The more you NOLA: Super Bowl edition

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Choosing where to enjoy <u>Super Bowl XLIX</u> is just as important as debating which team should bring home the gleaming Lombardi trophy.

For the winning combination of high-def screens, game-day snacks and passionate crowds, visit one of these spots and host your own game-day watch party on Sunday (Feb. 1).

Finn McCool"s Irish Pub

Normally a command center for watching English and Scottish Premier League football, this Mid-City sports stronghold also welcomes American football fanatics to take in the action on the pub"s six TV screens and 8-foot projection screen. Before the New England Patriots and the Seattle Seahawks battle on the gridiron, the locally revered Irish joint will hold their 2015 Super Bowl cook-off. As contestants bring in their best gumbos, soups and stews in hopes of winning the coveted golden Super Spoon trophy, Finn McCool"s also will serve up gumbo z"herbes and Irish stew to warm up the crowd before Super Bowl kickoff.

Lucy"s Retired Surfers Bar & amp; Restaurant

The perfect place to chill out during the championship, Lucy"s is where the West Coast meets the Warehouse District. The combined bar and restaurant invites patrons to kick back during halftime and sample its menu of Cali-style Mexican dishes, including Mah Mee"s homemade tamales and chimichurri steak tacos

dressed with grilled onions and Manchego. Lucy"s even caters to furrier football fans, allowing guests to bring dogs along for the fun.

The Rusty Nail

Lying on the edge of the Lower Garden District, The Rusty Nail is a hidden game-day gem. Boasting five flat screens and a massive projection system inside and additional screens outside, visitors are ensured a view of the game whether you"re seated on the bar"s kitschy indoor bleachers or lounging on the lush back patio. If you"re able to pry yourself away for a bite during the Super Bowl"s famous commercials, The Rusty Nail will be hosting food truck Foodie Call during the game.

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