

Gators Have Record Grid Turnout

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DICKINSON, Aug. 26 — The largest player turnout in the history of Dickinson High school greeted head coach Guy Nunnelly this week as the Gators began prepping for their season opener against Danbury on Sept. 10.

Nunnelly opened practice last year with only 21 hopefuls. This year the total was 36.

Among the group are nine lettermen, and eight squadmen from 1953, nine junior high graduates and 10 newcomers.

In physical examinations held earlier this week it was discovered that Allan Neihl, who lettered at end last season, would have to undergo surgery and would be unavailable for at least a month. The tall senior was being counted on heavily to carry the Gator passing attack that flourished beautifully in the team's last four games in 1953.

Nunnelly with his new assistant, Jack Porter, are in the process of completely rebuilding the squad. With morning and afternoon practices now in session until the start of school, both feel they can mold a unit worthy of delivering the Gator single wing attack.

Dickinson, after a poor start last year, switched from the straight T to the single wing and finished third in District 26A standings. Members of the district include Deer Park, Needville, East Bernard, Santa Fe, Missouri City, Sweeney and Dickinson.

Deer Park captured the 1953 crown, undefeated for the second straight year. The Deers are favored again.