

GATORS UPSET STATE-RANKED ANGLETON LADS

DICKINSON-A rugged Dickinson defense led by Mike Mills, Mark Lussier, and Robert Gerasimowicz, plus the Gators' come-from-behind offense that was paced by Bobby Pawlik combined efforts to upset the state-ranked Angleton Wildcats, 12-7, here Friday night.

Played before a standing-room-only crowd of approximately 5900, the contest was the 1968 grid-iron opener for both teams.

The Gator defense limited the Wildcats' chief threat, Neal Jasper, to 73 yards on 17 carries (in last year's game, Jasper totaled 121 yards on 12 trips) and was called upon to stop a couple of Angleton scoring threats late in the game.

Defensive ends Mike Mills

and Mark Lussier had 14 and 13 tackles, respectively, while linebacker Robert Gerasimowicz followed with 10. Linebackers Allen Welch and Dennis Cooke were in on 8 tackles each, while safety Bobby Thompson, halfback Marcus Martinez, and tackles Ronald Thomas and Tommy Godard had 7 each for the gang-tackling Gators.

Rounding out the defensive effort, safety Ted Roeser and halfback John Palmer each grabbed off an Angleton aerial.

With the likes of guards Welch and Tommy Cooper, tackles Godard and Clarence Hall, ends Lewis Little and Al Moffett, and center Gerasimowicz opening the holes, Dickinson tailback Bobby Pawlik had a spectacular debut in his first offensive start

in Varsity competition.

Pawlik scampered for 131 yards on 19 carries that included a 19-yard touchdown jaunt. Fullback Edward Shavers also had a fine night, grinding out 66 yards on 12 trips and catching a 17-yard pass that set up Dickinson's first score.

That first Gator score didn't come until late in the third quarter as Angleton held a 7-0 lead throughout all but the opening minutes of the contest.

The Gators took the opening Kick-off on their own 26 and marched to the Angleton 47 on runs by Pawlik and Shavers. A fourth-and-one quarterback sneak by Raymond Young failed and the Wildcats took over.

Jasper got the call on the first play and gained only one. Angleton quarterback Billy Adams then sent a man in motion to his left, but kept the ball and skirted his right end behind a wave of blockers for Angleton's only TD of the night.

Carry Sheffield booted the extra point to put Angleton on top, 7-0, with 8:18 left in the initial period.

Late in the first period, the Wildcats had the ball on the Dickinson 25 following a punt return by Jasper and a pass interference penalty. With a fourth-and-nine situation at hand, defensive back Palmer swiped an Adams' aerial and returned it 5 yards to the 8-yard line.

A couple of plays later, Thompson punted to Don Easton who returned the ball 27 yards to the Gator 20. The Gator defense shoved Angleton back to the Dickinson 23 in 3 plays, but another pass

interference call gave the Wildcats' a first-and-ten at the Dickinson 15.

Once again the Dickinson defense came alive and after three plays the Wildcats once again backed up from the original line of scrimmage, this time to the Gator 19. Sheffield attempted a field goal from the 26, but it appeared that Mills got a hand on it to bat the ball away and Palmer recovered the pig-skin on the Dickinson 8.

Late in the first half, Roeser stopped another Wildcat march by picking off an errant pass and returning 19 yards to the Angleton 45. Three plays later the half ended.

Mid-way in the third stanza, Dickinson drove 47 yards in 9 plays for the Gators' first tally. Pawlik picked up 10 yards on the first play, but was shaken up and replaced by Joey Altemore who was caught behind the line for a two-yard loss.

Pawlik returned and proceeded to gain 15 yards on his next two carries. Shavers plunged for 3 to the Wildcat 21; Young threw incomplete; and then Young fired 17 yards to Shavers to give the Gators a first down on the Angleton 4.

Shavers picked up three more, and a penalty moved the ball to the half-yard stripe. Young sneaked over the top at that point. Leonard Barajaz attempted to boot the point to tie things up, but his try was wide.

Early in the final period, the Gators struck hard and fast. Young lofted the bomb to Little for a 46-yard toss to the Angleton 19. Pawlik then zipped into the end zone on the next play to put Dickinson on top to stay, 12-7. The PAT pass for points failed.

Angleton took the kick-off and marched to the Gator 14 before fine defensive work by Thomas, Mills, Lussier, Gerasimowicz, Godard, and Cooke stopped the drive.

With less than two minutes left in the contest, Angleton punted to halfback Palmer who

booted the ball, was hit, fumbled, and lost the ball to Angleton's Leroy Maddox on the Gator 23.

Four plays later, the game ended with the ball on the Dickinson 13 as the non-existent clock ran out after an incomplete pass in the end zone.

The Dickinson statistics against Angleton:

RUNNER	TC	NY	AVG.
Pawlik	19	131	6.9
Shavers	12	66	5.5
Altemore	1	-2	-2.0
Young	4	-10	-2.5

PASSER	ATT.	COMP.	YDG.
Young	17	3	88

RECEIVER	NO.	YDG.	AVG.
Little	2	71	35.5
Shavers	1	17	17.0

PUNTER	NO.	YDG.	AVG.
Thompson	5	190	38.0

GATORS		ANGLETON	
1st Downs	14	10	
Yds. Rushing	185	164	
Passes	3-17	2-10	
Yds. Passing	88	26	
Fumbles Lost	1	0	
Penalties	4-45	5-20	
Running Plays	36	46	
Total Plays	53	56	