

Chiefs score eight in third inning for 12-2 win over Evangel

NATCHITOCHEs, La. - The Natchitoches Central Chiefs scored eight runs in the third inning to route the Evangel Eagles for the second straight game Tuesday night with a 12-2 victory at NCHS in district 1-5A baseball action.

The Chiefs (10-4, 2-2 in 1-5A) scored two in the first inning as Dillon Braxton reached on an error that scored Brock Laird before Yancy Spillman Jr hit a sacrifice fly.

It stayed 2-0 until the third inning when NCHS exploded for eight runs. The Chiefs sent 12 batters to the plate including six hits and three walks drawn as they batted around in the inning. The eight-run explosion was highlighted by a three-run double by Laird as the Chiefs pulled out to a 10-0 lead.

Owen Smith led NCHS with two hits finishing 2-for-3 with two runs scored and RBI. Every player in the starting lineup reached based at least once for the Chiefs as they picked up their second straight win over Evangel. NCHS routed the Eagles 18-0 Saturday in district action.

Spillman threw four innings allow just two hits, three walks and striking out six.

Next up, NCHS will face the Huntingon Raiders Thursday at 5 p.m. on the road as district 1-5A play continues.