

Chiefs, Lady Chiefs roll past Benton

NATCHITOCHES, La. - The Natchitoches Central Chiefs and Lady Chiefs cruised past the Benton Tigers and Lady Tigers Tuesday night in district 1-5A basketball action at NCHS with the Lady Chiefs winning, 46-28, and the Chiefs 62-34

The Lady Chiefs (20-3, 1-2 in 1-5A) got their first win in district as Akeelah Wade scored 18 points and grabbed eight rebounds to pace NCHS. Jordan McDaniel had a double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds. The Lady Tigers dropped to 18-10 and 0-3 in 1-5A.

The Chiefs (18-4, 4-0 in 1-5A) jumped out to a 36-10 advantage in the first half over the Tigers (7-12, 0-3 in 1-5A) and never faltered as they picked up the win.

NCHS was led by Jaden Braden with 16 points while Khaleyb Creighton and Ja'Dell Demery both had nine. The Chiefs also shots 20-for-24 from the free throw line for 83 percent.

The Chiefs' defense was once again relentless forcing the Tigers into 23 turnovers and shooting just for 12-for-39 from the field for 31 percent.

The Chiefs and Lady Chiefs will be back in action Friday in district 1-5A competition at Evangel beginning at 6 p.m. with the girls' game.