

Tigers earn first round home playoff game, Chiefs receive bye

NATCHITOCHEs, La. - The Natchitoches Central Chiefs will have a bye while the St. Mary's Tigers will host the Ascension Catholic Bulldogs in the first round of the LHSAA baseball playoffs Thursday at 6 p.m.

The Chiefs (23-7) finished the regular season winning four straight games as their offense came to life in a 10-8 win over Byrd (9-19) and an 18-3 blowout win over Delhi Charter (19-8).

As a result, NCHS earned the seventh seed in Division I non-select earning a bye in the first round. The Chiefs will face the winner of the 10th-ranked Central Baton Rouge Wildcats (22-8) and the 23rd-ranked Zachary Broncos (19-14) in the second round in a Best-Of-Three series at a date and time to be announced.

The district 3-1A champion Tigers (19-12) enter the postseason as the 14th-seed in Division IV select and will face the 19th-ranked Bulldogs (11-15) in the first round in a single game Thursday night.

The winner will travel to face the third-ranked Ouachita Christian Eagles (22-6) in the second round next week.