

Lakeview's season ends with loss to Mangham in first round of football playoffs

MANGHAM, La. – The 27th-ranked Lakeview Gators' football team lost to the sixth-ranked Mangham Dragons Thursday night, 54-14, in the first round of the LHSAA Division IV Non-Select Playoffs.

Lakeview (3-8) trailed 16-0 late in the first quarter but scored on a 5-yard touchdown run by Omarion Pier set up by a 55-yard pass from Lamarion Rushing. However, the Dragons scored 32 unanswered points to take a 48-6 halftime advantage leading to running clock in the second half.

The Gators had some bright spots this season as the Gators won three in row early in the season under first year head coach Andy Boone. The Gators also had two 1400-yard rushers in Omarion Pier and Caleb Collins.

Mangham (6-4) has won five in a row now as they advance to the second round to face either 11th-ranked Oberlin or 22nd-ranked Centerville.

Lakeview will now await the official district realignment for next year which is tentatively set to have the Gators move to Class 1A. The district would be St. Mary's, Lakeview, LaSalle, Logansport, Ringgold, Northwood-Lena and Montgomery in district 3-1A beginning in August 2024.