



**High School Football - Week 5 Preview**

**5A NCHS Chiefs (1-2, 0-3 1-5A) at Haughton Buccaneers (1-3, 0-3 1-5A)**

**Friday, Oct. 4, 2024 | 7 p.m. CT | Haughton, La. | Haughton HS**

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**Chiefs travel to take on district foe Haughton Friday in Week 5**

**NATCHITOCHEs, La.** - The Natchitoches Central Chiefs hit the road Friday night to take on the Haughton Buccaneers in District 1-5A action at 7 p.m. in Week 5 of the high school football season.

The Chiefs (1-3, 0-3 in 1-5A), after a Week 1 victory over Breaux Bridge (0-4), are looking to snap a three-game losing streak that includes district losses to Evangel (1-3), Captain Shreve (3-1) and Parkway (4-0).

“We knew those three teams were going to be big and physical,” said NCHS head football coach Brad Laird. “But if you look at where we are today from Week 1, we’ve seen guys continue to get better. When you really dive in and look at each individual, they are improving but it’s just got to show up in more places.”

The Buccaneers (1-3, 0-3 in 1-5A) are also coming off three straight losses in district competition to Byrd, Parkway and Huntington following a Week 1 victory over Homer, 48-46

“They (Haughton) have come through the district and played some tough teams,” said Laird.

“But when you look at their roster on paper, they have some older guys with I think 32 seniors

but at the same time they have started the year like us. A lot of guys that are older but don't have the experience and are starting to gain that. But one thing you know is when you line up each and every Friday night in this district you better be ready to play. So our guys have prepared well and we look forward to having a good game Friday night.”

The Chiefs and Buccaneers played a 48-minute battle last year at Turpin Stadium with Haughton coming out on top 36-35. The Buccaneers scored with eight seconds left in the game then went for a two-point conversion successfully to edge the Chiefs back on Oct. 27, 2023.

Friday's game will be available with the radio broadcast beginning at 6:45 p.m. as Brad Ford and Dane Terrell will have the play-by-play on 100.7 KZBL radio or fans can watch the live stream at NCHSChiefs.Live.

Fans can also follow Friday night's game as live updates will be available at the [Inside Natchitoches Sports facebook page](#).