



**High School Football - Week 3 Preview**

**5A NCHS Chiefs (1-1, 0-1 in 1-5A) at Captain Shreve Gators (1-1, 0-1 in 1-5A)**

**Friday, Sept. 20, 2024 | 7 p.m. CT | Shreveport, La. | Lee Hedges Stadium**

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**Chiefs continue district play at Captain Shreve**

**SHREVEPORT, La.** - The Natchitoches Central Chiefs look to bounce back from Friday's home-opening loss to Evangel as they travel to face reigning District 1-5A Champions the Captain Shreve Gators Friday night at 7 p.m. at Lee Hedges Stadium.

The Chiefs (1-1, 0-1 in 1-5A) ran into a bit of buzzsaw last week as Evangel (1-1, 1-0 in 1-5A) beat NCHS 45-7 at Turpin Stadium. The Eagles got out to a 31-0 lead before NCHS's Dillon Braxton scored on a 75-yard pass from Owen Smith.

"It was very disappointing from coaches and players," said NCHS head football coach Brad Laird. "And the key this week was for all of us to ask where we could be better. We need to have a better week of preparation this week to be the football team we need to be."

The Gators (1-1) won District 1-5A last year going undefeated during the district schedule including a 32-24 victory over NCHS at Turpin Stadium. The Chiefs won the matchup two years ago over CSHS with a 30-17 win at Lee Hedges Stadium.

"One thing we know with this district is that we will have an opportunity to win or lose every week," said Laird. "This week is no different so we understand what lies ahead this week (with

Captain Shreve) and every week moving forward. We look forward to the opportunity and another chance to go on the road.”

Captain Shreve is looking to rebound after the Gators were outlasted by Huntington in a shootout, 46-35, last week.

Friday’s game will be available with the radio broadcast beginning at 6:45 p.m. as Brad Ford and Dane Terrell will have the play-by-play on 100.7 KZBL radio or fans can watch the live stream at NCHSChiefs.Live.

Fans can also follow Friday night’s game as live updates will be available at the [Inside Natchitoches Sports facebook page](#).