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Joey Chestnut pops the question to Neslie Ricasa shortly before winning his eighth title in the Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest. (Getty Images)

Joey "Jaws" Chestnut, the seven-time hot dog-eating champion, proposed to his longtime

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Filipina girlfriend on stage moments before the Coney Island Hot Dog Eating Contest on the Fourth of July.

He dropped to one knee and slipped a diamond ring around the finger of Neslie Ricasa before popping the question on live TV, while she was being interviewed by ESPN.

“These have been the best three years of my life and I can’t live without you. You make me better. Will you marry me?” Chestnut uttered before Ricasa said “yes” into the microphone.

Ricasa, 26, of San Jose, California, also competed in the Nathan’s famous NYC contest.

After getting engaged to future wife, Chestnut got pumped up and devoured 60 hot dogs and buns in 10 minutes to claim his record eighth consecutive Nathan’s Hot Dog Eating title.

“I felt like I could eat anything,” said the 30-year-old love-struck champ.

“The proposal went great.”

“I really feel like the luckiest guy in the world,” he added.

Ricasa, an accounting graduate, showed off her diamond sparkler (along with her red, white and blue nail polish) after the eat-off and admitted that Chestnut caught her by surprise.

The pair, who both attended San Jose State University, met three years ago.

“It was crazy,” she told reporters.

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“I never imagined that I would be proposed to onstage before the Fourth of July hot dog eating contest.”

Chestnut, with a little black box holding the ring, proposed after Ricasa lost in the women’s competition just prior to the men’s chowdown.

She did manage to devour 10 franks in the allotted 10 minutes.

Miki Sudo, 28, of Las Vegas won the female belt with 34 hot dogs.

She defeated defending champion Sonya “Black Widow” Thomas of Alexandria, Virginia.

Chestnut didn’t break his record though, but he’s not disappointed.

He was eight hot dogs short of his previous record, 69.

“The dogs cooled down and turned really hard to eat today,” he explained.

“It was hard today. They sat out in the cold. They were hard to eat and hard to swallow.”

Matt Stonie, also of San Jose, lost to Chestnut by five hot dogs.