

The fifth-ranked Lakeview Lady Gators advanced to the quarterfinals of the Division IV non-select basketball playoffs for the second straight year as they crushed 12th-ranked Merryville, 59-29, Monday in the second round at home.

The Lady Gators (25-3) used a 26-0 run to open a 33-4 lead in the first half. Junior Timberlyn Washington scored 18 of her game-high 29 points in the first half as the Lady Gators led 43-10 at halftime. Merryville (19-14) was led by Avery Coumeyer with 13 points.

Lakeview will take on fourth-ranked LaSalle (26-2) in the quarterfinals Thursday night on the road. LaSalle defeated 13th-ranked Pickering, 58-43, to earn a spot in Thursday's matchup.