

NCHS turned away at goal line in 32-24 loss to Captain Shreve

NATCHITOCHES, La. – The Natchitoches Central football team had the ball first and goal at the two-yard line with 1:51 remaining but was turned away by the Captain Shreve Gators as NCHS was edged, 32-24, Friday night at Turpin Stadium.

The Chiefs (2-5, 1-3 1-5A) scored first on a nine-yard touchdown reception by senior Cam Davis from Owen Smith to take the early lead. However, the Gators immediately responded with 19 unanswered points.

Captain Shreve (6-1, 4-0 district 1-5A) scored on back-to-back possessions as running back Jamarlon Otis scored on a 5-yard run followed by 2-yard run by quarterback Quortini Beaner to make it 13-6.

The biggest play of the game was in the second quarter. NCHS was driving and appeared headed for the endzone on a short run inside the five-yard line. However, Captain Shreve's J'Shaun Youngblood somehow came away from the pile with the football and scampered 98 yards for the score to make it 19-6.

The Chiefs responded on the next drive and cut into the lead as Davis, again, found the endzone on a 23-yard touchdown reception from Smith to make it 19-12. The Gators added a field goal before halftime to take a 22-12 lead at intermission.

NCHS drove the opening kickoff picking up four first downs. Zion Thompson capped it off with a 14-yard touchdown run less than two minutes into the third quarter making it 22-18 Captain Shreve.

The Gators again responded as Beaner scored on a 20-yard touchdown run as CSHS regained a two-possession lead 29-18.

After a field goal by Captain Shreve, the Chiefs trailed 32-18 with 7:01 to go. With NCHS facing 4th and 10 at the Gators' 29-yard line, Smith connected with Davis for the third time and a 29-yard touchdown making it 32-24.

On the following possession, NCHS's defense held and forced a punt near midfield. The Chief special teams, despite struggling most of the night, came up with a huge play as they blocked a punt giving the NCHS offense the football at the Gators 39-yard line with under four minutes to go.

Smith connected with Davis for 19 yards to the 20-yard line. Moments later, Smith rushed it 15 yards inside the five-yard line setting up 1st and goal with 1:51 left. NCHS was stopped for no gain on first and second down for no gains. Then lost three yards on third down.

On fourth and sixth, Smith was looking in the endzone for Davis, but the pass landed incomplete as Captain Shreve escaped Turpin Stadium and the game Chiefs.

Next up, NCHS will take on Parkway (6-1, 3-1 in district 1-5A) on the road Friday, Oct. 20.

Fans can tune into Friday's game by listening live at 107.1 KWLX locally. Live updates will be available as well at the Inside Natchitoches Sports Facebook page.