

Late rally falls short for Chiefs in 3-2 loss to Northwood-Shreveport

The Natchitoches Central Chiefs' baseball team lost a tough one as the Northwood-Shreveport Falcons edged the Chiefs, 3-2, Friday night in Shreveport.

The Chiefs (16-3) had runners at second and third with one out in the seventh inning, but back-to-back strikeouts ended the game as the Falcons (19-5) won their sixth straight game.

The Falcons scored two runs in the bottom of the first to take the early lead as they collected three of their five hits for the game in the inning.

The Chiefs finished with four hits led by Titus Williams who was 2-for-3. Williams hit a solo homerun to center field in the second inning and singled in the fourth.

NCHS added a run in the fifth as Dillon Braxton hit a sacrifice fly scoring Yancy Spillman.

In the seventh, the Chiefs put the first two runners on base as Spillman walked and Owen Smith singled. After a sacrifice bunt by Lannon Collum moved Spillman and Smith to second and third, the next two hitters struck out for NCHS to end the game.

Spillman started the game and allowed three earned runs and five hits while striking out two. Harper Marcotte pitched two and 2/3 innings allowing just one walk.

Next up, NCHS will play a doubleheader against Southwood on the road in district 1-5A action Saturday at 11 a.m.