

The Lakeview Gators and Lady Gators picked a pair of hard-fought wins Friday night on the road against Mansfield in district 3-2A action with the Lady Gators winning 35-29 and the Gators in overtime, 69-57.

The Lady Gators (17-2, 3-0 in 3-2A) trailed at halftime 21-19 before holding Mansfield (12-8, 2-1 in 3-2A) to just eight points in the second half. Lakeview's offense sputtered much of the way with just 10 field goals for the game, but they converted 16 times at the free throw line. Tee Washington was the only player in double figures for the Lady Gators with 11 points. However, the Lady Gators' defense was lights out in the second half with only just two field goals in the final 24 minutes.

The Gators (18-4, 3-0 in 3-2A), ranked number 1 in the Division IV non-select power rankings, were in a battle from the opening tip. Lakeview found themselves in a modest, 14-10 hole at the end of the first quarter, but trailed by nine points, 33-24 at halftime. The Gators trailed 47-40 entering the fourth quarter but their defense helped them back into the game holding Mansfield (6-14, 2-1 in 3-2A) to just two field goals to help send the game to overtime tied at 56-56.

In the extra frame, it was all Lakeview outscoring the Wolverines 11-1. Senior Andre Sowell scored seven points in overtime while Alonzo Driver scored the other four to lead the Gators to the win.

Lakeview was led by Dareon Joseph with 20 points while Sowell finished with 18 and Driver added 17.

Next up, the Gators and Lady Gators will be back at home Saturday to face Many in a makeup game from Tuesday which was postponed due to the ice storm. The Lady Gators are slated to tip off at 3 p.m. with the boys' game to follow at approximately 4:20 p.m.