

Lakeview Kicks Off Season Friday at D'Arbonne Woods

The Lakeview Gators football team kicks off the 2023 season Friday night on the road when it faces D'Arbonne Woods High School in Farmerville, Louisiana at 7 p.m.

The Gators, under first-year head coach Andy Boone, faced St. Mary's in the jamboree last week falling 42-20. Despite the loss, Lakeview was led by Armanion Pierre rushing for 180 yards and three touchdowns. Pierre broke from for 55- and 49-yard touchdown runs and added a 5-yard scamper against SMH.

LHS will look to avenge last season's Week 1 loss to D'Arbonne Woods, 17-6, when they take the field Friday. DWHS is a 2A school out of District 1 that finished the 2022 season 6-5.

The intrigue for the Gators entering the season is the strategy of Boone. The Lakeview skipper will not punt the football and will onside kick every time as displayed against St. Mary's last week.

"The numbers simply don't add up to punt it," said Boone, a state runner-up and semifinalist head coach for Avoyelles in 2A each of the past two seasons. "I'll continue to take my chances based on the longevity of it."

Fans can follow the Gators' opener on the radio with the play-by-play on 97.5 KDBH. Live Updates will also be available at the [Inside Natchitoches Sports facebook page](#).