'They Were Hungrier'—Engle

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of nearly the same opinion.

"FLORIDA WORKED harder and we weren't near our best," Galardi said, agreeing with Kochman. "We didn't have a good game. Why? It's hard to say. Today they had a better team — TODAY. They wanted it more than we."

Coach Rip Engle wouldn't commit himself one way or the other.

"THEY WERE hungrier than we were," Engle said. "They also had more incentive. But I don't want to detract from Florida because they played a fine football game. They worked harder than we did and they got it."

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Dave Robinson, Penn State's All-America end, yesterday was named college football lineman of 1962 by the Philadelphia Sports Writers Association.

Robinson, a 200-pounder from Moorestown, N.J., has signed to play next season with the champion Green Bay Packers of the National Football League.

—Collegian Photo by Den Coleman

TURN ABOUT IS FAIR PLAY: With a Confederate flag blazing on his helmet Florida end Bruce Starling, left, takes dead aim on Penn State's Junior Powell after the Lion speedster took a pass in the second quarter of the Gator Bowl game in Jacksonville, Fla. Not to be outdone, Bud Yost, right, drives into Larry Dupree as the Gator halfback attempts to turn State's left side. Florida won the 18th annual classic, 17-7.

In its last three bowl-winning appearances State practiced at least a dozen times and for Georgia Tech double practice sessions were the order of the day. This time though, the Lions had only nine and some of them left much to be desired because of the weather.

Florida, on the other hand, had several sessions before final exams started and Graves told the team to work out on its own until Dec. 24.. Then two-a-day sessions began and continued until Wednesday before the game.

When Graves told his squad of the opportunity to play in the Gator Bowl he was greeted with a surprised and enthused reaction. However, a solid core of team leaders raised one condition which would have to be met before they could play. Graves, puzzled and apprehensive, asked what the condition was.

In so many words it was this: "We would like to play against a fine team like Penn State IF we will be permitted to work hard and get ready to play them the best game we're capable of playing. We don't want to go to Jacksonville just for the ride and a licking. If we're going to work hard and try to win, we're for it. Otherwise, let's don't just play and lose another game."

GRAVES AND HIS staff hurriedly assured the boys they were willing to pay the price if the boys were. The players pledged to each other they would work hard on their own and accepted the bid.

Then the criticism hit. Newspapers all over the country and particularly in the South criticized the Gators for accepting the bid and said they shouldn't even be on the same field with State. The Gator Bowl selection committee was roasted nightly and the game was called the worst mismatch in the history of the classic.

But all the practice, sweat and determination paid off. The sometimes hot, sometimes cold Gators, who slipped into the game through the back door after Duke and Georgia Tech turned their faces, departed grandly from the main entrance.

Anywhere from seven to ten point underdogs before the game, Florida's unranked and four-time beaten angry band of confederates completely dominated and played "rings around" ninth-ranked and Eastern kingpin Penn State.

The Gators recovered three State fumbles, intercepted two passes, held the Nittanies to only 89 yards on the ground, and kept the Lions muzzled in their own territory all afternoon. Except for a touchdown drive late in the second quarter, the Lions never got inside Florida's 38, and so futile were their offensive efforts that they managed first downs on only three series of downs.

SOMEWHERE BEHIND them up North the Lions obviously had left much of their poise and polish that had carried them to a 9-1 record and a reputation as one of the top teams in the country.

There wasn't a time, except when the Lions prowled 76 yards in 17 plays for their second period touchdown, that they even slightly resembled the well drilled ensemble that won the last six games of the regular season.

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