

Gators Win 5th, Finish 2nd

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LA PORTE— Winning their 6th straight game in a row, coach Bill Ford's Dickinson Gators captured 2nd place in the District 12-AAA race by closing out their 1968 grid-iron season with a 7-0 victory over La Porte here Friday.

Alvin finished with a 6-0 loop mark, while the Gators trailed with a 5-1 record and La Marque Lincoln had a 4-2 mark after losing to Alvin last week, 43-14.

Eighteen Dickinson seniors played their last Varsity football game, a contest that found 65 yards in penalties playing havoc with the Gator offense, while the Gator defense held the Bulldogs outside the Dickinson 20-yard stripe all evening.

Senior running back Bobby Pawlik paced the Dickinson rushes with 96 yards on 23 trips to give him a 10-game total of 725 yards on 143 carries for a 5.1 average.

Quarterback Raymond Young did not have one of his better nights throwing the ball, having a pair of interceptions going with his 5 of 13 performance. Young did toss for the only TD of the night and threw for 74 yards to end the season with 10 touchdown passes and 1098 yards on 69 completions in 140 attempts.

Split end Lewis Little ended his tremendous receiving career with three grabs for 52 yards to up his total to 34 receptions and 538 yards. That easily smashes Leroy Mason's 1967 record of 33 catches for

423 yards.

Over the past 3 year period, Little has caught 61 passes for 1014 yards and 12 touchdowns. Young's two-year throwing figures show him completing 117 passes 269 attempts for 1769 yards and 19 touchdowns.

Holding the Bulldogs to only 9 first downs, the rugged Gator defensive unit was headed up by sophomore defensive end Randy Battistoni with 12 tackles. Mark Lussier was in on 9, while Allan Welch and Mike Mills had seven each. Tommy Godard had 2 fumble recoveries and Robert Gerasimowicz intercepted one pass.

The first half was a battle of the defenses and the penalty flags, coupled with Pawlik's 10 carries for 61 yards to knot

things at 0-0 at half-time.

As listless as the first half of action was, the second half started off with a bang as Gator halfback Carl Woods took the second half kick-off on his own 8-yard line and returned it 75 yards to the La Porte 17.

Young sneaked for 4 yards to the 13 and then rifled a jump pass to tight end Al Moffett over the middle for the lone touchdown of the evening. Mark Lussier booted the PAT and with 11:09 left in the third quarter the scoring ended at 7-0.

Mid-way in the third quarter, linebacker Gerasimowicz picked off a pass near midfield and a 15-yard penalty put the ball on the LP 27. Two penalty flags later, Young completed a 16-yarder to Little