

The Natchitoches Central Chiefs dropped their second straight game in overtime as they lost the regular season finale to league-leading Southwood 57-51 Friday night at home.

The Chiefs (25-7, 9-5 in 1-5A) are coming off an 85-83 loss at Parkway Tuesday night before Friday's loss. NCHS trailed Southwood (27-5, 12-2 in 1-5A) 46-43 with 10 seconds left before JaCorien Beard drilled game-tying three pointer at the top of the key with 4.3 seconds left in regulation.

The overtime period was back and forth with Southwood leading 54-51 with 20 seconds left. The Chiefs got to great looks at game tying three-pointers but were unable to convert as Southwood secure the rebound and put the game away at the free throw line.

The Chiefs were led by Logan Smith with 15 points and 8 rebounds while Cam Davis had 13 points. Jaden Braden added 11 points to aid the Chiefs.

NCHS will play in the first round of the Division I non-select playoffs Friday, Feb. 23 at home against an opponent to be announced.