

Chiefs drop first home game of the season in 7-2 loss to Captain Shreve

The Natchitoches Central Chiefs' baseball team suffered their first home loss of the season Tuesday night in a 7-2 loss to the Captain Shreve Gators

The Chiefs (18-5, 6-3 in 1-5A), despite giving up only three hits, fell behind early and never recovered. The Chiefs' pitchers walked seven hitters through 3 2/3 innings as Captain Shreve led 7-0 going into the bottom of the fourth.

The Gators (17-7, 6-3 in 1-5A) were able to escape a couple of jams as the Chiefs put two runners on base in the first and third innings but were unable to score.

NCHS, top-ranked in Division I non-select, got on the board in the bottom of the fourth inning as Dillon Braxton lined a two-run single to left with the bases loaded to score Laden Rawls and Andrew Odom and cut it to 7-2.

Natchitoches Central, however, was retired in order in the fifth, sixth and seventh innings as Captain Shreve went on to win for their fifth time in its last six games. The Chiefs are now 6-1 at home this season.

Natchitoches Central finished with four hits as Braxton, Rawls, Odom and Kyron Payne each recorded a knock.

Next up, NCHS will get a rematch against Captain Shreve Thursday night on the road at 6 p.m.