

### **High School Basketball Update – As of Monday, Dec. 22**

The Natchitoches Central boys (8-2) enter the week ranked ninth in Division I non-select as they have a showdown Monday at Red River. The Chiefs have won three straight games with wins over Menard 74-21, Winnfield 85-48 and Pleasant Hill 82-72 following a 75-56 loss to Marksville.

The Natchitoches Lady Chiefs (12-4) are coming off three straight losses to Bell City, Hathaway and Iowa in the Iowa Tournament this past weekend. The Lady Chiefs entered the week ranked seventh in Division I non-select. The Lady Chiefs won't play again until Thursday, Jan. 9 at Peabody at 6 p.m.

The Lakeview Gators (13-1) are as hot as anyone in the state right now riding a 13-game winning streak into Tuesday's matchup at ASH (9-1). The Gators dropped the season opener to Green Oaks 57-52 and have been perfect since as they are ranked number three in Division IV non-select.

The Lakeview Lady Gators (2-10) continue their rebuilding process under first-year head coach Kendrick Golatt after winning the state championship last season. The Gators have wins over Green Oaks and Montgomery and will try for their third win Tuesday in the first game of the doubleheader at ASH.

The St. Mary's Tigers (0-7) eye their first win when they return to action Monday, Dec. 29 in the St. Mary's Tournament. The Tigers will play South Beauregard Monday at 7:30 p.m. before taking on Many Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

The St. Mary's Lady Tigers (2-9) will play again Monday, Dec. 29 in the SMS Tournament. The Lady Tigers will face North DeSoto Monday at 6:15 p.m. before playing Many Tuesday at 4:15 p.m. The Lady Tigers have wins this year over Bolton Academy and Georgetown.