

Dickinson, Channelview Seen as 12-AAA Threats

LEAGUE CITY--District 12-AAA could have the most equal race in its history this year according to Clear Creek Wildcat Coach Paul Gips.

Five of the six teams in the league are potential champions and the sixth, Hitchcock, may surprise some people in its first year into AAA after being a winner in AA.

Most prognosticators give the nod to Dickinson to repeat as champions with Clear Creek battling the Gators a close second. But Channelview gets its share of support from fans as does La Porte. Alvin, with a strong JV team last year, cannot be counted out.

Coach Gips gave the following comments about the district opponents in sizing up the race this year.

CHANNELVIEW - Channelview poses the biggest threat to Dickinson's chances of repeating as district champs. The Falcons will be big, experienced, and fast. Their offensive team will average close to 186 pounds per man, and the defensive unit will be even larger. They return 23 lettermen and eight of those were starters on last year's team. Ken Musgrove will be their biggest threat, as he is a 9.7 sprinter who plays offensive half back. This team could be one of the finest in the state.

ALVIN - Alvin is a real

dark horse, returning 15 lettermen from a 3-7 season. But nine of these boys were starters. Add to this a large number of boys who made up the district champion junior varsity team, and you have the makings of a fine ball club. New coach Neil Hoskins has a habit of producing winners, and he'll probably continue this tradition at Alvin.

DICKINSON - Already ranked in the top ten teams in the state, the Gators look even better than their 1965 championship team. With a forward wall averaging better than 200 pounds per man, they look potent indeed. These boys made all-district last season and should be super stars this year: right guard Ronny Denard, a 195-pound senior who plays both offense and defense; left guard Ronny Hudson, a huge 245 pound senior who goes both ways; right ckle John Griggs, another tackle John pounds, a senior who plays all the time; center George Broussard, 185 pounds who plays in the backfield on defense; and quarterback David Ford, a 175 senior and an exceptional passer.

The Gators return 18 lettermen, six of whom were starters last year. There is a strong likelihood that integration might aid Dickinson also, giving Coach Bill Ford

a large group of athletes to pick from.

LAPORTE - The Bulldogs will be big again, with a line average 203 pounds per man, and a full back that weigh's 196 pounds. At present new coach Kay Graves doesn't know who he'll play in the backfield but he'll probably dip heavily into the ranks of JV boys from last season. This shouldn't be too disheartening, as their JV team was big and strong and defeated the Clear Creek JV team 45-6. La Porte isn't picked to win district, but they very well could. Only the lack of experience in the backfield, plus the fact that Dickinson and Channelview are exceptionally talented, keeps La Porte from being picked first.

HITCHCOCK - The Bulldogs will be new to the district, replacing our arch-rival Deer Park. Not much is known about them, except that they return 15 lettermen from a team that won seven and lost only three in 1965. Coach Lucky felt that he will have an improved team over last year, but he doesn't know what the jump to 3-A will do their prospects. After playing Bellville the past two seasons, we know that excellent football is played at the 2-A level, and Coach Lucky might find that there isn't as much difference as he feared.