

Lady Chiefs, Lady Tigers to host playoff games.

The LHSAA released the 2024 softball playoff brackets Wednesday morning with the Natchitoches Central Lady Chiefs and St. Mary's Lady Tigers both earning home playoff games.

The district 1-5A champion Lady Chiefs (18-12) are the 11th seed and will face off against the 22nd-ranked Neville Lady Tigers (17-10) Friday at 5:30 p.m. at NCHS. The Lady Chiefs defeated the Lady Tigers, 8-1, back on March 23 at Ward 10 in Tioga. Syndey Terrell pitched a complete game for the Lady Chiefs allowing just one earned run and seven hits while striking out 10 and also collected three hits and two RBIs at the plate.

St. Mary's (15-11) enters as the seventh seed in Division IV non-select which earned them a bye in the first round. SMH will play the winner of 10th-ranked Central Private (16-2) and 23rd-ranked Hanson Memorial (6-15) next week in the second round at a time to be determined.