

Dickinson Gridders End Winless Drought

SUGARLAND - The Dickinson Gator football team ended a number of streaks and hope to start another one on a nippy, rainy evening here last Friday.

First of all, they won, 10-0, over John Foster Dulles. That stopped the Gators' loss skein at three straight and the Vikings' winning streak of three straight.

The victory also marked the first time the Gators had scored this season (in 14 quarters, to be exact). Also, the shut-out was the first for Dulles this year.

The one streak the Gators hope to start is a triumphant one that will add six more victories and a second straight District 12-AAA championship.

Before last Friday, the Ga-

tors looked like anything but champions. The defense performed well against Angleton and West Columbia, but had its problems against Sweeny, while the Dickinson offense has its troubles hanging on to the ball and scoring in all three contests.

But last Friday night, it looked like the "Old Era" Gators (1965 vintage) all over again, and that sight was a pleasing one.

The defense did a tremendous job and the offense moved the ball well, particularly in the second half.

In the initial half, neither team scored, but the Gators mounted the only threat in the first 24 minutes.

Dickinson kicked off, held the Vikings to one yard in three downs, and took over

after a punt in the 30 mph wind on the Dulles 44.

Seven yard runs by Selden Malin and Mike Robinson have the Gators - a first-and-10 at the Viking 30. On the next play, however, Malin fumbled and it looked like another typical 1966 Friday night.

The ball squirted forward, and, then something different happened. Dickinson recovered the pigskin. Dale Hjernevik was the ball-hawk on the Viking 18.

The Gators failed to score, having to give the ball up on downs at the Dulles 10, but the defense never let the Vikings get inside the Gator 36 during the first half so the latter ended, 0-0.

Early in the third period, slowly, methodically, the Gators moved toward the goal

line and after 14 plays they made it.

Robinson started things out with a one yard pick-up, Malin added 3 more, and Robinson hammered out 5 yards to set up a fourth and one situation.

Big John Grigg was sent in at a guard slot and quarterback Ken Ward followed the charge of Grigg, center George Broussard, and tackle Martin Smith to a first down on the Viking 37.

Malin then carried the ball five straight times, netting 19 yards. Robinson gained two to the 16, but Malin got the call again and again and scrambled to a first down on the Dulles' 5.

It took two cracks at the line by Robinson from that point, the second try coming

from the two behind the blocks of Dale Hjernevik, Ronny Denard and Broussard. Jim Stewart booted his first PAT of the season and, with 3:59 to go in the third quarter, Dickinson led 7-0.

The ensuing kick-off gave the Vikings a chance to punt again after three plays netted zero yardage.

The Gators took the ball on their own 46 and moved all the way to the Viking one in 9 plays. Ward sneaked over, a penalty was called, the Gators never could quite recover, and Jim Stewart split the uprights with a 25-yard field goal with 9:55 left in the game.

The big play on the drive was a fourteen yard aerial from Ward to David Gaffey.

Gaffey received a dislocated hip on the play and will probably be out of action for the remainder of the season.

Late in the game, the Gator defense stiffened to stop a Viking drive on the Dickinson 25 following a personal foul penalty.

With 3:00 to go, linebacker Robinson halted another Dulles march that was helped by a 30-yard pass interference call with a pass interception.

On the final play of the game, Malin nearly broke all the way but was hauled down after a 22-yard gain to the Viking 38.

It was four weeks in coming, but when the clock showed 0:00, the Gators ended the game on top, 10-0.