

Gators Pin Hope On Gerasimowicz

DICKINSON — If the boy with the long name has a good year, then the Dickinson Gators may go a long way in the 1968 football campaign.

The boy with the long name is Robert Gerasimowicz, a 6-2 senior who weighs 225 pounds. He is one of 15 returning lettermen and a boy with strong potential for all state honors in class AAA.

The 15 returning lettermen, including five offensive and four defensive starters, give the Gators depth. Another strong point Coach Bill Ford will have this season will be overall speed.

The offensive returning starters include Gerasimowicz, end Lewis Little (185), tackles Tommy Godard (190) and John Pawlik (185) and quarterback Raymond Young (150). Gerasimowicz, Bobby Pawlik (165), Godard and end Mike Mills (160), are defensive starters.

Little, Mills and Al Moffett (180) give Ford veterans at the end slots. Dickinson has good experience at tackles in Godard

and Pawlik, and lettermen at guards in Leonard Barajas (170) and Ronald Thomas (180).

Gerasimowicz stands like a giant at center.

Young, a senior letterman, will be at quarterback. He is rated as a fine passer. His understudy will be 170 pound Bobby Thompson.

Ford has four lettermen halfbacks in Bobby Pawlik, 170 pound Tommy Cooper, 150 pound Carl Woods and 150 pound Marcus

Martinez.

He has two lettermen fullbacks in Edward Shavers (215) and Chuck Bulot (175).

But in spite of all the lettermen backs, Ford still views one of the team's weaknesses as running backs. Other areas that need beefing up include offensive guard and defensive secondary.

Still the Gators have the material and savvy to improve on the 5-5 record posted in the 1967 campaign.

The team's kicking chores will fall to Moffett and Godard.

Dickinson's line strength on the defensive will be keyed around Gerasimowicz, a boy Ford figures as one of the finest he has coached in his long career.

Gerasimowicz plays linebacker on defense and has the nose to fathom plays as they develop to move in to plug the gap.

Ford used the T-formation last season and he plans to use it again this season. He will be aided by three assistant coaches — Bob Mathis, Lawrence Kalmus and Charles Dean.