

Chiefs route Delhi Charter in regular season finale, await playoff matchup

NATCHITOCHEs, La. - The Natchitoches Central Chiefs' baseball team needed just four and half innings to beat the Delhi Charter Gators, 18-3, Monday night at home in the regular season finale.

The Chiefs (23-7, 9-5 in 1-5A) erupted for five runs in the first inning highlighted by a two-run double by Brock Laird. NCHS scored again on an RBI walk by Laden Rawls, an RBI groundout by Landon Collum and a passed ball that scored Adam Guillet.

The Gators (19-8, 5-0 in 4-1A) scored a run in the third inning. But the Chiefs put the game away with seven runs in their half of the inning as they sent 11 batters to the plate capped by a two-run double by Nick Egans.

NCHS continued the offensive explosion with six runs in the fourth as they batted around again. The Chiefs had six hits in the inning including four doubles to make it 18-1. The Gators scored two in the fifth before NCHS clinched the 10-run rule victory.

The Chiefs had 14 hits led by Laird who was 2-for-2 with three runs scored and five RBIs. Egans finished with 4 RBIs and two hits while Titus Williams also had two hits and two RBIs.

The Chiefs entered Monday as the seventh seed in Division I non-select. The LHSAA will announce playoff matchups Tuesday afternoon.