

Lady Chiefs draw Pearl River in first round

NATCHITOCHES, La. - The district 1-division II champion Natchitoches Central Lady Chiefs' volleyball team begins it playoff run as the 10th-seed when they host the 23rd-ranked Pearl River Lady Rebels in the first round at a date and time to be announced.

The Lady Chiefs (26-8, 12-0 in district 1-division II) won 10 of their last 12 games to finish the regular season under fourth-year head coach Kerri Kiracofe.

NCHS is led by eight seniors including Campbell Morrow, Maddie Dupuy, Ainsley Weeks, Ayla Payne, Ayla Smith, Kat Phelps, Ellie Wilson and Cambree Jimmerson.

Pearl River (12-10, 1-2 in district 6-division II) went 5-5 in its last 10 games entering the playoff matchup with NCHS including a four-set win over Springfield (15-15) in the regular season finale.

The winner of NCHS and Pearl River will face the winner of seventh-ranked Kenner Discovery Health Science (26-7) and 26th-ranked LaGrange (11-14) in the second round at time TBA.