

NFL Super Bowl XLVI (46)

New York Giants vs. New England Patriots



I am an avid sports fan. As I began to watch the Super bowl game along stated 170 million other devoted people, it began the game with a COIN TOSS. At the beginning of the Super bowl, there is a coin toss where the winning team decides whether they will kick or receive the ball. The referee showed what heads was and what was tails. Interesting to note is these same teams have met before 15 years prior and the Patriots won the coin toss for the AFC but lost the game. Ever since, the NFC has won every coin toss since in the Super Bowl for 14 years. This game of 2012, it happened again. These same two teams came together and the Patriots for the AFC won the coin toss and lost the NFL Super Bowl XLVI to the Giants.

As I sat in my chair I wondered what this coin looked like. So after the game I started a network search. This research brought me to the Highland Mint, a private mint which is in Florida. It is a full service mint.

The Highland mint has the exclusive contract since 21 years to make these coins from the NFL . Minting is Limited to 10,000 coins. With the first one minted going to the Football Hall of Fame. The remaining 99 coins of the first 100 coins pressed are given to players and NFL dignitaries. The rest – about 9,900 – then are sold to the general public for \$99.95. The process is noteworthy. They make dies for all the possible opponents in the game. Then when the teams are known, they mint the coin. The coin is carefully struck of Fine silver-plate and Selective Gold Flashing. Featured on the obverse is the Vince Lombardi Trophy as well as the Super Bowl team's helmets. The reverse is shows the Super Bowl XLVI letters, date and location. Each coin is numbered. The coin comes in a pleasant looking presentation booklet. It has a hard center page that flips making it easy to see both sides of the coin. The certificate of authenticity is numbered to coincide with the numbered coin.

Enjoy our hobby,

Lisa and Bob F.