

Chiefs score seven in fifth to defeat Byrd 9-1

SHREVEPORT, La. - The Natchitoches Central Chiefs scored seven runs in the fifth inning to defeat the Byrd Yellow Jackets, 9-1, Thursday night in district 1-5A baseball competition.

The Chiefs (18-6, 8-3 in 1-5A) took a little while to get going offensively as the game was scoreless entering the fourth inning. After Brock Laird led the fourth inning off with a double to left, Titus Williams ripped an RBI triple to right field scoring Laird and giving NCHS the 1-0 lead.

With NCHS starting pitcher Ross Lindsey keeping the Yellowjackets' offense under control, the Chiefs ignited in the fifth inning as they sent 12 batters to the plate scattering seven hits to blow the game open for an 8-0 lead.

Williams led the Chiefs going 2-for-3 with two RBIs while Adam Guillet and Andrew Odom both had two hits

The Yellowjackets (9-17, 4-7 in 1-5A) finished with just two hits as the combination of Lindsey, Lance Shirley and Jace Hale allowed just one run and struck out eight in seven innings.

Coming up next, NCHS and Byrd will face off again Saturday afternoon at NCHS at 1 p.m.