

Gators Play Cedar Bayou in Dickinson

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DICKINSON, Sept. 10—Dickinson green Gators have the unenviable task of locking horns with potent Cedar Bayou in the season football opener here Friday night.

Only squadman Jerry Mitchener will be on hand from last year's Gator eleven which finished in third place in District 26-A.

Already at a disadvantage because of the lack of experienced players in the squad, the Gators suffered another blow this week in practice when Joe Ward, the most promising quarterback on the squad, was battered to such an extent he may not be able to play in the curtain-raiser. There is a possibility, however, he may be able to recover by game-time.

Coaches Guy Nunnally and Ray McLaren have expressed satisfaction with the attitude of their green crew and believe the club may be able to at least break even in the won-lost column this year.

The probable starting lineup for the Gators:

Allen Neil, left end; Byron Holley, left tackle; Billy Devall, left guard; Melvin Cavallin, center; Pete Zinnante, right guard; Bobby Diehl, right tackle; and Leon Thomas, right end; Joe Ward or John Tidwell, quarterback; Jerry Ray and Hershel Hughes, halfbacks and Tidwell or Jerry Mitschner, fullback.

Kenneth McCool, a 239-pound tackle aspirant, has impressed the coaches with his agility and aggressiveness and he could develop into the team's leading tackle by mid-season. Others who have demonstrated eagerness to mix it up are Bobby King, an end; and Manuel Martinez, a promising back.