

### *Eight Chiefs earn All-District baseball honors*

**NATCHITOCHEs, La.** - The Natchitoches Central Chiefs' baseball team got eight players selected to the 2024 All-District 1-5A team, the district office announced Monday.

Representing the first team for the Chiefs was shortstop Brock Laird, left-handed pitcher Ross Lindsey and outfielder Dillon Braxton.

On the second team was utility player Yancy Spillman, left-handed pitcher Adam Guillet and outfielder Titus Williams. Left-handed pitcher Harper Marcotte and catcher Laden Rawls were named to honorable mention.

Laird, a junior, led the Chiefs in batting average (.425), slugging percentage (.630), on-base percentage (.613), walks (26), doubles (12) and fewest strikeouts (5). His 28 RBIs was also second on the team. The NCHS shortstop is verbally committed to Southeastern Louisiana University.

Braxton hit .338 with a .462 on-base percentage. The Chiefs' junior outfielder drove in 22 runs as well and struck out just eight times for the season with 12 stolen bases.

Lindsey, a junior, was the Chiefs' ace pitcher all year long. The Alabama commit threw 45 2/3 innings and had a 2.45 ERA with a 5-2 record. He held opponents to a .143 batting average while striking out 76 hitters.

Spillman finished the season with a .356 batting average and a .510 on-base percentage. He walked 18 times and stole seven bags.

Williams led the Chiefs with 32 RBIs while hitting .352 with a .409 on-base percentage. He also had seven doubles, two triples, a homerun and stole nine bases.

Guillet threw 24 2/3 innings and had an eye-popping 1.70 ERA. The Louisiana Tech commit held opponents to a .111 batting average while finishing with a 3-1 record.

Marcotte, as the Chiefs' closer, collected nine saves holding opponents to a .161 average. He allowed just five earned runs in 29 2/3 innings, helping anchor a Chiefs' pitching staff that allowed three runs or less 20 times in 32 games.

Rawls earned an honorable mention selection hitting .265 with a .419 on-base percentage.

Parkway's Cole Snell was selected as the district's Player of the Year. Captain Shreve's Andrew Sharp was Pitcher of the Year while Shreve's head coach, Todd Sharp, was the Coach of the Year.