

# Capitalizing On Breaks, Creek Swamps Gators

## How The Creek Reporter Saw It

By MEL SHELTON

LEAGUE CITY—The Clear Creek Wildcats, led by a defensive line that wouldn't quit, sharpened their claws on Dickinson High School last Friday night as they downed the powerful Gators 28-7.

The first quarter opened with a Wildcat kickoff, and it appeared for a while that Dickinson might really be dangerous. The Dickinson backfield, led by Edward Shavers and Carl Woods, was moving the ball well. There was no score in the entire first quarter; both teams were grappling around in midfield, trying to gain an advantage. It looked like the Gators, favored in this game, had the winning combination in their passer, Raymond Young, and almost everyone on the Dickinson team who could catch a football. The turning point came early in the second quarter when James Goodson swiped a Young pass and ran it 20 yards up the Gator's backfield. Dickinson never seemed to recover. The Creek defense in excellent field position and Johnny Perry's pass-blocking sophomore speedster Sylvester Henry gave the Wildcats their first blood. Mike Johnson split the posts for the touchdown after.

After it sat for a while, the exultant Wildcats suddenly came up and the Gators deflated, but holding their breath. Then Johnny Perry called a quarterback option around the end. The neophyte Creek quarterback clicked, stopping the Dickinson line. Perry turned corner, saw daylight, and the fact that the daylight behind the Dickinson secondary didn't faze him in the contest - he simply outran the line for sixty yards down the sideline. Mike Johnson made another point on the board, and the score was 14-0.

At this point jarring Clear Creek line began to force the ball from the Dickinson backfield. The Gators lost four out of the five fumbles in the second half, and these were crucial. One of these was grabbed by Mike Bolden to set up a Clear Creek touchdown. Raymond Mosley stomped over the line fifteen yards out. After the touchdown came in for the point, the score was 21-0.

It was the quarter that the Clear Creek defense came out of its shell and hurt some. Aware that they had a chance of improving to do after their La Porte game two weeks ago, the defense worked extremely well all week. The result was that the middle of the defense turned to stone. Sophomore body Medford, starting his second varsity game, performed well against Robert Nowicz, the highly-touted Dickinson entry in the player race. Outweighed by 30 pounds, Medford was able to dig out and stop runners trying to break through his hole; only one I guess. Medford weighed 190 pounds himself, and makes a convincing argument for any hole.

Clear Creek quarterbacks were active all night, and weight to the idea that they have two first-team quarterbacks, not just one. Mike Johnson teamed up with Rowe, the rangy end who ran forty yards down-

## How The Gator Reporter Saw It

By JOE LEENEY

LEAGUE CITY—The Clear Creek Wildcats rolled to their second consecutive victory over 12-AAA competition here last Friday night by scoring 21 points in the second quarter and defeating Dickinson, 28-7, before 7000 fans in Wildcat Stadium.

Last week the Creek bopped La Porte, 35-8, in its season opener, and now the Gators' season mark is 1-1.

Dickinson played without the services of starting tailback Bobby Pawlik who was injured in practice during the week. In Dickinson's 12-7 win over Angleton, Pawlik led the Gators with 131 yards on 19 carries.

Carl Woods started for Pawlik in the first half, gaining 33 yards on 11 carries in the initial 24 minutes. In the latter stages of the 3rd period, Joey Altemore replaced Woods and Altemore ended the night as Dickinson's leading rusher with 74 yards on 6 carries that included a 57-yard touchdown run.

Altemore's run prevented a shut-out as the Wildcats' had racked up 28 points prior to his fourth quarter tally.

Each team moved the ball into the other's territory in the initial stanza. Dickinson moved from its own 40-yard stripe to the CC 33 on runs by Woods, while the Creek drove as far as the Gator 36 on the rushes of Clint Mosely who was the game's leading rusher with 95 yards on 24 carries.

Early in the second quarter Dickinson quarterback Raymond Young attempted to fire deep to end Lewis Little. The pass was well away from Little and right into the arms of Wildcat James Goodson who returned the ball from the Gator 48 to the Dickinson 25.

Clear Creek quarterback Johnny Perry wasted little time at that point and passed to wingback Sylvester Henry over the middle at the 21, and Henry scooted into the end zone. Mike Johnson then added the first of 4 successful conversion kicks with 11:25 showing in the second period.

Minutes later the Creek took over on its own 39 following a punt by Bobby Thompson. Two carries by Mosely netted 6 yards, and then Perry skirted his right end and raced 55 yards for the Wildcat's second score with 8:15 left in the half. Johnson again booted the PAT.

Dickinson fullback Edward Shavers returned the kick-off from his 8 to the 34 and fumbled at that point. Henry recovered, but the Wildcats gained nothing on 3 plays and punted into the end zone.

Shavers got the call on the next play and again fumbled. This time Mike Bolden fell on the ball on the Gator 25. Mosely gained 9 to the Gator 16 and then roamed the final 16 yards around right end for the tally. Johnson's PAT made the count 21-0 with 6:40 still remaining in the first half.

With a couple of minutes left in the half, the Wildcats had the ball again at mid-field, but Gator line-backer Dennis Cooke picked off a Perry pass and returned it 5 yards to the Gator 45.

Chuck Bulot had replaced Shavers at the fullback spot, and Young fired to Bulot for

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for the next Creek score. made a nice grab, John- a nice kick, and the Creek rters were whooping at lead.

was the quarter that nson almost scored a down too. The hard run- of Chuck Bulot took him into the Wildcat secon- and only the deadly pur- of the Cats saved them. Allen's desperation to partially dam the , and excellent pass de- by John Milby, Obbie and Larry Medford fin- quashed it.

the kickoff squad was par- ticularly important in this , due to it, the Gators ly were in rotten field tion. Obbie Flinn was a standout on the KO - he operates at two

speeds: off and on. When he hit someone on a kickoff, the player usually stayed hit.

In the fourth quarter, the long gainer finally worked for Dickinson. Joey Altemore turned on some speed that was unexpected, and loused up the Cat's pursuit. The result: 63 yards and a TD. Leonard Bar- ajaz made it 28-7.

That's where it stayed, de- spite a blocked Dickinson pass that was intercepted by tackle Craig Cherry and run back 25 yards.

### STATISTICS

	CC	D
First downs	15	10
Rushing yardage	245	184
Passing yardage	85	39
Passes	4/12	7/14
Punt avg.	32 yds	36 yd
Fumbles lost	0	3
Penalties	10 yds	35 yd

Shelton Selects

Best Offensive Lineman-

Bart Goforth.

As usual, he made the man playing across from him very unhappy.

Best Defensive Lineman- Jody Medford.

this guy has improved vast- ly over what he was in the La Porte game. Then he was just mean. Now he's danger- ous.

Best Offensive Back-Johnny Perry.

His deadly passing arm and ability to outrun a jackrabbit were critical in this game..

Best Defensive Back-Jack Allen and James Goodson.

No reason I can't split the award this week-Allen was perhaps the better player this time, but Goodson's antipass work was too good to ignore, and his first interception is where it all began.

A special Award this week will go to Mike Johnson, the

kicking specialist. His dev- estating punts were always putting the Gators in their own territory, and his defen- sive work and punt returns put him in a class by him- self.