

# Gators Ranked Favorites To Defeat Alvin Jackets

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ALVIN — If what has happened to the Dickinson Gators is just a dream, please don't awake Bill Ford for at least three more weeks.

Ford's Gators, who at this

time last year were wallowing in the District 12-AAA cellar, sit alone on top of the heap as Dickinson prepares to square-off with Alvin here Friday at 7:30 p.m.

The Gators whipped La Porte

and tied Deer Park in their first two league tilts but a 4-2 edge in penetrations over the Deer leaves them leading the loop.

"We can't let down now," said Ford. "There are no weak teams in this district. Anyone is capable of beating anyone else on any given night."

Ford pointed to Alvin as an example.

"They beat the only team that has beaten us (Dulles)," he said. "They also lost to Deer Park by a mere 15-7."

Clear Creek blanked Alvin 21-0 last week but there was every indication the Yellow Jackets were "down" after the Deer Park tussle.

The Gators, boasting a gaudy 5-1-1 record, are keyed on offense by the remarkable Sonny Heckendorn and fullback John Lee.

Heckendorn, an all-state candidate, has averaged 6.7 yards per carry this year. This despite the fact that every defense has keyed on the youngster.

Lee gives Dickinson a good inside threat to go along with Heckendorn's outside running.

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The Lineups:  
DICKINSON — Ends Jimmy Stewart (180) and Darryl Barbo (165); Tackles Robert Hudson (200) and John Griggs (205); Guards Ronnie Dennard (185) and Buddy Monroe (190); Center George Broussard (185); Quarterback David Ford (160); Halfbacks Sonny Heckendorn (170) and Mike Robinson (175); Fullback John Lee (175).

ALVIN — Ends Edward Laby (170) and Jimmy Williams (175); Tackles Jim Wigginton (170) and Hebert Sonnen (180); Guards Larry Hatcher (172) and Benny Briggs (150); Center Robert Allen (180); Quarterback Dan Methvin (145) or Jimmy Waters (140); Halfbacks Jerry Kerr (145) and Don Schulz (150); Fullback Jerry Bar (170).