

★ Gator Bowl Special ★

Jonas Slated for Full-Time Service Against Engineers

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Don Jonas, Penn State's versatile halfback who has been relegated to kicking field goals and extra points since he suffered a shoulder separation against Army seven weeks ago today, has received permission to play with full pads against Georgia Tech in the Gator Bowl Dec. 30.

Jonas has appeared in every game since the injury, but the closest he came to running the ball was on a point conversion that backfired against Pitt.

Galen Hall tried to run with the ball after fumbling the snapback but he was quickly boxed in by charging Panthers. He flipped the ball to Jonas, momentarily forgetting that the Lion halfback was lacking pads.

The Pitt linemen quickly switched their pursuit to Jonas, who didn't lose any time dropping-kicking the ball in the general direction of the goal posts. Needless to say the attempt was no good, but the play drew guffaws from the crowd and players.

Prior to the injury Jonas started at right halfback and led the team in rushing with 4.8 yards per carry. He had five passes to his credit for 75 yards and a touchdown.

All in all this year Jonas scored two touchdowns, kicked 17 extra points and six field goals for a total of 47 points to finish second to Roger Kochman in the scoring department. Kochman had 56 points on nine TDs and two extra points.

Jonas had his shoulder unwired a few days before the Pitt game. Team Physician Alfred H. Griess said that the injury was a little more serious than teammate Dave Robinson's.

Robinson suffered a shoulder separation against Navy in the opener and was back in action six weeks later against Maryland.

It will be a full 10 weeks since Jonas' mishap when State tangles with Tech in Jacksonville.

In other developments along the Gator Bowl front, head coach Rip Engle is in Philadelphia today to view the Army-Navy contest while three of his aids have important business to attend to in Athens, Ga.

Joe Paterno, Frank Patrick and J. T. White will be taking notes faster than a flustered secretary today during the annual battle between Georgia Tech and arch-rival Georgia.

Tech and State have exchanged four game films but the Lions will have the added advantage of seeing Tech in the flesh, which doesn't make Engineer coach Bobby Dodd exactly jubilant. But Dodd is quite pleased over



DON JONAS

... dons pads

the choice of State as an opponent. "It'll be a great intersectional game," Dodd said in an interview with the Atlanta Constitution. "Penn State would have been my choice all along. We're delighted to play such a fine team." Before the Gator Bowl selec-

tion committee offered a bid to State there was talk throughout the South that Miami had the inside track.

Dodd said that he was hoping the Bowl wouldn't pass-up the Lions. "Now don't get me wrong," he said. "I have nothing against Miami, but when you pit the East against the South in a bowl game, you just naturally attract more interest than you would with two southern schools."

Dodd's only regret is that he won't get a chance to scout State in an actual game.

"Up until last week we thought we were going to be playing Maryland," he said. "Penn State didn't seem to be in the picture then. As it turns out, we're much happier with Penn State than we would have been with Maryland. We simply feel that Penn State has developed into a stronger team than Maryland."

"I don't think there is any doubt that Penn State is the best team in the East. Any club that can score 47 points on Pittsburgh has to be pretty good."

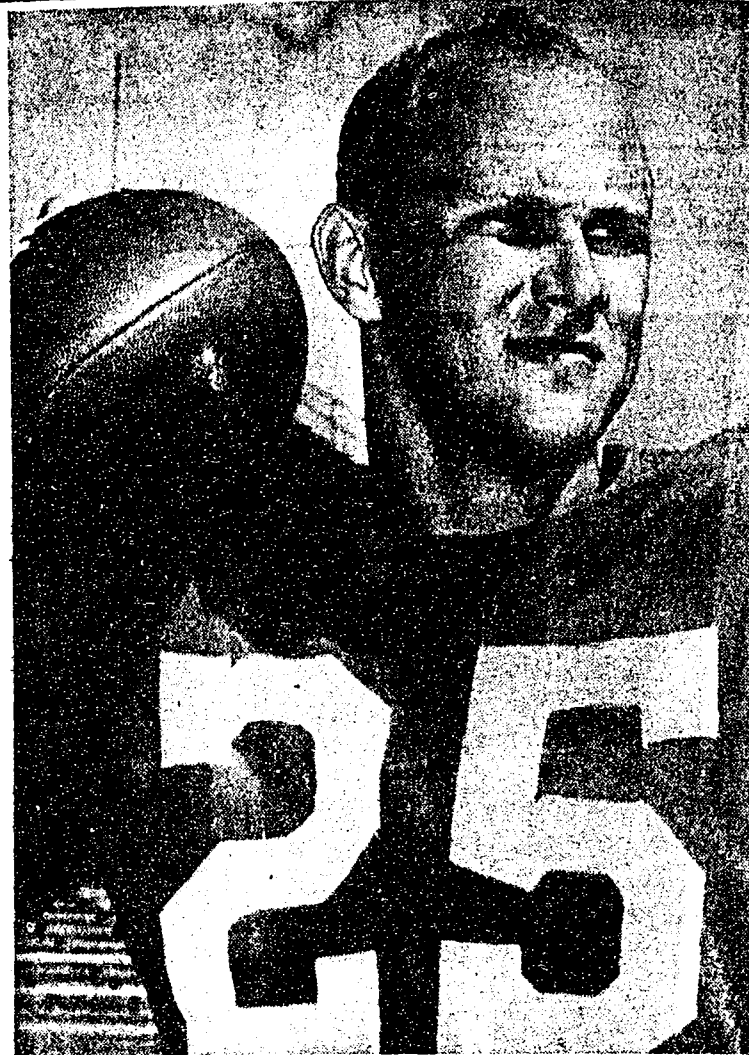
The Lions have met Tech four times, winning two and losing two, with the most recent meeting way back in 1925.

The series has produced some thrilling games. In 1921, Tech scored on the first play but Glenn Killinger ran back the kickoff for a Lion touchdown and State went on to win, 28-7.

In 1923, Lighthorse Harry Wilson paced Penn State to a 7-0 victory over the Engineers.

The Jackets won 15-13 in a game played in Atlanta in 1924. Tech made only one first down, but used an intercepted pass, a blocked kick and a safety for the points.

In 1925 at New York's Polo Grounds Tech was a 16-7 victor over State.



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