

Jr. Varsity Cagers Open Season With Easy Win

DICKINSON — Coach Larry Smith's Gator Junior Varsity cagers opened their 1966-67 basketball season with a rather easy win over Mt. Carmel, 44-30, here Friday night.

The Gators never trailed throughout the contest as they rolled up a 16-2 margin with 2:14 left in the first quarter.

Mt. Carmel poured in 6 straight points before the initial stanza was up, but Dickinson still led 16-8 at the end of it.

The Rebs outscored the Gators 10-7 in the second 8 minutes to play to cut the half-time margin to 23-18.

Bobby Thompson paced Dickinson in the first half of play with seven points, while Lewis Little and Dee Howard had four each.

Thompson ripped the next for six points in the third stanza and the Gators sprinted to a 34-24 lead at the beginning of the fourth quarter.

In that final period, Edward Shavers connected on a field goal and two free throws and gathered in three rebounds as the Gators blitzed the Rebs, 10-6, and made the final count 44-30.

Thompson led Dickinson scorers with 14 points, follow-

ed by Little, Shavers, and James Wedgeworth who had six each.

Dickinson got a good rebounding effort from five boys. Wedgeworth had 8, Little and Howard grabbed off seven each, while Shavers and Marcus Martinez took in five rebounds each.

The Gators had a hot night from the floor, hitting 14 of 25 shots for a 56.0 percentage.

The Dickinson Junior Varsity statistics against Mt. Carmel.

PLAYER	FG	FT	PTS.
Thompson	5-7	4-6	14
Little	3-4	0-0	6
Shavers	2-2	2-4	6
Wedgeworth	2-4	2-11	6
Howard	2-3	1-2	5
Martinez	0-1	4-8	4
Cooper	0-0	1-1	1
Lopez	0-0	2-2	2

Sweeny Game Starts Active Hardwood Week For Gators

DICKINSON—The Dickinson Gators have an active week coming up on the hardwood as they play in the Sweeny Tournament this weekend and have games on Monday and Tuesday nights next week.

Coach J. D. Burns' Varsity squad take on the Boling Bulldogs this Thursday night at 8:00 p.m. in the Sweeny Jaycees Tournament in Sweeny.

On Monday both the Varsity and Junior Varsity units will journey to Galveston to take

"Soul Brothers" Jubilant After Carmel Victory

DICKINSON — The New Era for the Dickinson Gator basketball team may have arrived at Mt. Carmel gym last Friday night.

New head coach J.D. Burns' Gators, sometimes called Leroy Mason and his Soul Brothers, got their 1966-67 season off to a swinging start by ripping the Mt. Carmel Rebels, 56-46.

Only four out of 28 times last year did the Gators have reason for any after game on the bus happiness, but last Friday evening the Dickinson bus pulled away from the sight

of victory to the strains of numerous "soul" verses, chants, and songs.

The Gators had every right to be happy as they combined a sharp shooting offense and a rugged 1-3-1 zone defense to rack the Rebs.

Dickinson hit on 20 of 44 field goal attempts for a 45.5 percentage and also connected on 16 of 27 free throws.

Forcing the Rebels to take mainly outside shots, the Gators' defensive bucket was only swished 20 out of 75 times from the field for a paltry 26.6 per cent.

Things weren't all peaches and cream in the early stages of the contest as the Gators apparently had opening night jitters and dropped behind 12-8 at the end of the first period.

From the second quarter on, however, it was all Dickinson. Early in that quarter, the Gator fast break help narrow the margin to one point, 13-12, with Mike McMurrey slipping in a pair of crisp shots with 5:24 and 5:03 left in the first half.

In the next four minutes, the Rebs tallied 10 points and David Neal countered with three field goals for the Ga-

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in the game.

After a few minutes of confusion brought about by the officials inability to endorse their decision, coach Burns had Robinson shake hands with the Reb player, then decided to give him a rest, and put in big John Grigg to help calm the situation.

Neal topped all scorers with 16 points. Schultz, Mason, and Piland had 10, 8, and 8 markers, respectively.

Bruce Price did a tremendous job under the boards, grabbing off 19 rebounds. Neal and Mason followed with seven each and Piland had six.

The Gator Varsity stars, against Mt. Carmel.

PLAYER	FG	FT	PTS.
Neal	6-7	4-5	16
Schultz	3-12	4-5	10
Mason	3-7	3-7	9
Piland	2-3	4-6	8
McMurrey	2-2	1-2	5
Robinson	1-2	0-0	3
Glacchino	1-1	0-0	2
Burgin	1-1	0-1	2
Price	1-11	0-1	2

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tors so Mt. Carmel still led, 23-18.

Randy Schultz and Mike Robinson connected on two buckets, and, with the clock showing 0:00, Mason was fouled.

Going to the foul line by his lonesome, Mason hit 'em both on a one-and-one situation to give the Gators a 24-23 halftime lead.

Dickinson outscored Mt. Carmel in the 3rd quarter, 19-13 with Mason and Neal ramming in 6 and 4 points, respectively.

Joe Piland paced the Gators in the final stanza, scoring five of Dickinson's 13 points.

In that final eight minutes, Mike Robinson got a near standing ovation from the Gators' fans as he attempted to block a crisp shot and just happened to deck a Mt. Carmel player who almost had a run in with Schultz earlier