



### **Natchitoches Central High School Football Week 2 Preview**

**Opelousas Tigers (0-1) at NCHS Chiefs (1-0)**

**Friday, Sept. 8, 2023 | 7 p.m. CT | Natchitoches, La. | Turpin Stadium**

**Last Meetings:** Opelousas 27, NCHS 7 (at Opelousas – 9/9/22)

**Live Audio:** 107.1 KWLTV

**NATCHITOCHES, La.** – The Natchitoches Central Chiefs will open the home portion of the 2023 football schedule Friday night under first year head coach Jess Curtis when they take on the Opelousas Tigers at 7 p.m. in Turpin Stadium.

The Chiefs (1-0) are coming off a 39-28 win on the road in Week 1 over Woodlawn-Shreveport last Friday. NCHS got a pair of touchdowns from wide receiver Cam Davis and running back Zion Thompson. While sophomore quarterback Owen Smith had two rushing touchdowns and threw two touchdowns to Davis.

“It was good to get a win,” said Curtis. “But it was still too much of a roller coaster for my taking. The offense was slow in the first half while the defense played well. Then in the second half we flipped it with the offense playing well and the defense didn’t. It was too much of an up and down for us and we need to be more consistent. We’ve just got to get better quick.”

The Tigers (0-1) are looking to bounce back from a season opening loss to Teurlings Catholic, 34-16. However, Opelousas is eyeing a repeat from Week 2 last season as it defeated the Chiefs 27-7 at home. The Tigers finished the 2022 season 10-4 and ranked third in Division II non-select.

“It’s going to be a great test for us Friday night,” said Curtis. “They are a tough team coming in here and it will be big for power points, so we need to get the win.”

Fans can tune into Friday’s game by listening live at 107.1 KWLX locally. Live updates will be available at well at the Inside Natchitoches Sports Facebook page.