

Five-run first inning, Guillet's strong start leads NCHS to 7-2 win over Airline

NATCHITOCHEs, La. - A five-run first inning and dynamic pitching performance by Adam Guillet fueled the Natchitoches Central Chiefs' baseball team to a 7-2-win Friday night against the Airline Vikings at NSU's Brown-Stroud Field.

Guillet threw six inning and allowed just two hits, struck out five and didn't walk a batter.

The Chiefs (21-7, 8-5 in 1-5A) didn't waste any time helping Guillet. Owen Smith led off with a walk followed by a one-out single by Dillon Braxton to score Smith from second. After Brock Laird walked, Braxton scored on a first and third play crediting him with a steal of home.

Moments later, Titus Williams smacked an RBI double to left field scoring Laird and giving NCHS a 3-0 lead. Guillet, then, helped his own cause as he dropped a single to center that scored Williams, making it 4-0 Chiefs. Laden Rawls then doubled to left to score Collin LaGrange as the Chiefs exploded for five runs in the inning.

The Vikings (12-14, 5-7in 1-5A) were handcuffed by Guillet who threw 70 pitches with 45 of them in the strike zone.

The Chiefs scored two runs in the second on a bunt single by Braxton which scored Smith and a single by Laird plating Yancy Spillman to make it 7-0 which was more than enough for Guillet.

NCHS finished with nine hits led by Braxton and Guillet with two. Smith walked three times and scored two runs as well.

Next up, NCHS will face the Byrd Yellowjackets Saturday on the road in Shreveport at 1 p.m. The Chiefs defeated Byrd, 3-1, Thursday night at NSU.