

Lady Gators split two games at final day of Battle on the Lake Tournament

LAKE CHARLES, La. - The Lakeview Lady Gators split two games at the Battle on the Lake Tournament in Lake Charles as they surged past Iowa, 49-42, in the semifinals before falling in the championship game to Wossman, 53-17.

The Lady Gators (8-3) rallied for the win over Iowa (6-2) as they trailed 38-34 entering the fourth quarter. However, Lakeview outscored IHS, 15-4, in the final quarter to secure the win. Da'Zya Johnson led the way for LHS with 17 points while Timberlyn Washington had 13 to help lead the Lady Gators to the title game.

In the championship game, the Lady Gators matched up with reigning Division II non-select state champions, Wossman Lady Wildcats (9-1), who suffocated the Lady Gators.

Despite the loss, the Lady Gators picked up some invaluable experience and power points. Lakeview defeated Hamilton Christian (2-4) who was in the Division IV select semifinals last year. They also defeated Huntington, a Division I non-select semifinalist and Iowa, a Division II non-select semifinalist.

Next up, the Lady Gators will face the reigning Division I select state champions, the Parkway Lady Panthers (9-1), Tuesday night on the road at 6 p.m. Wossman handed Parkway their only loss of the season Saturday in the semifinals, 41-31.