

The Natchitoches Central Chiefs and Lady Chiefs split a basketball doubleheader with Captain Shreve Tuesday night on the road as the Lady Chiefs picked up the win by a score of 60-41 while the Chiefs lost by the exact same score.

The Lady Chiefs (13-7, 2-1 in 1-5A) snapped a three-game losing streak but had to fight for it. NCHS led CHS (7-8, 0-2 1-5A) just 19-17 at halftime and 30-24 at the end of the third quarter. However, the Lady Chiefs erupted in the fourth quarter for 30 points to pull away. NCHS was led by Alyssa Chandler with 16 points and 10 rebounds while Makayla 'Tootie' Gallien scored 16 points as well. The Lady Chiefs also got contributions from Akeelah Wade (13 points and 7 rebounds) and Kaitlyn Wiggins (six points and 14 rebounds).

The Chiefs (14-3, 0-1 in 1-5A) were held to their lowest point total of the season but stayed close most of the night with their defense. NCHS trailed Captain Shreve (15-3) 23-18 at halftime but the Gators began to pull away at the end of the third quarter leading 42-29.

NCHS tried to mount a comeback, cutting the lead to seven, 42-35 early in the fourth quarter. But the Gators ended the game on a 19-6 run to pull away for the win. Ja'Corien Beard paced the Chiefs with 17 points to lead the way.

Next up, the Chiefs and Lady Chiefs will take on Haughton Friday night on the road as district 1-5A play continues