



Chiefs set for home showdown with Parkway

Parkway Panthers (6-1, 3-1 1-5A at NCHS Chiefs (2-5, 1-3 1-5A) – Week 7 Preview

Friday, Oct. 20, 2023 | 7 p.m. CT | Natchitoches, La. | Turpin Stadium

Last Meeting: Parkway 37, NCHS 22 (Oct. 21, 2022 at Parkway)

Live Audio: 107.1 KWLTV

Live Video: NCHSChiefs.live

NATCHITOCHEES, La. – The Natchitoches Central Chiefs' football team hosts the Parkway Panthers Friday night at Turpin Stadium in search of snapping a three-game skid.

The Chiefs (2-4, 1-2 1-5A) have lost the last two weeks by one possession. Two weeks ago, NCHS rallied from 20 points down at Benton (3-4, 2-2 district 1-5A) before falling 42-35. Last week, Natchitoches Central was turned away by a goal line stand from league-leading Captain Shreve (6-1, 4-0 1-5A), falling 32-24.

“I thought we really played a good game overall (against Captain Shreve),” said NCHS head football coach Jess Curtis. “We really had the game come down to one drive at the goal line and just couldn’t punch in but overall, we’ve played much better.”

Despite the losses, the bright spot continues to be the play of senior wide receiver Cam Davis. Davis now leads all classifications in Louisiana with 885 receiving yards and 61 receptions according to MaxPreps.com. His nine touchdown receptions are second in the state.

“Cam’s a little under the radar,” said Curtis. “But he’s starting to get some eyes on him with college recruiters. He’s been all we could ask for and he continues to get better.”

Parkway (6-1, 3-1 1-5A) is coming in after wins over Byrd last week, 21-3, and Southwood two weeks ago, 45-0, as the Panthers rallied back from their Week 5 loss to Captain Shreve 28-15. The Panthers, under fourth-year head coach Coy Brotherton, lost 31 seniors last year and remarkably enough are on pace for a better finish than last year’s 7-4 campaign.

“It’s a big game for both teams,” said Curtis. “Coach Brotherton at Parkway does a heck of a job with his guys, and I expect another hard-fought game with a playoff atmosphere. That’s what’s so great about the district is that every game feels like that and I expect nothing less Friday night.”

Fans can tune into Friday’s game by listening live at 107.1 KWLX locally. Live updates will be available as well at the Inside Natchitoches Sports Facebook page.