

Gators Host Angleton In Season Opener

DICKINSON— Some call him Neal Jasper while others call him Lawrence Jasper, but Dickinson head coach Bill Ford calls Jasper a "game breaker" and the Gators will have to stop him in order to stop the Angleton Wildcats this Friday night at Gator Stadium in Dickinson in the 1968 lid-lifter for both teams at 8 p.m.

Ford commented further, "Jasper can play any of three spots in the backfield. At wingback, he'll be their prime receiver; at tailback, they'll send him wide; and at fullback, they'll try to break him open up the middle.

"Angleton is not as big as a lot of Angleton teams have been in the past, but they have exceptional team speed and quickness."

Last season, Jasper rolled up 840 yards on 135 trips for a 6.4 average. He picked up a good portion of that in Angleton's 13-6 victory over Dickinson, gaining 121 yards on 12 carries that including a 69-yard TD sprint.

In that 13-6 loss, the Gators beat Angleton in every way except on the scoreboard. Dickinson rolled up 19 first downs to only 6 for Angleton, outgained the Wildcats on the ground by 184 yards to 165 yards, and easily surpassed the Angleton aerial game by a 134 yards to 27 yards count.

Despite the loss of three of the four backfield starters, Dickinson's running game once again appears to be in fine shape for the season opener.

The Gators averaged 4.4 yards per rushing play on 27 plays in a scrimmage with Boling and notched 4.5 yards per rushing play on 29 plays against La Marque last week.

Bobby Pawlik, who toted the pig-skin only twice last year for 8 yards while being a starter on defense, has taken over the starting tailback

chores for the 1968 campaign and in the two scrimmages has totaled 98 yards on 15 carries.

Seeing service at a defensive tackle spot in the 1967 season, 205-pound Edward Shavers is now in the role of starting fullback. Shavers gouged out a total of 62 yards on 15 trips against Boling and La Marque.

Dennis Cooke is the third new member of the Dickinson backfield at the wingback slot, while quarterback Raymond Young returns to guide the Gators as he did during the 1967 campaign.

The La Marque scrimmage marked the return to action of 175-pound guard Leonard Barajaz. Barajaz saw duty

on about 20 plays and the knee that had been operated on during the summer seemed to take the punishment well enough for coach Bill Ford to list Barajaz as a possible starter.

The players handling the specialty chores were still battling it out as Bobby Thompson and Tommy Godard are vying for punting assignments, Barajaz and Tommy Cooper are handling the PAT work, and Lewis Little has the inside track as the Gator kick-off man.

The Dickinson offensive starters: Ends Lewis Little (187) and Al Moffett (181); tackles Tommy Godard (193) and Clarence Hall (182); guards Tommy Cooper (175) and Leonard Barajaz (175); center Robert Gerasimowicz (221); Quarterback Raymond Young (155); tailback Bobby Pawlik (168); fullback Edward Shavers (205); and singback Dennis Co-

oke (154).

The Dickinson defensive starters: Ends Mike Mills (172) and Mark Lussier (176); tackles Godard and Ronald Thomas (186); linebackers Gerasimowicz, Cooke and Allen Welch (165); halfbacks Pawlik and John Palmer (147); and safeties Ted Roeser (155) and Bobby Thompson (169).