

The Natchitoches Central Chiefs' basketball team cruised past the Haughton Buccaneers, 82-62, Friday night on the road while the Lady Chiefs lost to Haughton, 48-40.

The Lady Chiefs (13-8, 2-2 1-5A) trailed 19-17 with under a minute to go in the first half. However, Haughton (20-3, 4-0 1-5A) went on 16-1 run as NCHS went over nine minutes of game action without a field goal. The Lady Chiefs scored at the end of the third quarter as Makayla Gallien banked a shot in at the buzzer for NCHS's first field goal of the half.

The Lady Chiefs tried to mount a comeback as they went on an 8-0 run to trim the hole to 10. NCHS managed to dwindle the lead to seven, but that's as close as they would get as Haughton picked up the win.

The Chiefs (15-3, 1-1 1-5A) were looking to bounce from their loss to Captain Shreve Tuesday night on the road. But the script did not go as planned early as NCHS fell behind 12-3 just minutes into the game. However, NCHS quickly rallied back to cut the hole to 23-20 at the end of the first quarter.

NCHS opened the second quarter on a 13-2 run to take a 33-25 lead midway through the period and kept an eight-point lead, 39-31, at halftime. In the third quarter the Chiefs continued to pull away as they built an 18-point lead at the end of the period, 64-46, rolling to the win.

The Chiefs were led by Jaden Braden with 22 points while Logan Smith and Ja'Dell Demery both had 14 points. A.J Scott added 11 points for NCHS.

Next up, the Chiefs and Lady Chiefs will play their third straight road game when they face Fairview in non-district action Monday night.