



**Burton Coliseum – Lake Charles, Louisiana**

**Division IV non-select semifinals:**

**(1) Lakeview Gators (26-6) vs. (4) Pickering Red Devils (24-9) - Tuesday – 8 p.m.**

Lakeview advanced to the semifinals for the sixth time since 2014 and the fifth time under head coach Brian Williams as they defeated (8) Welch, 63-52, in the quarterfinals. The Gators also beat 16<sup>th</sup>-ranked Ferriday, 78-72, in the second round while receiving a first-round bye. Pickering also received a bye in the first round before beating 13<sup>th</sup>-ranked Lake Arthur 76-63 in the second round and 12<sup>th</sup>-ranked East Iberville in the quarterfinals, 50-43. The Red Devils will enter Tuesday's semifinal against the Gators as winners of 10 of their last 12.

**Division I non-select semifinals:**

**(5) NCHS Chiefs (28-7) vs. (8) Ruston Bearkats (20-9) - Thursday – 6:15 p.m. -**

NCHS advanced to their seventh semifinals in the last 12 years with a win over fourth-ranked Denham Springs Friday night on the road, 72-58. The Chiefs defeated (28) Fontainebleau, 49-47, at home in the first round and (21) West Monroe 58-48 at home in the second. NCHS's last trip to the Top 28 saw them lose in the finals to Zachary, 63-57, back on March 13, 2021, at Burton Coliseum.

The Bearkats defeated 25<sup>th</sup>-ranked Barbe 62-34 in the first round, ninth-ranked H.L. Bourgeois 71-45 in the second round and won on the road against top-ranked Zachary, 62-55, in the quarterfinals to advance to the semifinals. Ruston opened the season 3-7 in their first 10 games but have won 17 of their last 19 heading into Thursday's matchup with the Chiefs.