

Chiefs hit the road Friday for matchup with Trojans

NCHS Chiefs (1-1) at Alexandria Trojans (0-2) – Week 3 Preview Friday, Sept. 15, 2023 | 7 p.m. CT | Alexandria, La. | J.L. "Butch" Stoker Stadium

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ALEXANDRIA, La. – The Natchitoches Central Chiefs take on the Alexandria Senior High Trojans Friday night at 7 p.m. on the road at Stoker Stadium in Alexandria in Week 3 of the high school football season.

The Chiefs (1-1) will be looking to rebound from last week's 40-28 loss to Opelousas (1-1) in the home opener. NCHS fell behind 14-0 in the first quarter but rallied back to make the game a 48-minute battle as they trailed 14-13 at halftime. Natchitoches Central trailed 34-28 with 2:27 to go in the game but recovered an onside kick at the Opelousas 45-yard line before turning it over on downs as OHS picked up the win.

"I was proud of the kids' fight Friday," said NCHS head football coach Jess Curtis. "We got down early and to see the kids fight back was impressive. We had the game right where we wanted it coming out of halftime. But we feel like we played a very poor third quarter and that's where we lost the game. We stalled out offensively and didn't make a few key stops defensively. But we will get better and learn from it."

The Trojans (0-2) are eyeing their first win after losses at home to St. Thomas More by a 49-21 score and on the road in the opener to Carencro 46-26. ASH, under eighth-year head coach Thomas Bachmann, defeated the Chiefs last year in Alexandria as NCHS seeks a victorious night.

"ASH is a good playoff caliber team to help measure ourselves to see if we are that kind of team," said Curtis. "But we have to do a better job of tackling this week and run the football better on the offensive end if we want a better outcome."

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