

The Natchitoches Central Chiefs lost an absolute heartbreaker Tuesday night on the road in district 1-5A action falling to Parkway, 85-83, in overtime.

The Chiefs (25-6, 9-4 in 1-5A) had an eight-point lead with under three minutes left of 61-53. But turnovers doomed NCHS as they turned it over 20 times as Parkway rallied for the stunning victory. NCHS had a chance in the closing second of overtime as they got a good look at a game-tying layup. However, the shot rolled off the rim as time expired sending the Chiefs to a devastating loss as their hopes of a district title evaporated.

NCHS was led by Ja'Dell Demery with 23 points and 16 rebounds while Logan Smith added 22 points and eight rebounds. Jaden Braden added 15 points to pace the Chiefs.

Next up, the Chiefs will close out district 1-5A action Friday at home against district leading Southwood (22-8, 11-2 in 1-5A).