Sweeny Racks Gators

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TALK IS that Sweeny will win the AA state football championship and few of the folks who saw the Bulldogs push AAA Dickinson all over the field to the tune of 35-0 Friday night will disagree.

Sweeny just plain swept the Gators off the field with deadly pitch outs to alternating sides as they rolled up 260 yards total offense, (202 on the ground), while holding the Gators to 149 yards total.

The Bulldogs hold a spotless record after two games out as they romped over arch rival Columbia High of West Columbia, 40-0, two Fridays ago.

The rambling Bulldog offense has totaled 75 points in two outings and the more than rugged defense has yet to yield a point.

FRIDAY'S LOSS was the second in as many starts for Bill Ford's Gators who have yet to ring up a point. The Gators started the season with a third ranking in AAA polls but dropped considerably after a 24-0 thumping at the hands of Angleton last week.

Dickinson just couldn't seem to defense quarterback Jim Lindsey's pitch outs to Larry Chandler, Louis Helm, and Sammy Bell. Helm was advertised as Sweeny's star and star he did.

And while the 147 pound

down on a neat 47 yard runback on a Dickinson punt, Chandler was turning in an excellent, unheralded performance with his tremendous power at fullback.

What defense Dickinson could scrape up was largely through the efforts of Robert Gerasimowicz, Bruce Hobby, and Robert Harris.

Mike Orr, Billy Kees, and Jim Albritton were defensive standouts for the Bulldogs. Albritton threw the key block to

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spring the fleet Helms on his scoring punt return.

THE FIRST quarter was the tough, well matched football game which fans expected to see from these two squads. Neither bunch could mark that first canto.

Then Sweeny broke loose for its first of six touchdowns with just seconds gone in the second stanza. From then on it was Sweeny all the way.

The first Bulldog tally was on a drive that covered 68 yards in 10 plays. Pitch outs on alternating sides to Chandler, Bell and Helms soon had the Bulldogs on the Gator 19.

Chandler bulled his way to the six yard line and then Bell rolled around right end for the final yardage.

SAMUEL THOMAS toed the extra point and Sweeny led, 7 - 0, with approximately a minute gone in the second quarter.

Chandler chalked up the second Sweeny score in the quarter capping a drive that went 73 yards in 12 plays. This thrust was all Chandler's as he carried six times including the final yard plunge.

Lindsef chunked to Elmo Wright for the two extras and Sweeny took in a 15-0 lead at halftime.

Helm's long punt return made it 21-0 with 4:44 left in the third quarter and the PAT try failed.

Helm plucked off a Gator aerial and scooted back to the Dickinson 25 with it late in the third quarter to set up the next Bulldog counter. WRIGHT DID the honors this time, on a pass from Lindsey that covered 39 yards. Lindsey passed to Helm for the two extra points and it seemed Sweeny had it pretty well iced up.

With visions of state championships floating through their heads the Bulldogs went after still another touchdown with seconds remaining on the clock.

This final scoring thrust spanned 56 yards in nine plays with Lindsey tossing to Bob Snead for the final seven yards with 16 seconds left.

The try for the PAT failed but Sweeny had already found their 35 points.