

Chiefs Open Season Friday on the road against Woodlawn-Shreveport

The Natchitoches Central Chiefs' football team opens the season Friday night on the road when it takes on the Woodlawn-Shreveport Knights at 7 p.m. for the second straight season.

The Chiefs, under first-year head coach Jess Curtis, are coming off a 14-0 win over Loyola College Prep last Friday in the Natchitoches Regional Medical Center Jamboree at Turpin Stadium along with a 15-12 victory over Pineville in a scrimmage the week prior.

"I think we have worked hard all off-season and through the preseason to get us ready for this," said Curtis. "I feel like the guys on this roster have committed to winning and they get a chance to show it starting Friday night."

NCHS enters Friday with talent on both sides of the ball. Joe Cryer (OL 6-4 295), an LSU commit, and Tredarius Johnson (DL 6-3 300) who signed with Texas Tech should help anchor the line play.

Sophomore Owen Smith won the quarterback job and looked impressive in the jamboree victory over Loyola. "That guy just likes to compete," said Curtis. "We put him out there and tell him to make plays and he can't wait to do it."

Camrin Davis, a senior wide receiver, will be a big threat for the Chiefs this year. Davis caught several first down conversions and helped NCHS cap off a 73-yard scoring drive with a 19-yard touchdown reception from Smith.

As for Woodlawn-Shreveport (3-7 in 2022), the Chiefs edged the Knights 18-14 in last year's season opener as former NCHS running back Jeremiah Miles ran for 255 yards and three touchdowns.

Fans can follow the play-by-play of Friday's contest on the radio on 99.9 KTEZ or 107.1 KWLX. Live updates will also be available at the [Inside Natchitoches Sports Facebook Page](#).