

Gators get gem from Ritchie in shutout win

NATCHITOCHES. La. - The Lakeview Gators shut out the Southwood Cowboys, 9-0, Thursday afternoon at PARC Natchitoches in non-district baseball action.

The Gators (1-1) cashed in on six errors by the Cowboys' defense as they scored two runs in the first inning, three in the third, three in the fourth and one in the sixth.

Tyler Ritchie had two hits and two RBIs for the Gators while Gavin Spears and Loden Riddle each had a hit.

The Cowboys (0-1) managed just two hits as Ritchie struck out 13 batters and allowed just two hits in 6 2/3 innings pitched. The win was the first of the career of Lakeview head baseball coach Weston Noe.

"I saw a lot of growth from the guys this week," said Noe. "Tyler did a great job on the mound and our bats were much better finding the barrel. But games are on the mound and tonight the pitcher performed very well."

Next up, the Gators will play Bossier Saturday at home at 12 p.m.