

Dickinson to Field Good Forward Wall

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DICKINSON, Aug. 29 — Most coaches of small high schools are usually despondent at this time of year simply because they have the fastest back in nine counties but not a boy available who can run interference.

But the situation is reversed

Gator Football Schedule Is Announced

Coach Guy Nunnelly has announced the 1953 football schedule for the Dickinson High School Gators. The Gators will play ten games, five at home.

They will open the season against powerful Cedar Bayou here on September 11. The Bears went to the state semi-finals in class A competition last year.

Other home games include the La Marque Tigers, who ranked in the top eight teams in AA classification. The Gators will also play three home games against District 26A teams.

They close the season against the runners-up for the state class A title, Deer Park, on November 20.

The schedule follows:

Sept. 11, Cedar Bayou-Here

Sept. 18, Webster-There

Sept. 25, La Marque-Here

Oct. 2, La Porte-There

Oct. 9-Open

Oct. 16, Sweeny-Here*

Oct. 23, Santa Fe-There*

Oct. 30, Needville-Here*

Nov. 6, East Bernard-There*

Nov. 13, Missouri City-Here*

Nov. 20, Deer Park-There*

*District 26A Games

here. Coach Guy Nunnelly probably has the finest array of up front talent to be found in Galveston county, but he has only to look further back and see that every boy who saw service as a runner or passer in 1952 has graduated. Only squadman Jerry Mitschner, remains.

Lettermen Byron Holley, Leon Thomas, Pete Zinnante, Billie DeVall, Bobby Diehl and Chuck Juneman return with line squadmen Melvin Calillen, Alfred Hunter, Bob King, Bill Curtis, and newcomers Allen Neal and Kenneth McCool, transfers.

Joe Ward, ineligible last year as a transfer from Alvin High School, appears as the likely quarterback in the Gator T-formation. Ward, originally a guard, has all the necessary tools to make the team click.

Jerry Ray, a big speedy halfback up from the junior high squad, is slated for a halfback slot with Hershel Hughes, also a junior high grad. Hughes can travel with the best when cut out into the open.

Others trying to make up remaining backfield are Diehl, mentioned as a lineman before, Johnny High and Manuel Martinez. Martinez is a swifty who is dangerously crafty in returning punts.

Nunnelly expects to have between 25 and 30 boys out for practice on Sept. 1. With the aggressiveness shown by the seventh and eighth graders last season as they lost only a single game, he is relying on finding three or four more to go with the 22-man crew that ended up spring training.

Actually, Nunnelly is at a loss to pick a backfield at this early writing. But he is certain no matter who's back there, the opposition secondary will get a fair workout in every game played.

Dickinson is not acclaimed as championship material this season, but on the other hand they don't look to be no further down than third in the seven team 26-A district.

When a coach can name three centers on a high school team like DeVall, Juneman and Cavillin and still go for the towel when backs are mentioned, his name must be Nunnelly. For the first time since Guy came to Dickinson he has had what it takes to make a titlist, but he has only one definite point-maker in Joe Ward, the quarterback.

And Guy asks:

"Who's he going to throw to?"