



Lakeview drops district opener to Winnfield

WINNFIELD, La. – The Lakeview Gators football team dropped its district 3-2A opener Friday night against Winnfield on the road by a score of 30-14 in game marred by injuries.

Lakeview (3-3, 0-1 in district 3-2A) had its share of bad luck Friday as leading rusher Caleb Collins went down with a mouth injury on the Gators' first offensive possession of the game. With LHS trying to finish off a 78-yard drive inside the Winnfield 5-yard line.

Collins collided with a Winnfield defender who ended up with severe leg injury on the play while Collins reportedly lost two teeth. The game was delayed over 20 minutes to get both players off the field.

When play resumed, the Gators finished off the drive on a 4-yard touchdown run by Omarion Pier and converted a 2-point conversion to make it 8-0 Gators. However, Winnfield (2-4, 1-1 in district 3-2A) scored 24 unanswered points to take a 24-8 halftime lead.

The Gators kept fighting as quarterback Lamarian Rushing scored on a 15-yard touchdown run to cut it to 24-14. Unfortunately, Rushing was also a victim of the injury big Friday as he too left the game with an apparent head injury early in the fourth quarter.

The Tigers tacked on another touchdown just before Rushing's injury, but the Gators' offense was decimated with the losses of both Collins and Rushing for the final 12 minutes of the game.

The Gators were led by Rushing with 81 yards and a touchdown while Pier added 79 rushing yards and a touchdown. Winnfield finished with 327 yards of total offense to 227 for Lakeview. LHS dominated the time of possession 31:03 to 16:57 and ran 50 plays to 26 for Winnfield.

Next up, Lakeview is back on the road in district action against Red River (1-5, 1-0 district 3-2A) Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. Red River defeated Jonesboro-Hodge 32-8 Friday night in their district opener.

Fans can tune into next week's game by listening live at 97.5 KDBH locally. A live video broadcast will be available at the Inside Natchitoches Sports Facebook page.