

The fifth-ranked Lakeview Lady Gators host the 12<sup>th</sup>-ranked Merryville Lady Panthers Monday night at 6 p.m. in the second round of the Division IV non-select girls' basketball playoffs.

The Lady Gators (24-3) defeated 28<sup>th</sup>-ranked West St. John (9-22) in the first round, 51-6, last Thursday. Lakeview held WSJ to just two field goals as they got out to a 39-3 lead at halftime. LHS was led by Timberlyn Washington with 15 points while Amiya Marshall had 10 as Lakeview cruised into Monday's second round.

The Lady Panthers (19-13) were dominant in their first-round game as well beating 21<sup>st</sup>-ranked Franklin, 60-15. With the win, Merryville advanced to the second round of the playoffs for the third straight year. The Lady Panthers advanced to the 1A semifinals in 2022 before falling to top-ranked Northwood-Lena.

Fans can follow Monday's game on 97.5 KDBH locally or by following the Inside Natchitoches Sports Facebook page.