

**Gators surge past Haughton, Lady Gators slip to Haughton**

CAMPTI, La. - The Lakeview Gators and Lady Gators basketball teams split the season-opening double-header with Haughton Monday night at home with the Gators winning, 70-59, and the Lady Gators falling 49-39.

In the first game, the Lady Gators fell behind 24-15 in the first half before storming back on a 16-1 run between the end of the second quarter and early third quarter to take a 31-25 lead. However, Haughton responded with a 16-1 run over their own to retake a nine-point lead as the Lady Gators went eight minutes without a field goal. Lakeview was unable to close the gap to less than seven in the final 5:30 of the game as Haughton picked up the win.

The Lady Gators were led by Amiya Marshall with 13 points while Janiya Armstrong added 12 and Timberlynn Washington chipped in with 10. Haughton was led by Skylar Branch with 13 points.

In the second half of the double-header, the Gators battled past the Buccaneers as four players scored in double figures led by Alonzo Driver and Jamarcus Reliford with 16 points each. Andrew Sowell added 14 points with three three-pointers while Taylon Phillips had 11 points.

The Gators improved to 111-10 at home during the nine-plus year tenure of head coach Brian Williams.

Next up, the Lady Gators and Gators will play in the Saline Tournament Thursday.