

Gators Meet Jays

Minus Key Players

DICKINSON — The Dickinson Gators will be without two of their best men Friday night when they engage the Needville Bluejays there at 8 p.m. in a district 25AA contest.

Eddie Joe Little, the speedy little halfback is definitely out of the Needville encounter and there is little possibility that James Prestidge will see any service at his offensive center and defensive middle guard duties.

Little was injured in the second quarter of the Santa Fe contest and Coach Bill Duncan said Wednesday it is likely that the team's leading ground gainer will not see anymore action this year.

Dickinson must meet John Foster Dulles (Missouri City) after the Bluejay flyer.

Prestidge, originally an end, had developed into a top notch center with his defensive ability and offensive savvy. It is possible he will complete his junior year against Dulles here, Friday week.

Duncan can use either Ted Rios or Vic Malin in Little's departure. A team standby, Kenny Huckaby moved in from his regular guard slot last week to carry Prestidge's duties while Maurice Marsh subbed for Huck's position.

West Columbia holds the upper hand in the five team district. The Gators are losers to the Roughnecks and winners over Santa Fe.

In all probability, Duncan will stay with an improved Marvin Clark as man under with Rios at right halfback and John Metcalf on the left side in an offensive pattern. Teaming with these youngsters will be either fullbacks Jack Horne or Karl Piazza, both hard runners and dependable defensive men.

With Huckaby opening at center, Marsh will team with Jimmy Ward at guard. Seniors Joe Fisher and William Burndrett man the tackle posts and John Dougan and Sammy Gilstrap will be at right and left ends, respectively.

Gilstrap, a senior, is a capable punter, averaging over 35 yards per try in seven out of eight games this year. Sam also can be counted on in defensive from the outside right linebacker position.

Pete Trippolo who has returned to form following an early season injury will spell the halfbacks the Blue jays.

A couple of ends down for action include Eddie Weaver and Herb Cryar. Tackles Milton Hefron, Dick Alexander, Mike Sandberg and Bill Moffett will work in pairs with guards David Sorrells and George Jahos. Sandberg is a center replacement behind Huckaby.

About 500 partisans are expected to follow the six bus loads of players and band members to Needville Friday.