

The St. Mary's Tigers and Lady Tigers split a doubleheader Tuesday at Northwood-Lena with the Tigers winning big 48-16 and the Lady Tigers falling 46-37.

The Lady Tigers (10-14, 1-2 3-1A) hung tough with the homestanding Lady Gators (12-10, 4-0 in 3-1A) as SMH trailed 24-21 at the half. NHS, the reigning Division IV Select state champions, began to pull away as they took a 33-25 lead into the fourth quarter. The Lady Gators continued to pull away as they led by as many as 13 points in the fourth quarter, 39-26, on their way to the win over the Lady Tigers.

The Tigers (17-6, 3-0 3-1A) were dominant defensively as they held Northwood-Lena (10-12, 1-3 in 3-1A) to just three points in the first half on one field goal as SMH led 18-3 at halftime. The Tigers continued to suffocate the Gators as they led 35-10 at the end of the third quarter as SMH picked up the win. The Tigers were led by Ayden Warren with 24 points while Mixon Bankston and Ben Bienvenu each had nine points. Bienvenu added 12 rebounds while Bankston had six steals. The Tigers held the Gators to just four field goals for the game as SMH won their ninth game in their last 10.

Next up, the Tigers and Lady Tigers will face LaSalle Thursday night on the road beginning at 6 p.m. with the girls' game.