

Tale of the Tape

Division I Boys' Basketball Non-Select State Championship Game

(5) Natchitoches Central Chiefs (29-7) vs. (2) Ponchatoula Greenwave (29-4)

Saturday – 8 p.m. - Burton Coliseum – Lake Charles, Louisiana

(5) NCHS Chiefs

Head Coach: Kolton Sepulvado

Record: 29-7, 9-5 in 1-5A

1st round: vs. (28) Fontainebleau W 49-47

2nd Round: vs. (21) West Monroe W 58-38

Quarterfinals: at (4) Denham Springs W 72-58

Semifinals: vs. (8) Ruston W 60-56

- The Chiefs are seeking their third state championship in 10 years (2014, 2016)
- The Chiefs are 7-4 at Burton Coliseum since 2014
- NCHS finished runner up in 2015 and 2021 while losing in the semifinals in 2012 and 2021

(2) Ponchatoula Greenwave

Head Coach: Taylor Thomas

Record: 29-4, 7-0 in district 7-5A

District 7-5A Champs

1st round: Bye

2nd round: vs. (15) Live Oak W 97-72

Quarterfinals: vs. (7) Slidell W 95-64

Semifinals: vs. (3) New Iberia W 34-26

- Ponchatoula is the reigning Division I Non-Select Champion after beating New Iberia last year 63-48 in the title game.
- The Greenwave enter Saturday's title game winners of 13 straight.