



**Lady Chiefs advance to second round with four-set win over Pearl River**

**NATCHITOCHEs, La.** - The Natchitoches Central Lady Chiefs' volleyball team defeated the Pearl River Lady Rebels 3-1 (25-9, 25-18, 23-25 and 25-13) in the first round of the Division II playoffs Thursday afternoon.

The Lady Chiefs (27-8) jumped out in the first set to a 14-4 lead before cruising to the 25-9 win. Junior Ehren Guidroz had four straight aces to open the gap up as NCHS won the opening set.

Pearl River (12-11) opened the second set with the lead, 7-5. However, NCHS quickly took control as they led 18-13 before closing the set out relatively easily.

The Lady Rebels rallied back in the third set as they led 18-11. NCHS rallied to close the gap to 23-22 late in the set before Pearl River held on for the third set win.

In the fourth set, it was all Lady Chiefs as they stormed out to a 19-6 lead before cruising into the second of the playoffs for the second straight year.

NCHS will face seventh-ranked Kenner Discovery Health Science (27-7) Saturday at 1 p.m. in the second round of the Division II playoffs in Kenner, La.