

Parkway Stuns NCHS with final second field goal

NATCHITOCHES, La. – Parkway’s Aeron Burrell kicked a 32-yard field goal with one second as the Natchitoches Central football team lost a heartbreaker for the third consecutive week.

The Chiefs (2-6, 1-4 1-5A) lost to Benton, 42-35, after rallying back from 20 points down in the second half. NCHS turned away last week by a goal line stand by district leading Captain Shreve, 32-24, before tonight’s last second stunner.

NCHS jumped out to a 13-0 lead in the first quarter. Sophomore quarterback Owen Smith connected with senior Cam Davis for two touchdown passes of 43 and 59 yards for his 10th and 11th touchdown receptions of the season.

Parkway (7-1, 4-1 1-5A) rallied back for 10 unanswered points as Le’Bodrick Mayweather scored on a 14-yard touchdown run early in the second quarter. Then Burrell kicked a 35-yard field with 10 seconds left until halftime. The Chiefs led 13-10 at the half.

The Chiefs opened the second half with a defensive stand forcing a turnover on downs near midfield. Moments later, Smith connected with A.J. Scott for 35 yards inside the Parkway 15-yard line. Two plays later, Zion Thompson scored on a 9-yard touchdown run to give NCHS a 20-10 lead.

After a Chiefs’ turnover inside their own 20-yard line, Parkway scored a short touchdown run to make it 20-17 after three quarters.

NCHS was also dealt a huge blow late in the third quarter as Davis left the game with an ankle injury and didn’t return.

Without Davis, the Chiefs would have to look elsewhere to hold off the Panthers. Parkway would take their first lead of the game when they converted on a 3rd and 13 from their own 26-yard line. Quarterback Kaleb Williams connected with Jayden Lewis for the 74-yards making it 24-20 with 5:40 to go.

The Chiefs continued to push on the next possession as Smith found Scott for 30-yard to midfield. NCHS would cash in on the drive as Thompson scored from 14 yards out, his second touchdown, to give the Chiefs a 26-24 lead with 1:51 to go.

NCHS appeared in position to win as Parkway was facing a 3rd and 20 inside their own 10 yard-line. However, Williams scampered 60 yards deep into NCHS. The Panthers would run the clock down to one second and kick the game-winning field goal with Burrell to escape the Chiefs.

Next up, NCHS will take on Haughton (3-5, 1-3 1-5A) at home Friday, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m.

Fans can tune into Friday's game by listening live at 107.1 KWLX locally. Live updates will be available as well at the Inside Natchitoches Sports Facebook page.