

The Natchitoches Central Chiefs and Lady Chiefs swept a road doubleheader from Benton Friday in district 1-5A play with the Chiefs winning 77-50 and the Lady Chiefs 59-46.

The Lady Chiefs (22-10, 11-3 in 1-5A) were led by Alyssa Christophe with 20 points while Morgan LaCour had 18 points and Akeelah Wade chipped in with 11 as NCHS swept the season series from Benton. The Lady Chiefs will now await their playoff off fate as they will host a first round game Thursday against an opponent to be determined and time TBA.

The Chiefs (25-5, 9-3 in 1-5A) became just the second team in Division IV non-select to win 25 or more games (Denham Spring, 26-4). NCHS built a 19-point second half lead of 50-31 as their defense returned to form allowing 50 or less points for the second straight game. The Chiefs were led by Ja'Dell Demery with 27 points and 8 rebounds while Cam Davis and Logan Smith both had 11 points. NCHS shot 61 percent from the field on 30-for-49 shooting despite committing 31 turnovers.

Next up, the Chiefs will face Parkway Tuesday night on the road.