



Commemorative coin issued for Oregon-Penn St. contest

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When the Oregon football team takes the field on Jan. 2 at the Rose Bowl, fans will witness an appearance about as frequent as the return of Halley's Comet.

In honor of the Ducks first trip to Pasadena since 1958, Chicagoland Processing Corporation has issued a commemorative coin for the match-up between Penn State and Oregon in the Rose Bowl.

Enviromint has been licensed to mint a limited edition of 5,000 pure silver

medallions (\$29.95), 1,000 24-karat gold select medallions (\$49.95) and 95 pure gold medallions (\$850.00) honoring Oregon's 1995 Rose Bowl appearance.

Each medallion is individually stamped with the official 1995 Rose Bowl logo on the front and the official University of Oregon logo on the reverse. The reverse also features an individual serial number to ensure that it is one of a limited edition.

The Oregon 1995 Rose Bowl medallions are available by calling the company's 24-hour info line at 1-800-299-MINT.

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day and he felt it would be to his advantage to wait until the sun dropped behind the Sierra Madre. Undoubtedly Penn State was not quite as used to the nice Southern California weather as the Trojans were.

The second thought was that Bezdek simply got caught up in traffic getting to the game as he had failed to secure a police escort for his team to the stadium.

Regardless of the reason, an irate Henderson was apparently none-too-pleased with the one-hour delay. Henderson confronted Bezdek upon his arrival, and the game was almost further delayed by an unscheduled fistfight between the two coaches after Bezdek challenged the USC coach to a physical solution to the matter.

Henderson, knowing Bezdek's background, apparently decided that it was in his best interest not to take the abrasive

coach's offer.

"I had just climbed out of bed with the flu and could barely stand up," Henderson said in a short biographical sketch of Bezdek. "Also I knew Bezdek had earned his way through the University of Chicago fighting as a pro under an assumed name, so I declined the issue."

Other assorted Bezdek tirades included dragging benches onto the field against Pop Warner's Pittsburgh team in the heat of battle. Bezdek enjoyed tremendous success as a coach, but could only beat his in-state rivals once in five attempts.

Colorful. Rough-and-tumble. Crazy. All three terms could be applied to the coach from Czechoslovakia.

No matter what anyone thought of the Bez personally, as a coach he was a winner. As a man he was a fighter. And these traits, combined with his fiery personality, made him a legend indeed.



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