



(NCHS volleyball seniors from left are Ayla Smith, Ayla Payne Vivian Fatheree, Campbell Morrow, Maddie Dupuy, Ellie Wilson, Cambree Jimmerson, Ainsley Weeks and Kat Phelps.)

**Booker T Washington – Shreveport Lady Lions (3-16 in 2023)
at Natchitoches Central Lady Chiefs (27-5 in 2023 – Tuesday – 5:30 p.m.**

**Natchitoches Central Lady Chiefs at Byrd Yellow Jackets (16-11 in 2023)
Wednesday – 5:30 p.m.**

Lady Chiefs open season with Booker T. Washington and Byrd

NATCHITOCHES, La. - The Natchitoches Central Lady Chiefs' volleyball team opens the season this week as it takes on the Booker T. Washington Lady Lions at home on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. and then faces the Byrd Yellow Jackets Wednesday on the road at 5:30 p.m. in Shreveport.

The Lady Chiefs (27-5 in 2023) return nine seniors from last year's district championship team. NCHS won 13 straight matches to end last season before falling to Sam Houston (34-8 in 2023) in the second round of the playoff Division I playoffs.

Natchitoches Central's senior class has accumulated a record of 75-22 in their previous three years under fourth head coach Kerri Kiracofe. The Lady Chiefs will turn to the nine seniors to account for the loss of Tulane Signee Lora Cole which includes Ayla Smith, Ayla Payne Vivian Fatheree, Campbell Morrow, Maddie Dupuy, Ellie Wilson, Cambree Jimmerson, Ainsley Weeks and Kat Phelps.

“Thankfully, nine seniors bring that kind of leadership and experience you need,” said Kiracofe. “We’ve been kind of stuck in the second round the last few years so hopefully this is our year and we can get over that hump to the quarterfinals.

Live updates of Tuesday’s contest against Booker T. Washington (3-16 in 2023) at home and Wednesday’s match at Byrd (16-11 in 2023) will be available at the [Inside Natchitoches Sports facebook page](#).