



### **MISSION COMPLETE! Lady Gators win 2025 Division IV State Title**

**HAMMOND, La.** - The Lakeview Lady Gators won the girls' basketball state championship for the first time in school history Friday afternoon as they defeated the reigning state champion Arcadia Lady Hornets, 38-34, in the Division IV non-select title game at the University Center in Hammond.

The Lady Gators (30-4) finished the season on a 22-game winning streak led by sixth-year head coach DeWaskie Fuller as they dethroned the Lady Hornets (30-5).

Lakeview jumped out to an early 8-2 lead and never trailed at any point of the contest taking a 20-10 lead to halftime.

Despite not trailing, it was anything but easy as the Lady Hornets cut to 33-28 with under two minutes to go. But senior Timberlyn Washington knocked down four free throws in the final minute to hold off the Lady Hornets as Lakeview finished off their storybook season with a state championship.

"When the buzzer hit, it hit me that we did what we said we were going to do," said Washington. "So when the buzzer went off, we had tears and laughter, an amazing feeling."

Washington led the way with 13 points while Da'Zya Johnson had 10 points and eight rebounds as she was named the Division IV non-select Tournament MVP. Amiya Marshall added seven points while Jamiyah Logan and Nahaje Davis both had four.

"All we kept saying was four more quarter," said Johnson. "I had been through a lot with my knee injury. So to get it done this year with this group was special."

As for Fuller, his journey from taking over a team that won one game the season prior to a ring has completed.

“The best way to put it is, too much is given, too much is required,” said Fuller. “When you start from the bottom, you have to learn how to win. You have to teach certain aspects of the game that they don’t know. And then to get beat by Arcadia the way we did last year, this was special.”

The Lady Gators shot 13-for-39 from the field while Arcadia was 13-for-38. Arcadia won the rebounding battle 28-27 but the Lady Gators had just 10 turnovers to 14 for the Lady Hornets.

While the Lakeview careers of the Johnson, Washington, Davis, Logan and Marshall have come to an end, the five of them will leave a legacy that the hallways of Lakeview won’t soon forget. The one and only girls’ basketball state champions in school history, the 2024-25 Lakeview Lady Gators.