

Laird Drives in Five as Chiefs win ninth straight

Brock Laird drove in five runs for the Natchitoches Central Chiefs' baseball team in an 8-4 win over the Holy Savior Menard Eagles on Tuesday afternoon on the road.

The Chiefs (9-0) took the early advantage in the top of the first as Laird hit a two-run double off the left center field wall scoring Owen Smith and Dillon Braxton. Menard (3-6) tied the game in the bottom of the first with two runs as they took advantage of a hit-by-pitch and error by the Chiefs.

NCHS regained the lead, 3-2, in the second as Kyron Payne lined an RBI single to left scoring Adam Guillet. The Eagles scored a run in the third and one in the fourth to regain the lead, 4-3.

The Chiefs bounced back with two runs in the fifth to take a 5-4 lead. Braxton hit a sacrifice fly to right scoring Yancy Spillman. Then, Laird hit an RBI groundout to second to score Payne for his third RBI of the game.

NCHS scored three big insurance runs in the top of the seventh inning. Braxton singled to center to score Spillman and Laird put the game on ice as he smacked another two-run double scoring Payne and Braxton.

The Chiefs got four innings of scoreless relief from Harper Marcotte and Ross Lindsey. The two combined to allow just one hit, three walks and struck out six to help secure the come-from-behind win.

NCHS entered Tuesday ranked number one in the Division I non-select power rankings.

Next up, the Chiefs look for their 10th straight win to start the season as they face Buckeye Thursday afternoon at 4 p.m. on the road.