

Dragons outhit Rams, but fall 5-9 in Homecoming game

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Once again this season, Holyoke outhit its opponent, but was unable to come out with a win.

In the HHS Homecoming game Tuesday, Sept. 15, the Lady Dragons outhit Akron 10-6, but lost the ball game, 5-9.

“The Dragons have the ability to generate runs and force the other team to make errors,” said coach Ashley Clayton. “However, on the defensive side of the ball, the Dragons have to eliminate the mental errors,” she added.

After playing nine games in five days, the softball team is glad they had some time to regroup and refocus before traveling to Brush this week, on Thursday, Sept. 24.

Akron claimed a 3-1 lead after one inning of action last Tuesday, with neither team scoring in either the second or third innings.

The visiting Rams put up four more runs in the fourth, while Holyoke scored one. Again the Rams made it across home plate twice in the fifth, with the Dragons scoring only once for a 9-3 ball game. HHS managed another run in each of the last two innings to finalize the Akron win at 9-5.

Macey Pierce pitched for four and two-thirds innings, giving up four hits and five runs. She also struck out four batters and walked just three.

In the fourth inning, Marci Vasa pitched to one batter, giving up a walk. Then Jordan Zeiler went in to pitch the remainder of the game, giving up two hits and four runs, striking out one and

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Senior Molly Fricke led the hitting stats, going three for four, while Makenzie Ault was two for five.

Karci Lockwood was one for four with a triple; Vasa, one for four with a double; Laura Gerk, one for three with an RBI; and Brittany Durbin, one for one.

Chandler Gerk was walked in both of her times at-bat, and Zeiler walked once in her two at-bats.

Jayvees win 19-12

Junior varsity nabbed a win last Tuesday when the Lady Dragons defeated Akron 19-12.

Durbin and Zeiler shared pitching duties, giving up six hits, five walks and one hit by pitch.

Zeiler had a home run and two singles in the ball game; Brooke Parker, a triple; Lilian Menjivar, a double; Durbin, two singles; Chandler Gerk, two singles; Briar Bergner, a single; and Ashley Vance, a single.

Upcoming action

Saturday, Sept. 26, the Lady Dragons will host Erie at 10:30 a.m. and Lyons at 2 p.m.