

Braxton's nails runner at the plate to secure 2-1 Chiefs' win over Captain Shreve

NATCHITOCHEs, La. - Senior right fielder Dillon Braxton threw a runner out at the plate to end the game as the Natchitoches Central Chiefs edged the Captain Shreve, 2-1, Tuesday night home despite collecting just one hit for the game.

The Chiefs (17-6, 7-3 in 1-5A) rode the arm of senior left-hander and Louisiana Tech signee Adam Guillet who pitched six innings, allowed just two hits one walk and struck out nine. Senior Harper Marcotte came in relief to pick up the save.

NCHS was leading 2-0 entering the ninth inning and with two outs the Chiefs made a throwing error that ended up in right field to score a run. The Gators tried to score the tying run on the same play. But Braxton was there to pick up and throw a missile to the plate to hose the runner and end the game.

The Chiefs scored both runs in the third inning as Kyron Payne reached on a walk, Braxton was hit by a pitch. Moments later, Zach Jordan put down a squeeze bunt to score Payne from third before Brock Laird singled home a run for the Chiefs' only hit of the game.

"I thought we took some good swings," said NCHS baseball head coach Regan Kaufman. "We just didn't have the results we wanted offensively. But we only struck out four times and made them make some plays. When you can find a way to win a game that you only had one hit, it says a lot about your team."

The Gators (14-9, 4-6 in 1-5A) finished with four hits and didn't make an error.

The Chiefs will be back in action Thursday at Byrd at 5 p.m. as district play continues.