

Chiefs' Offense too much for Knights in Season Opener 39-28

SHREVEPORT, La. – Zion Thompson and Camrin Davis both scored two touchdowns as the Natchitoches Central Chiefs' football team outlasted Woodlawn-Shreveport, 39-28, Friday night on the road in Shreveport in the season opener.

The Chiefs (1-0) jumped out to a 10-0 lead as Thompson scored on 1-yard touchdown run in the opening quarter. NCHS was also aided by a field goal from Mateo Restrepo as the road warriors had a two-possession lead going to the second quarter.

The Knights (0-1) rallied back with a touchdown and a two-point conversion early in the second quarter. But Thompson helped the Chiefs' offense once again and he caught a 25-yard pass from quarterback Owen Smith to set NCHS up first and goal. Moments later, Smith punched it in from one yard out to make it 16-8 at halftime.

The Chiefs and Knights alternated touchdowns in the third quarter as Thompson scored on a 1-yard touchdown to make it 23-14 late in the third quarter. The Knights refused to go away as they trimmed the lead to 23-22 with a minute left in the third quarter.

In the final quarter, Davis took over. The senior scored on a 2-yard touchdown reception from Smith before adding a 55-yard touchdown catch to make it 36-28 NCHS.

Restrepo kicked a 32-yard field goal with under a minute left to put the game out of reach as the Chiefs picked up the opening night win on the road.

Next up, Natchitoches Central will face Opelousas Friday night in the home opener at 7 p.m at Turpin Stadium in Natchitoches, La.