

DICKINSON — This Friday night is the big night. When the Dickinson Gators take on the Alvin Yellowjackets at 7:30 p.m. in Dickinson, it will be the "Ger" versus "Gary" night in what looms as a great individual battle and the contest could easily be tabbed as a battle for the District 12-AAA title as Dickinson and Alvin were the pre-season favorites to take all the marbles.

"Ger" is Dickinson's fine line-backer Robert Gerasimowicz who is a 2-year senior letterman, stands 6'2", and weighs 220 pounds. "Gary" is Alvin's quarterback Gary Keithley who has similar credentials to Gerasimowicz except that Keithley has guided Alvin to a 4-0 record and state rankings in AAA this year.

Despite the Gators' 1-3 mark, Gerasimowicz has been having a fine year, totaling 63 tackles in the four contests. "Ger" was also one of key figures in last year's 23-0 win over Alvin in which the Gators held the Yellowjackets to minus 14 yards on the ground.

But that was last year, and the Gators will have to regroup in order to recover from their current losing streak that was extended to three games last week by a 26-12 defeat by West Columbia.

"Ger" led the Dickinson defense in that contest with 19 tackles. Defensive end Mike Mills also made some touchdown saving stops during the night and ended the evening with 13 tackles. Sophomore Randy Battistoni had his finest game of the season with 10 tackles.

Tackle Tommy Godard, end Mark Lussier, and linebacker Dennis Cooke followed with 8 tackles each, while tackle Ronald Thomas was next with 6.

The starting Dickinson offense: Ends Lewis Little (185) and Al Moffett (180) tackles Tommy Godard (190) and Clarence Hall (189); guards Allen Welch (165) and Tommy Cooper (175); center Robert Gerasimowicz (220); quarterback Raymond Young (155); tailback Bobby Pawlik (165); fullback Edward Shavers (205); and wingback Dennis Cooke (155).

The starting Dickinson defense: Ends Mike Mills (170) and Mark Lussier (175); tackles Ronald Thomas (185) and Godard (190); linebackers Welch, Cooke, and Gerasimowicz; halfbacks Marcus Martinez (150) and John Palmer (150); and safeties Ted Roeser (165) and Bobby Thompson (172).