Chiefs have 10-game win streak snapped in 6-3 loss at Benton

BENTON, La. - The Natchitoches Central Chiefs had their 10-game winning streak snapped in a 6-3 loss to the Benton Tigers Saturday afternoon in the district 1-5A finale for both teams at Benton.

The Chiefs (25-7, 12-4 in 1-5A) struck first as senior Brock Laird crushed a solo homerun to left field with two outs in the first inning.

NCHS added another run as Friday's hero, Dillon Braxton, lined an RBI double to left scoring Kaiden Vallery. Braxton was thrown out, however, trying to stretch it into a triple as NCHS led 2-0.

The Tigers (31-3, 15-1 in 1-5A) cut the lead in half in the second inning scoring a run on an RBI groundout.

The Chiefs maintained a 2-1 lead until the fourth inning when Benton got back-to-back RBI singles to take the lead, 3-2.

NCHS threated in the fifth inning with the tying run at third with one out. But a strikeout, an intentional walk to Laird and a popout ended the inning for the Chiefs.

The Tigers scored two runs in the fifth inning on three hits to put some distance between them and NCHS, 5-2.

The Chiefs got a little closer in the sixth inning as Adam Guillet blasted a solo homerun to left center with one out to make it 5-3. However, the Tigers scored one in their half of the sixth to make it 6-3 as they went on to pick up the win.

Guillet pitched five innings, allowed four earned runs, seven hits, three walks and struck out eight. The Chiefs finished with seven hits including the solo homeruns by Guillet and Laird.

Next up, the Chiefs will travel Monday to face Delhi Charter on the road in a doubleheader beginning at 5 p.m.