Lady Chiefs outlast Logansport in epic fashion 11-10

It wasn't the prettiest but certainly the most thrilling game of the season for the Natchitoches Central Lady Chiefs softball team as Sydney Terrell's two-out RBI single in the top of the ninth inning helped propel the team to an epic victory over the Logansport Lady Tigers, 11-10, Saturday afternoon on the road.

The Lady Chiefs (16-11) entered the seventh inning trailing 5-4 after surrendering a 4-2 lead in the fifth inning on three unearned runs. However, NCHS had an answer as they sent 10 batters to the plate as Lila Robertson was hit by a pitch to lead off the inning and then scored the tying run. The inning was highlighted by an RBI single by Bre Hale to give NCHS a 6-5 lead and a three-run double by Maggie Massia which appeared to be the knockout blow. NCHS added another run on an RBI single by Terrell to make it 10-5 going to the bottom of the seventh.

Logansport (19-5) had an answer as they scored five runs and left the bases loaded with two outs before Terrell struck out the hitter to end the inning and send the game to extra innings.

After both teams were retired with relative ease in the eighth, the Lady Chiefs scratched a run across in the ninth inning as Morgan Robinson lined a double to left field with two outs. Moments later, Terrell singled home Robinson for the go-ahead run.

In the bottom of the ninth, Terrell retired the Lady Tigers in order on a groundout and a pair of flyouts to end the game for the Lady Chiefs' sixth straight win.

"Not the prettiest we've looked this year," said NCHS head coach Jeramie Hale. "But a win is a win and each time we got down, we fought back. Today was a really good character builder."

The Lady Chiefs, despite making six errors, allowing seven unearned runs and walking seven hitters, managed to battle for the win. Terrell led the way at the plate going 3-for-4 with two RBIS. She also pitched the final three innings to pick up the win. Hale and Mallory LaCour each had two hits to aid the 10-hit attack.

Ehren Guidroz started in the circle for the Lady Chiefs giving up six hits, five unearned runs and struck out four hitters. Syndi Jones came in and held Logansport at bay not allowing a base runner in an 1 1/3 innings.

Next, the Lady Chiefs will host the St. Mary's Lady Tigers (13-9) Monday afternoon at 5 p.m.