

Lady Gators advance to State Title Game with 48-44 win over Midland

HAMMOND, La. - The top-ranked Lakeview Lady Gators held off the fifth-ranked Midland Lady Rebels, 48-44, Monday afternoon in the girls' basketball Top 28 Division IV non-select semifinals at the University Center in Hammond.

The Lady Gators (29-4) jumped out to a 24-11 halftime lead as senior Timberlyn Washington scored 14 first-half points.

In the second half, the Lady Rebels (24-12) stormed back with a 19-11 run to cut the Lakeview lead to 35-30 at the end of the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, Washington helped the Lady Gators move back out to a 10-point lead 46-36 with three minutes to go. The Lady Gators didn't score again until a layup by Da'zya Johnson with under a minute go to make it 48-41 as they held on for their 21st straight win to advance to Friday's title game.

Washington led the way with 23 points as she scored nine in the final 10 minutes of the game.

Next up, just one final hurdle remains for the Lady Gators as they will play in the Division IV non-select state championship game Friday at 4 p.m. against the winner of the second-ranked Arcadia and third-ranked White Castle.