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Governor Bill Richardson, Navy Secretary Gordon England Place friendly wager on Bowl Game

Governor Richardson, Secretary England to toss coin at Emerald Bowl

SANTA FE - New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson today agreed to a friendly wager with Navy Secretary Gordon England on the outcome of Thursday's Emerald Bowl game between the University of New Mexico Lobos and the Navy Midshipmen.

Governor Richardson bet a case of New Mexico salsa from Sadie's Dining Room in Albuquerque. Secretary England offered a case of traditional Navy Bean Soup as a wager.

Governor Richardson and Secretary England also agreed to participate in the coin-toss ceremony prior to the kick-off for Thursday's game in San Francisco.

"This year belongs to the Lobos and Coach Rocky Long," Governor Richardson said. "I'm confident of a Lobos win, and I'm backing that confidence up with a friendly wager of New Mexico salsa."

Secretary England was in Albuquerque earlier this month, along with Governor Richardson, to announce the naming of the newest Naval submarine after the State of New Mexico. Looking forward to a Navy win in the Emerald Bowl, Secretary England said he, his staff and the Midshipmen, "look forward to eating some good New Mexico salsa."