

### **Chiefs fall 3-2 to Winnfield**

**WINNFIELD, La.** - The Natchitoches Central Chiefs dropped a tough one Tuesday afternoon on the road, 3-2, to the Winnfield Tigers as WHS scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh to edge NCHS in non-district baseball action.

The Chiefs (5-2) got off to a good start as senior Titus Williams led off the game being hit by a pitch then was bunted to second by Owen Smith before Dillon Braxton singled home Williams to make it 1-0. (Both Williams and Braxton will sign National Letters of Intent Wednesday morning with the Grambling baseball team.)

After the Tigers (4-4) tied the game with a run in the third inning at 1-1, the Chiefs retook the lead in the sixth inning. Senior Yancy Spillman doubled to center field then was singled home by Adam Guillet, a Louisiana Tech signee, to give NCHS a 2-1 advantage.

It stayed that way until the bottom of the seventh. The Tigers got three straight hits to start the inning which tied the game at 2-2. After an intentional walk, Winnfield's John Michael Pickett singled home the winning run with the bases loaded giving Winnfield the victory.

The Chiefs finished with seven hits let by Braxton and Guillet with two each. Smith, Williams and Spillman each had one hit as well.

Spillman pitched five innings and allowed four hits, one unearned run, two walks and four strikeouts before turning it over to the Chiefs' bullpen.

Next up, NCHS will look to bounce back Thursday night on the road against the Menard Eagles at 6 p.m.