

Gator Eleven Faces Tough Clubs

This is the first year Dickinson football boys played the regulation 11-man game and they are doing it in such a convincing manner, especially with their victory over La Marque recently, the local school will from now on be competing with the stiffest competition possible. In fact, our boys will be in the class A division.

It was actually the growth of the school in the number of pupils which elevated athletics to the class A division.

Coach Guy Nunnally, who was

a mean blocking back for the Texas Longhorns not long ago, assisted by Mr. Henry Lyle, had evidently given the Gators sound briefing in football fundamentals, because they ran pretty much rough-shod over their opposition last fall. Their fight and drive were backed enthusiastically by local fans, who went in droves to see the games. Several of the pigskin scraps drew some 2,500 fans. Now plans are being considered to enlarge the stadium to accommodate the crowds, which will no doubt be larger next year.

In Marvin Griffith, the Gators had a scintillating center. Along with Wilfred Leining, powerhouse fullback, Griffith was awarded the Lions club trophy for most valuable players. A little scatback, Jimmy Mackey, was perhaps Dickinson's flashiest runner, breaking away numerous times for ground-gaining sprints. Eddie Collins and Don Hughes rounded out the rest of the backfield. These boys will be absent next fall, but Coach Nunnally is grooming Owens, C. Griffith and Marsh to replace them.

The Gator line will not suffer quite so much from graduation, with Jack Mackey, Bobby Purswell, Gene Meyers, Dave Bergeron, Jimmy Dues, Dan Battistoni and Howard Calvert expected to carry much of the load of battering down the opposition.

Though the locals tied LaPorte for the district 29-B championship, they lost to the LaPorte squad and were of course eliminated from further play. Next season this football-happy city is sure the Gators will be in the thick of the pennant fight all the way.