

Gators Face Unbeaten Alvin In 12-AAA Opener Tonight

DICKINSON — Faced with what Coach Bill Ford considers the toughest opener in school history, Dickinson kicks - off the play - for - keeps in District 12 - AAA football race Friday night.

The battle - scarred Gators, youthful and unpredictable, play the district choice Alvin High Yellow Jackets here at 7:30 p.m.

"I figure that this, by far, is the toughest opener we've faced in many seasons," said Ford. "Of course, they're all important but this first encounter for keeps is tremendously important regardless of what we do in other games."

Alvin has 11 returning lettermen from the team which frightened many foes in the

district last year and the Yellow Jackets followers are talking about the possibility of making the start playoffs.

As for the Gators, the team has been placed on the contenders' list. The special prize is center - linebacker Robert Gerasimowicz (6-2, 226) a lineman of tremendous ability. End Lewis Little and tackle Tommy Godard are also dandies.

Quarterback Raymond Young and HB Bobby Pawlik are combat - tested backs and they'll compete against the passing and running combination of Alvin's QB Gary Keithley to SPE Robert Cain along with power runners David Adams and fullback Tommy Wollam.

The biggest problem for the Gators on Friday night will be finding a way to keep Keithley bottled up and this will stop the smooth - running offensive machine of the Yellow Jackets.

Keithley was all - district in 1966-67 and a collector of 1,324 yards in total offense a year ago and HB David Adams a '67 all - league choice gained 1,137 total offense.

Ford's fighting Gators are the underdog here Friday night but their all-out determination could mean a lot in this contest.

Dickinson offensive starters: ends Lewis Little and Al Moffett; tackles Clarence Hall and Tommy Godard; guards Allen Welch and Leonard Barajas; center Robert Gerasimowicz; quarterback Raymond Young; fullback Joe Altmore; tailback Bobby Pawlik and running back Dennis Cooke.

Alvin offensive lineup: ends Robert Cain and Randy Houk; tackles Steve Limpkin and Larry Peterson; guards David Perez and Kevin Cooper; center Lonnie Nesreta; quarterback Gary Keithley; halfbacks David Adams and Charlie Goodson; fullback Tommy Wollam.