

Chiefs roll past Byrd for district win

NATCHITOCHES, La. - The Natchitoches Central Chiefs used a dominate second half to beat the Byrd Yellowjackets Monday afternoon in District 1-5A basketball action.

The Chiefs (16-4, 2-0 in 1-5A) moved the game up from Tuesday due to the inclement winter weather moving into the area Tuesday and Wednesday.

NCHS led 33-32 at halftime but then exploded to a 51-18 second half as the Chiefs routed the Yellowjackets (5-15, 0-2 in 1-5A).

The Chiefs finished the game shooting 34-for-55 for 62 percent while Byrd was 21-for-40 for 53 percent. However, NCHS forced Byrd into 29 turnovers leading to 43 points for the Chiefs.

Natchitoches Central was led by Ja'Dell Demery with 20 points and seven rebounds while Jaden Braden had 19 points and seven assists. Khaelyb Creighton chipped in with 16 points to aid the Chiefs.

Next up, the Chiefs will play at Negreet (18-5) Thursday night at 7 p.m. weather permitting.