

Gators' Comment of Posting

Upset Victory Over Deer Park

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DICKINSON, Nov. 18 — Homecoming has a special significance here Friday night as the hometown Gators go into the contest rated on a par with Deer Park, fore-runners in District 26-A. Recent victories have moved Dickinson High fans to cry "Beat Deer Park," an undertaking heretofore unaccomplished by any member of the conference in three years.

The game winds up the regular season for both teams.

Deer Park has not been defeated in seasonal play since October of 1932, rolling up 27 consecutive regular season games. They lost in the finals to Wink that year and were edged by Luling in the state semi-finals in 1935.

All these potent statistics seems to have had little effect on the Gators who have shown confidence in themselves in the past three weeks. They wound up their final practice on Wednesday like they were preparing for the first game of the year. Coach Guy Nunnelly claimed his outfit in the finest condition to date with the only injury being held by the club trainer, Joe Menotti. Menotti broke his arm in a tag game Wednesday.

Since the Gators found themselves against East Bernard when they shocked the Brahmas with 31 points in less than 12 minutes of the last quarter, there has not been anything but solid improvement by each player. Where, in the past line coach Jack Porter had trouble finding a suitable front wall, he can now rely on seven substitutes to pick up the slack when the starting seven need rest. In John High, Freeman Moore, Jackie Stewart, Tommy Stewart, M. P. Fletcher, Jerry Adams, and Bill Meltsen, the Gators have a dependable second line.

Nunnally said Thursday Leon Thomas would start at right end, H. E. Jackson, right tackle; Bobby Wood, right guard; Melvin Caldwell, center; Bob Kirk, left guard;

Alfred Pittman, left tackle; and, Allyn Neith, left end.

The regular quartet of Wayne Williams, at quarter, Herschel Hughes and John Tidwell at halves, and, Jerry Mitchner at fullback. The high flying Hughes and the equally as fast, Tidwell have averaged right at a first down each time they carry one, two around the end and over center.

The change that has Dickinson apparently on the move is the turning of end Wayne Williams into a signal caller. He has the knack of keeping the opposition off balance with a mixture of plays that might have Mitchner bursting over left tackle at one time and then

Hughes using the running pass next.

Dickinson's 2000 seat capacity stadium is expected to be jammed come kickoff time. Feeling their Gators have mustered all their early season "ifs" into one big hard-running and tackling eleven, followers have learned to respect the home team as they hustled to their last two wins. The Gators have a 5-4 record, having taken the measure of three district foes while losing twice.

A long Homecoming parade predicted to the largest ever held here will get underway at 4 p. m. Floats and automobiles alike, will all bear the same insignia: "Beat Deer Park!"