

Chiefs fall to Haughton, 5-4, in nine innings

HAUGHTON, La. - The Natchitoches Central Chiefs lost a tough one on the road to the Haughton Bucs, 5-4, in nine innings, Thursday night in district 1-5A action.

The Chiefs (8-4, 0-2 in 1-5A) fell behind 2-0 as they allowed five walks and an error in the first inning leading to two unearned runs.

NCHS tied the game by scoring one run in the third and one in the fourth. Junior Owen Smith singled to left to score Kyron Payne in the third before Kaiden Vallery singled to left to score Titus Williams in the fourth.

The Bucs (10-3, 2-0 in 1-5A) scored two runs in the fifth to retake the lead, 4-2. The Chiefs didn't go away.

NCHS scored a run in the sixth Zachary Jordan drilled an RBI double to score Andrew Odom making it 4-3.

In the seventh, the Chiefs were down to their final two outs after a lead-off walk to Brock Laird and a sacrifice bunt by Smith moving Laird to second. With one out, senior Dillon Braxton grounded a single up the middle to score Laird and tie the game at 4-4 sending the game to extra innings.

It stayed that way until the bottom of the ninth when the Bucs scored on a single and a walk-off double with one out in the inning to give Haughton their second straight win over the Chiefs.

Adam Guillet pitched four 1/3 innings and allowed just two hits, three unearned runs and struck out eight despite walking five as he got the no-decision.

Yancy Spillman pitched three 1/3 innings allowing one hit before the game-winning hit in the ninth.

Offensively, Odom led the Chiefs with two hits while seven others had one hit.

Next up, the Chiefs will face Evangel Saturday at 1 p.m. on the road in Shreveport.