Colin Rea and Julio Teheran gave Milwaukee a completely unexpected 23 starts of solid pitching while the rotation was ravaged by injuries. Andruw Monasterio, a career minor leaguer, has become an everyday player. Rookies Joey Wiemer and Brice Turang have supplied superb defense. Mark Canha has been the most impactful bat traded at the deadline.

The Brewers, for all of their regular-season success, have not won a playoff series since 2018. But they feel they have the pitching staff, the defense and, hopefully, the timely offense to make a run beginning next week.

"Just like a season, a postseason does not go by script," Counsell said. "Crazy things are going to happen. We're going to have to adjust. ...

"But I think we have the personnel to do something special."

WNBA MVP, runner-up go head-to-head in semis

Cydney Henderson
USA TODAY

New York Liberty star Breanna Stewart hoisted the 2023 WNBA MVP trophy in front of a rowdy Barclays Center crowd Tuesday evening ahead of Game 2 of a semifinal series against the Connecticut Sun.

Stewart narrowly beat out Connecticut's Alyssa Thomas, who finished seven points shy in MVP voting despite receiving more first-place votes than Stewart, to earn her second MVP award. It was the second smallest margin of victory in WNBA history.

Stewart may have won the battle for the MVP trophy, but her eyes are set on

winning the war against Connecticut — and New York's first WNBA title. Connecticut stole Game 1 on the road in Brooklyn, but the Liberty were able to even the series against a highly motivated Sun team that came into Tuesday with some bulletin board material after Thomas' perceived slight.

"We have to protect home court," said Sabrina Ionescu, who finished with 21 points in the Liberty's 84-77 win.

Stewart got off to a slow start with only four first-half points but started to heat up in the second half, recording a total of 11 points, 11 rebounds, five assists and a playoff-high five blocks.

It was a close contest heading into the fourth quarter with the Liberty up

59-57. New York went on a 10-2 run to take a 10-point lead, the Liberty's largest of the game, after Stewart sunk her first 3-pointer of the series with 7:07 left. Two Betnijah Laney corner threes quashed any run the Sun put together.

It was not the revenge night Thomas was envisioning. She finished with 10 points, shooting 2-for-13 from the field.

DeWanna Bonner, who got engaged to Thomas in July, said Tuesday was a "really emotional day" for not only Thomas, but the entire team following the MVP announcement. "No discredit to Stewie because she's the MVP for a reason, but what Alyssa did this season was unbelievable. So of course the news was emotional. That was tough for her,

it was tough for our team," Bonner said. "We came out and played for her tonight. We didn't get the win but we are going to continue to play for her. ... That's our teammate. That's our leader. That's our MVP."

The best-of-five series now shifts to Connecticut for Game 3 on Friday.

Aces take 2-0 lead on Wings: After saying it "hurt like hell" to just miss out on winning her third MVP, A'ja Wilson responded on Tuesday night with 30 points and 11 rebounds to help lift Las Vegas to a 91-84 victory over Dallas in the other semifinal series. The top-seeded Aces can close out the series when it shifts to Dallas on Friday.

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- Medical Consulting/ Services Specialized Doctors, Development Of Wellness Programs, X-Ray Technician, Ultrasound Technician, Physiotherapy, Optical Services, Clinical Services, Sensory Rooms, Epidemiological Studies, Healthcare management etc



Solicitation Overview



Employee Benefits Administrative Software Platforms; Member and Provider Advocacy Services; Transparency, Fraud, Waste and Abuse Products and Related Services

111623

Closing Date: **11/16/2023 04:30:00 PM CT**

Detail:

Sourcewell, a State of Minnesota local government unit and service cooperative, is requesting proposals for **Employee Benefits Administrative Software Platforms; Member and Provider Advocacy Services; Transparency, Fraud, Waste and Abuse Products and Related Services** to result in a contracting solution for use by its Participating Entities. Sourcewell Participating Entities include thousands of governmental, higher education, K-12 education, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public agencies located in the United States and Canada. A full copy of the Request for Proposals can be found on the Sourcewell Procurement Portal [<https://portal.sourcewell-mn.gov>]. Only proposals submitted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal will be considered. Proposals are due no later than **November 16, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. Central Time, and late proposals will not be considered.**

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Preview



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Categories

Basic Information

<p>Estimated Contract Value (CAD) 15,000,000.00 (Not shown to suppliers)</p> <p>Issuing Organization Sourcewell</p> <p>Solicitation Number 111623</p> <p>Source ID PPCO.USA.868485.C88455</p>	<p>Reference Number 0000256886</p> <p>Solicitation Type RFP - Request for Proposal (Formal)</p> <p>Title Employee Benefits Administrative Software Platforms; Member and Provider Advocac</p>
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Details

<p>Location Canada, All of Canada, All of Canada</p>	<p>Purchase Type Duration: 4 years</p>
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Dates

<p>Publication Date 2023/09/28 09:27:46 AM EDT</p> <p>Questions are submitted online No</p> <p>Bid Intent Not Available</p>	<p>Question Acceptance Deadline 2023/11/08 05:30:00 PM EST</p> <p>Closing Date 2023/11/16 05:30:00 PM EST</p> <p>Prebid Conference 2023/10/18 01:00:00 AM EDT</p>
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Description
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Pre-Bidding Events

<p>Event Type Prebid Conference</p> <p>Event date 2023/10/18 01:00:00 AM EDT</p> <p>Event Note Login information will be emailed two business days prior to the event.</p>	<p>Attendance Recommended</p> <p>Location Online Conference</p>
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Bid Submission Process

Bid Submission Type
Electronic Bid Submission

Pricing
In attached document

Bid Documents List

Item Name	Description	Mandatory	Limited to 1 file
Bid Documents	Documents defining the proposal	Yes	No