

**Chiefs 'steal' a win from Parkway 2-1 in extra innings**

**NATCHITOCHES, La.** - Kyron Payne walked and scored on a throwing error by the catcher while stealing third base in the bottom of the eighth inning as the Natchitoches Central Chiefs beat the Parkway Panthers, 2-1, Tuesday night at home in district 1-5A action at NCHS.

The Chiefs (21-6, 10-3 in 1-5A) got a terrific start from senior Adam Guillet. The Louisiana Tech signee pitched 6 1/3 innings of shutout ball and allowed just one hit. The Chiefs had a 1-0 lead entering the seventh thanks to an RBI single by Andrew Odom with two outs in the sixth.

However, Parkway's Maddox Cockerham tied the game at 1-1 with a solo homerun off Guillet with one out in the seventh for the Panthers (10-15, 5-8 in 1-5A).

It stayed 1-1 until the eighth when Payne led off with a six-pitch walk. He was bunted to second base by senior Dillon Braxton. With Zach Jordan in the box, Payne took off for third on the 1-2 pitch. The ball sailed into left field allowing Payne to sprint home for the game-winning run as the Chiefs won in thrilling fashion.

NCHS finished with just four hits while Guillet allowed one earned up, two hits, one walk and struck out seven before senior Harper Marcotte took over in the seventh inning. Marcotte threw 1 2/3 innings walked one and struck out one as he picked up the win on the mound.

Odom led the way for NCHS finishing 2-for-3 with an RBI while Guillet and Braxton had the other two hits.

The Chiefs will continue a busy week Wednesday as they take on the Vinton Lions Wednesday in a doubleheader beginning at 5 p.m. Thursday, the Chiefs will host Benton at 6 p.m. before playing at Benton Saturday at 1 p.m. NCHS will wrap up the week with a makeup game against Parkway Sunday at 3 p.m. on the road.