

Dickinson Clubs Bulldogs In District Opener

THE DEFENDING champion Dickinson Gators got off to a flying start in the District 12-AAA race with a 34-7 victory over the La Porte Bulldogs in a schoolboy grid game played Friday night in La Porte.

The Gators, who dropped their first three games this season, displayed the style and power Friday night that carried them to the 12-AAA crown last season.

Dickinson struck with touchdowns in the first, second and final periods, and

then added icing to the cake with a 33-yard field goal in the last second of the game.

THE ALERT Gators made the most of Bulldog errors in upping their season record to 3-2.

George Broussard got the Gators on their way when he recovered a La Porte fumble on the Bulldog 37.

Nine plays later Mark Lange, who joined the varsity two weeks ago, smashed in from the one to

put the Gators out front with 1:16 left in the period.

Jimmy Stewart booted the first of three extra points for the night.

BROUSSARD HAD his finger in the making of the next Gator score, too. This time he started the Gator machinery by intercepting a Bulldog pass on the La Porte 34.

Six plays later the Gators went in for the score with the touchdown coming on a 14 yard pass from

quarterback Ken Ward to end Lewis Little. Stewart's conversion gave Dickinson a

Dickinson	La Porte
1st	First Downs
10	Net Yards Rushing
7 or 12	Passes Completed
112	Yards Passing
1	Passes Int. By
2	Fumbles Lost
4-21.8	Punt Average
0-0	Yards Punting
Dickinson	0 7 0 6-7
La Porte	

14-0 margin with 9:38 left in the quarter.

That margin, however, was shaved when La Porte made the most of a Dickinson

bobble. The Bulldogs recovered a fumble on the Gator 38, and eight plays later scored on a quarterback's Marty Clark pass to fullback Doug Triplett. The play covered 11 yards and came 2:21 before the half.

Lee Case booted the extra point and the score stood at 14-7 through the half.

AFTER A scoreless third period, the Gators settled down to business in the final coin.

Operating from their own

27 the Gators sped into paydirt in seven plays. The touchdown came on a beautiful 34 yard scamper by tailback Nelson Mallin. Stewart's kick made the margin 21-7 with 30:07 left in the game.

La Porte was never able to mount a threat, but the Gators wanted more points on the board.

After an exchange of punts, the Gators took over on their own 13 with 2:36 left in the game.

THEY WERE not content to run out the clock. They wanted points.

With a 40 showing on the clock, David Ford triggered a bomb pass to Little on the 11. The play covered 61 yards.

La Porte bowed its neck and shoved the Gators back to the 16. On fourth down in came Stewart to try for the field goal.

The clock ticked off the remaining seconds with what seemed to be jet speed to Gator fans. Just as it struck one, Stewart toed the kick

and it went through the uprights.

The field goal covered 33 yards.

THE GATORS dominated everything, picking up 13 first downs to three for La Porte. Dickinson's total offense was 203 yards to 72 for the Bulldogs.

Only in punting did La Porte win with a 45.8 yard per average on kicks.

On the season Dickinson stands 3-2. La Porte's season mark is 1-2.