

Chiefs fall to Ruston 5-1 as bats silenced

RUSTON, La. - The Natchitoches Central Chiefs were defeated by the Ruston Bearkats, 5-1, Friday night in non-district baseball action at RHS.

The Chiefs (12-5) had just two hits going into the seventh inning as they scored their only run on an RBI single by Brock Laird. The Bearkats (13-6) scored two runs in the first and three in the second which was more than enough as the Chiefs were handed the setback.

Laird was 2-for-3 with an RBI to lead the way but NCHS couldn't cash in as they threatened in the first and fifth innings. The Chiefs put two runners on base in both innings but couldn't get the big hit to get back in the game as they finished with six hits.

Senior Harper Marcotte was a bright spot for the Chiefs pitching two innings and allowing just one walk.

Next up, the Chiefs will play Tuesday at Airline (11-5) at 5 p.m. in district 1-5A action.