

*Chiefs edge Tioga, fall to ASH at Tioga Tourney*

The Natchitoches Central split two games at the Tioga Tournament Saturday as they beat Tioga, 6-5, in game one and lost to the Alexandria Trojans, 3-0, in game two.

The Chiefs (11-1) jumped out to a 6-1 lead in game against Tioga as they scored three runs in the first and three in the third. NCHS's Andrew Odom hit an RBI fielder's choice to wrap up the scoring for the Chiefs in the third. With NCHS clinging to a 6-5 lead, Harper Marcotte came in to pitch the sixth and seventh innings and allowed just one walk in two innings as NCHS retired the side in order in the seventh for the win.

In game two, the Chiefs suffered their first loss of the season as they were blanked by ASH (8-4). NCHS had just one hit on a fourth inning single by Titus Williams. The game was scoreless in the sixth inning when the Trojans scored two runs on a passed ball and an RBI double. ASH added an insurance run in the seventh inning as they picked up the win despite just two hits.

NCHS's Yancy Spillman pitched six innings allowing just two hits, two earned runs, two walks and striking out three.

Next up, the Chiefs will open district 1-5A play Thursday at Benton (12-2) at 6 p.m.