

The Natchitoches Central Chiefs and Lady Chiefs picked up blowout victories at home Tuesday night over Haughton with the Lady Chiefs winning 72-47 and the Chiefs 92-62.

The Lady Chiefs (19-9, 8-3 in district 1-5A) got out to a good start as they led 13-5 late in the first quarter. However, Haughton (24-6, 9-2 in 1-5A) battled back to cut it to 24-22 late in the first half. With the game approaching halftime, Makayla Gallien banked in a three-pointer at the buzzer to give NCHS a two-possession lead, 27-22, at halftime. In the second half, the Lady Chiefs held a 39-31 lead before going on an 11-2 to take a 50-33 lead as NCHS pulled away for the win.

The Lady Chiefs were led by Gallien with 24 points while Morgan LaCour added 17 while Akeelah Wade chipped in with 14. NCHS shot 52 percent from the field (27-for-52) and 10-for-20 from the three-point line. The Lady Chiefs also had 24 assists to just 12 turnovers.

The Chiefs (21-4, 7-2 in 1-5A) roared out of the gate as they showed no letdown from Friday's overtime victory over Captain Shreve. NCHS started the game on a 20-2 run before Haughton got hot from the three-point line to trim the lead to 22-16 early in the second quarter. The Chiefs quickly right the ship to take a 54-31 lead at halftime. In the second half, it was all Chiefs as they led by as many as 34 points in route to the win as they remained undefeated at home (11-0).

NCHS was led by Ja'Dell Demery with 26 points and 10 rebounds while Logan Smith added 18 and Jaden Smith had 17. The Chiefs were 34-for-60 from the field for 56 percent and 18-for-22 from the free throw line for 82 percent. NCHS also dished out 22 assists while committing just seven turnovers.

Next up, the Chiefs and Lady Chiefs will take on Fairview on the road Thursday night beginning at 6 p.m.