



### **High School Football - Week 9 Preview**

**Huntington Raiders (4-4, 4-2 in 1-5A) at NCHS Chiefs (1-7, 0-6 1-5A)**

**Friday, Nov. 1 | 7 p.m. CT | Natchitoches, La. | Turpin Stadium**

### **Chiefs host Huntington Friday night in district play**

**NATCHITOCHES, La.** - The Natchitoches Central Chiefs return home for Week 9 of the High School Football season as they take on the Huntington Raiders Friday night at Turpin Stadium in district 1-5A action.

The Chiefs (1-7, 0-6 in 1-5A) are coming off a huge offensive game despite falling to district-leading Airline (8-0, 6-0 in 1-5A) 76-52.

“We gave ourselves a chance to win,” said NCHS head football coach Brad Laird. “I felt like a lot of guys stepped up and made plays. I thought we played well up front on the offensive line as well.”

NCHS was led by junior quarterback Owen Smith who threw for 405 yards and five touchdowns. Smith has thrown for 16 touchdown passes and rushed for seven this year.

Sophomore wide receiver KJ Newton has been Smith’s number one option. Newton has 552 yards receiving and has caught five touchdown passes.

The Raiders (4-4, 4-2 in 1-5A) have been an extremely competitive team all year long. HHS has wins in district over Benton, Haughton, Evangel and Captain Shreve with one possession losses to Calvary and Byrd.

“Huntington is a really physical football team,” said Laird. “They have been successful at running the football all year long which has allowed them to win several games. They’re a team that you have to make sure you are ready to play for four quarters.”

Fans can follow the game with a live radio broadcast on 100.7 KZBL, listen live at [kzblradio.com](http://kzblradio.com) or watch live at NCHSChiefs.Live as Brad Ford, Dane Terrell and Caleb Uselton will have the play-by-play of Friday’s game.

Updates will be available at the [Inside Natchitoches Sports Facebook Page](#).