

115 Gators Report To Practice Field

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DICKINSON—Approximately 115 Gators hit the various practice fields last Monday morning to officially open the fall drills for the 1968 season.

Forty-three boys were working out for the Gator Varsity under the direction of head coach Bill Ford and his assistants Lawrence Kalmus, Mike Mathis, and Doug Reid. On the practice field behind the Science Building, Junior Varsity coach Jack Harris was running 25 boys through their paces.

Freshman coaches Jack Wyatt and Lorenzo Butler were working with approximately 33 boys in the morning, but Wyatt commented that he expected 10 more boys who had not had their physicals yet to show up for the afternoon session.

Relaxing in front of a fan in the coaches' office after the first morning drill, coach Ford said, "Over-all, the boys showed up in real good shape. A lot of the kids have done a lot of running on their own and appeared in fine condition."

"They showed a lot of enthusiasm out there, and it was a good, typical first-work-out."

The early morning humidity and heat took their toll on very few of the Varsity players, but players and coaches alike were soaked with perspiration after working hard from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Couch Ford stated that the early season "question marks" were guard Leonard Barajaz and defensive back Earl Woods. Both were working out in shoulder pads and shorts in the morning, but Ford said that Barajaz would have his knee checked again, having had an operation earlier this summer, and that Woods was going to take a doctor physical.

The only other member of the team walking wounded was senior defensive back-center guard Ronald Thomas. Thomas was dressed in full pads, but was hobbling on an ankle that was sprained while running stands in preparation for the fall drills.

The hour-and-a-half morning work-out started out with routine exercises and warm-up drills.

Defensive drills followed with the guards and line-backers working with coach Kalmus, the tackles and ends working with coach Kalmus, and the backs working with coach Reid.

When it came time for the offensive drills, the tackles, guards, and centers were coached by coach Kalmus, the line and wingbacks worked with coach Mathis, and the backs received instructions from coach Reid.

The final fifteen minutes of the morning session dealt with the pass offense. A



SETTING UP AND READY TO THROW IS DICKINSON QUARTERBACK RAYMOND YOUNG. Young was guiding the Gators' first team offense at Monday morning's first work-out. Last year Young completed 48 passes in 129 attempts for 671 yards. He tossed 9 touchdown passes and tallied one himself.

side-line observer's view of the first team backfield found Raymond Young at quarterback, Edward Shavers at full-back, Bobby Pawlik at tail-back, and Dennis Cooke at wingback.

Booster Club Barbecue To Be On August 30

DICKINSON—Dickinson Gator Booster Club president Ernie Deats reminded Gator fans this week that there is a little more than a week left before the Booster Club barbecue on August 30 at 8 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Deats stated that over 100 memberships have been sold so far, and membership cards, which are the tickets to the barbecue, are available at the following Dickinson locations: Klecka's Supermarket, Gregory's Heating and Air-Conditioning, Menotti's Supermarket, Gandy's Barber Shop, and Lack's Hardware Store.

In Bacliff, membership cards can be purchased from Lou Lussier.

An individual membership can be purchased for three dollars, while a husband-and-wife membership costs five dollars.

The barbecue will be held after the Dickinson-Bolling scrimmage at 6 p.m. in Dickinson.

Bobby Thompson and Ted Roeser were the back-up quarterbacks, with Thompson running the Gators' second team offense most of the time. Before everyone went in, some wind-sprints were run to delay the trip to the dressing room by about 5 minutes.

The Varsity and Junior Varsity are slated to work out from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Some of the evening sessions may be moved up to 5 p.m.

Couch Wyatt's Freshman squad will be getting after it on the practice field behind the Science Building at 9 a.m. and at 6 p.m.

The pre-season Gator schedule of events:

Friday, August 30—Dickinson scrimmages Bowling at 6 p.m. in Dickinson with the Booster Club Bar-B-Q to follow at 8 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Saturday, September 7—Dickinson scrimmages La Marque in La Marque at 7 p.m.

GATOR DATA department: Despite Dickinson's 5-5 record last year, the Gators picked up 150 first downs to their opponents' 105, out-gained their opposition on the ground (924 yards to 1475 yards) and in the air (815 yards to 646 yards) and ran more plays than their opposition (618 plays to 499 plays).

GATOR TALES department: This Saturday at 9 a.m. is "photo day" for the Gators, with pictures being run in future issues of the JOURNAL.