

**Chiefs, Lady Chiefs both win at I-49 Shootout**

**NATCHITOCHEs, La.** - The Natchitoches Central Lady Chiefs and Chiefs both picked up wins Friday at the I-49 Shootout hosted by NCHS as the Lady Chiefs defeated the Plainview Lady Hornets, 59-41, while the Chiefs cruised past the Sam Houston Broncos, 75-53.

The Lady Chiefs (16-1) jumped out to a 23-11 first quarter lead and never were in danger as they maintained a double-digit lead the rest of the way. NCHS led by as many as 22 points late in the third quarter before the Lady Hornets (16-4) battled to cut it to 11, 46-35 midway through the fourth quarter. NCHS pulled back out to a 20-point lead, 57-37, and they coasted to the win.

The Lady Chiefs, now winners of 14 straight games, were led by Akeelah Wade with 24 points, six rebounds, six steals and five blocked shots. Annalise Newton added 14 points and seven rebounds while Jordan McDaniel had a double-double, 13 points and 10 rebounds.

The Chiefs (11-4) had little trouble in picking up the win in the second half of the doubleheader as they led 37-21 at halftime and 62-37 at the end of the third quarter.

NCHS was led by Jaden Braden with 23 points while Ja'Dell Demery added 19 points and 12 rebounds, Khaelyb Creighton chipped in with 10 as the Chiefs cruised to the victory.

The Chiefs shot 55 percent (30-for-55) from the field while outrebounding the Broncos (6-8) 32-17.

Next up, the Chiefs and Lady Chiefs will play again at home Tuesday night against Anacoco beginning with the Lady Chiefs at 6 p.m.