

Roughnecks Drill Gators

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DICKINSON — Fans who came to Gator Stadium last Friday night to view the Dickinson-West Columbia football game got more than their money's worth as they saw a football contest and pseudo-track meet with Roughneck halfback Charles Davis being the main attraction in both by racing West Columbia past the Gators, 26-12.

The homecoming crowd of close to 5900 watched Davis roll up an amazing total of 254 yards on 23 carries that included touchdown runs 9, 55, and 16 yards. Davis also had

gainers of 60, 20, 15, 31, and 25 yards during the evening as the 170-pound junior speedster totaled 154 yards on 13 trips in the first half and 100 yards on 10 carries in the second.

Coach Bill Ford's Gators played on nearly even terms with the visitors throughout the first half and trailed at intermission by a 13-12 count.

The final 24 minutes was a different story. West Columbia held the Gators to only 2 first downs, 26 yards rushing, and 10 yards passing, while they racked up 9 first downs

and 189 yards on the ground.

Playing in his first game since the season opener, Gator tailback Bobby Pawlik was the Dickinson workhorse, totting the pig-skin 26 times for 78 yards.

A fumble recovery and a blocked punt set up a pair of Roughneck scores that could be placed in the "cheap" category in the first and 3rd quarters.

The fumble was on the opening kick-off. Pawlik had returned the ball to the Gator 17, was hit, fumbled, and four plays later Davis tallied his first TD of the night from the 9. Steve LeBlanc kicked the PAT with 10:42 to go in the first stanza.

Dickinson came roaring back to notch its first score on the next drive.

Marcus Martinez returned the kick-off 32 yards to the Dickinson 37. Getting the call on 5 straight plays, Pawlik netted 21 yards to the Roughneck.

It was then fullback Edward Shavers turn and he rambled for 14 yards on two carries. A penalty moved the ball to the WC 14. Two rushes by Pawlik put it on the 10.

Shavers gained seven, two, and then the final yard for the score over the backs of Tommy Cooper and Tommy God-

ard. With 6:02 left, Leonard Barajaz boot for the extra point was wide.

Following a short field goal attempt, the Gators took over on their own 20 late in the first period. With passes of 10 yards to fullback Chuck Bulot and 13 yards to wingback Dennis Cooke by quarterback Raymond Young sparking the drive, Dickinson marched to the WC 16 in 11 plays.

Young scooted up the middle with 11:08 remaining in the first half to give Dickinson a 12-7 lead. A fake PAT boot went for naught as Ted Roeser fired incomplete to Lewis Little.

The Roughnecks ran 3 plays. Gator defensive back John Palmer recovered a fumble on the WC 33. Three plays later a Young pass was picked off on the WC 10 to halt that Dickinson effort and start a 90 yard march that found Davis going the final 55 yards for the go-ahead touchdown.

The pass for points failed and the Roughnecks took a 13-12 lead into the dressing room at the half.

West Columbia fumbled the second half kick-off and once again the Gators had excellent field position on the WC 23. Three plays netted a minus four yards and a 45-yard field goal attempt by Barajaz fell short.

Mid-way in the third quarter, Bubba Autry blocked a Bobby Thompson punt on the Gator 27. Big fullback Charles Johnson chugged 27 yards on the first play for the TD. The pass for points failed.

Late in the third period, the Gators picked up their only 2 first downs of the second half by marching from their own 12 to the 47 on runs by Pawlik and a 14-yard pass from Young to Little.

Thompson punted at that point to the Columbia 18 on the second play of the 4th stanza, a period that belonged to the Roughnecks who ran a total of 25 plays compared to only 10 for the Gators.

West Columbia drove 82 yards for the final tally of the contest with Davis romping the last 16 yards for the score. LeBlanc booted the PAT with 7:33 remaining in the contest.

The Roughnecks kept their perfect mark, moved it to 4-0, and maintained their state-ranking, while the Gators' record dipped to 1-3.