

Dickinson-Angleton Tilt Tops Grid Card

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At 6-2 and 225 Robert Gerasimowicz is not the biggest schoolboy football player in Texas. But the two-year Dickinson letterman is certainly in the race for the longest name.

But "Ger," as he is called by Gator head coach Bill Ford, is much more than

just a player with broad shoulders and a long name.

"Ger is one of the best, if not the best, players I've ever coached," says Ford about his two-way prize, who is a center on offense and a head-hunting linebacker on defense.

And the college scouts agree with Ford's talent report on "Ger" as he is already on the blue-chip roster.

"Ger" helps Ford's Gators usher in the 1968 season Friday with a home date against Angleton in one of the featured games on the AAA-AAAA area grid circuit.

Angleton and Wharton in 11-AAA are linked with the 12-AAA twosome of Alvin and Dickinson as choice district contenders in most pre-season polls. And this foursome tangle in lid-lifters which should give the kibitzers some idea of the power structure.

State ranked Alvin gets started in a road trip to Wharton against the improved Tigers. El Campo, the area AAA champion last year which lost to Brownwood in the finals, is up in an opener against AAAA Bay City.

Besides "Ger," Dickinson backs on the play of quarterback Raymond Young, a keen passer and runner, plus end Lewis Little, a glue-fingered receiver, and a stable of tough running backs.

"If all the bits and pieces fall together and a few of our young players come through,"

says Ford, "this could be one of our better teams."

Ford is high on his pass-and-catch combination of Young to Little. Last season Young hit on 48 of 129 passes for 671 yards while Little has snagged 28 passes for 486 yards and eight touchdowns over the past two grid campaigns.

Angleton also has a dandy receiver in Neal Jasper, a fleet 165-pound halfback who is also a nifty runner. For the 7-3 Wildcats last season Jasper picked up 840 yards on 135 carries and scored 64 points along the way.

It was Angleton over Dickinson, 13-6, last season and the same kind of close scrap is expected Friday.

Alvin hitches its offensive hopes behind two blue-ribbon names in quarterback Gary Keithley, a 6-3, 200 pounder, and hard running David Adams, a husky 185 pounder.

Keithley had over 1300 yards in total offense last year, mostly passing, while Adams collected 1137 yards in running and catching Keithley passes.

Ends Robert Cain and Randy Houk, plus tackles Steve Lumpkin and Larry Peterson, are other bright spots in Alvin's hopeful bright season.

Wharton had a 3-6-1 season last year but nine offensive starters and seven defensive regulars are back from that club, marking the Tigers as a team to watch in 11-AAA.

Such Tiger backs as Mike Sweeny, Rick Kucera, Everett Mathis and Sam Golden should give Wharton a solid scoring punch.

Other key opening games on the AAA-AA-A parade find Bellville at La Grange, Humble at Klein, Sweeny at Pearland, Palacios at West Columbia, Tomball at Magnolia, Ganado at Tidehaven, Channelview at Liberty, Katy at Needville, Columbus at Sealy, Edna at Industrial, East Bernard at Boling, Dayton at Hull-Daisetta and Smithville at Weimar.



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