

Dickinson Nine To Open Play Friday

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DICKINSON, Feb. 24 — Coach Jack Porter's baseballing Dickinson High Gators will open the 1958 diamond season Friday in Alvin against the Yellow jackets and commence District 26-B play Tuesday April 22 against Santa Fe.

Porter, who has led the Gators to four consecutive Class B regional titles while at Dickinson to go with three others at Cleveland High School, has the potential of the 1957 champions returning to make Dickinson a favorite for another title.

However, this may prove to be the last year Dickinson may enter a team in Texas Interscholastic League baseball as two other

members of the district, Angleton and Clear Creek, have dropped the sport as a regular on the athletic agenda. The non-playing members have found that boys of high school age get sufficient training while participating in American Legion and Senior Teenage Baseball. At the same time, the sport does not interfere with the track program sponsored by all the schools.

Carry the brunt of the Gator attack this spring will be Donald Kelly, a combination catcher-first baseman who wields a heavy stick and Tommy Stewart, a jack of all trades who specializes in pitching. Aiding Stewart on the slab work will be Alvis Bowles, a left hander with a good curve.

Porter looks to Frank Emmite, a tall, fire balling portsider, to improve during his junior year.

Eddie Hall, who has already starred in football and basketball, is also a chunking prospect who can handle any infield position with ease and is considered a good man at the plate. A sophomore like Hall, Kenny Lee is expected to see action in centerfield due to his fleet footedness.

Rounding out the squad are Eddie Weaver, Neil Hoke, James Anderson, Gene Thompson, Wayne Wilkerson, Donald Reagan, Ernie Deats, Charles Carona, Homer and Bonnie Clark, Hugh Lee Simmons, Dale Campbell, Author Brannon and Byron Carr.

Just what combination will unfold when the Gators take the field Friday, is strictly a tossup at present. However, Porter, with inclement weather curtailing possior qualifying practices, can rely on the experienced infield of Kelly, Homer Clark Emmite, Anderson and Simmons with Deats, behind the mask and Stewart to start on the mound. A race for regular duty in the outfield is on now.

DICKINSON SCHEDULE

Feb. 28	Alvin	there
March 4	Alvin	here
March 6	Dayton	there
March 11	La. Marque	there
March 14	Bellaire	here
March 21	La. Marque	here
March 28	Dickinson	Tourney
April 1	St. Thomas	there
April 3	Kirwin	there
April 5	Kirwin	here
April 8	St. Thomas	here
April 15	Kinkaid	there
April 18	Kinkaid	here
April 22	(d.d.g.) Santa Fe	here
April 25	(d.d.g.) Deer Park	there
April 29	(d.d.g.) La Porte	here
May 1	(d.d.g.) Santa Fe	there
May 6	(d.d.g.) Deer Park	here
(d.d.g.)	Denotes district games.	