

Gator-Angleton Showdown Coming

DICKINSON, Oct. 20— When the Dickinson Gators return to the home field Friday at 7:30 p.m. against the Angleton Wildcats in the annual Homecoming game, much more than a night of reunion will be at stake. So will survival in the torrid race for leadership in district 25AA be riding on every play.

Angleton, with a perfect 3-0 mark, is the pacemaker while Dickinson is second with a 3-1 conference series to date. Deer Park, loser to Angleton, is 2-1 and improving fast having stopped Dickinson Friday 26-12.

Inability of Gator defenders to hold on to the pigskin on interceptions on at least three occasions when deep in Deer territory proved disastrous over the weekend. Coupled with the Deer's strategy of containing Kenny Lee, the Gator's leading back, and a poor passing attack, left the local eleven short on victory notices.

However, scouts from Angleton got an eye-ful of Hugh Lee Simmons' determined running in the second half as the 160 pound mauler rang up 195 yards on eight tries in the game's outstanding performance. Simmons was actually hit four times on his 47 yard gallop in the fourth period before being ganged to earth near the Deer goal line. The fleet-footed senior is a competent aggressor, using his left or right hand to maintain balance when hit from behind or the sides.

Defensively, Ronnie Clark and his co-captain running partner, guard Gary Atkins, Bob Harrison who replaced John Chessire when injured, Ken Huckaby, Dale Campbell and Robert Topier were standouts against Deer Park.

Friday's go against the favored Wildcats is a "must" contest for Duncan's crew. Should Dickinson win and go on to defeat Channelview, continued success by both Deer Park and Angleton would leave the district standings in a three way tie, each club owning a 4-1 record.

In the event of such a situation, it would require a meeting of the executive district board to deter-

mine the eventual representative in bi-district play. Until this year, Deer Park was the perennial champ, reaching the state finals three times.

Friday's fracas with Angleton is a positive sellout and those attending are asked to arrive early to get parking area accommodations. This will be Dickinson's fourth home standing room only crowd for the year.

A dance and party will be held following the game in the junior-senior high cafeteria.