

**Chiefs put on fundamental clinic is 6-2 win over Pineville**

**PINEVILLE, La.** - The Natchitoches Central Chiefs' baseball team did a little bit of everything in a 6-2 win over the Pineville Rebels Saturday afternoon on the road.

The Chiefs (8-2) collected 10 hits for the game led by Owen Smith and Yancy Spillman Jr both with two hits. The Chiefs also stole four bases, didn't make an error and laid down a sacrifice bunt putting on a fundamental clinic in the win.

NCHS broke a scoreless tie in the third inning when Smith single home a run before Dillon Braxton executed a squeeze bunt play to score another run making it 2-0 Chiefs. In the third, Spillman drilled a solo homerun to left on a 1-1 pitch to push it to 3-0.

The Rebels (4-7) scored single runs in the fourth and fifth innings to make it 3-2 before NCHS delivered the knockout blow in the sixth inning.

Ross Lindsey hit an RBI single before Jace Hale scored on a wild pitch to make it 5-2. Spillman would add some insurance for the Chiefs in the seventh inning with an RBI double making it 6-2.

Smith pitched 4 1/3 innings allowing two runs, one earned, two walks and picked up the win. The Chiefs' bullpen was terrific once again allowing just one hit and one walk in 2 2/3 innings. Harper Marcotte picked up the save pitching a perfect seventh inning.

Next up, the Chiefs will open district 1-5A play Tuesday at home against Haughton at 5 p.m.