

Lady Chiefs fall in quarterfinals to South Lafourche

LAFAYETTE, La. – The fifth-ranked Natchitoches Central Lady Chiefs were defeated 3-0 (25-16, 25-22, and 25-16) by the fourth-ranked South Lafourche Tarpons Thursday afternoon in the LHSAA Division II high school volleyball quarterfinals at the Cajundome.

The Lady Chiefs (32-4) found themselves in the early hole in the first set trailing 12-6. However, NCHS appeared to be moving in the right direction after a block by senior Brooklyn Smith cut the lead to 15-10. But the Tarpons (31-8) took a 19-10 lead before pulling away to take the first set.

In the second set, the Lady Chiefs pushed South Lafourche as senior Ehren Guidroz's kill cut the Tarpons' advantage to 16-12. Smith's kill would cut the deficit to 17-15 late in the second set and trailed 24-22. But an attack error ended the set as NCHS fell behind two sets to none.

In the third set, the Chiefs fell behind 13-8 before another kill by Guidroz. But it would be too late as the Tarpons pulled away 19-13 before clinching the victory, 25-16.

Five seniors played their final game for the Lady Chiefs in Guidroz, Smith, Keaton Mooney, Tatum Kay and Sherlyn Guzman.

The Tarpons will face top-ranked St. Thomas More (39-5) Friday at 1:40 p.m. in the semifinals back at the Cajundome.