

Dragons post double win over Wray Eagles

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Big wins were posted by the HHS softball team in a varsity doubleheader against Wray Thursday, Oct. 1.

With a 12-run sixth inning, the Lady Dragons won the first ball game 22-11, then turned around to shut out the visiting Eagles 14-0 in five innings.

It was exciting for the Dragons to get these two much-needed wins against Wray as they near the end of their regular season.

Holyoke 22, Wray 11

Coach Ashley Clayton noted the first game against Wray was the story of three different games in just six innings.

Holyoke started off strong, scoring six runs in the first two innings. But during a rough third inning, Wray scored 10 runs, earning just three hits, with Holyoke making four errors.

The Dragons trailed 8-10 after three innings, both teams scored one in the fourth and HHS added another run in the fifth for an 11-10 Wray edge.

“The Dragons continue to rise to the occasion when facing adversity,” praised coach Clayton, as they scored 12 runs in the bottom of the sixth.

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The huge inning put the girls ahead 22-11 to end the game one inning short, due to the 10-run rule.

“Much credit is due to Macey Pierce for coming in and taking control of the game on the mound for the Dragons,” said coach Clayton. She added the Dragon offense deserves a pat on the back for outhitting the Eagles 15-6.

Jordan Zeiler pitched two and two-thirds innings to open the game, giving up four walks, four hits, nine runs and earning one strike-out.

Pierce pitched three and one-third innings, giving up three walks, two hits, two runs and earning four strike-outs.

Makenzie Ault led the offensive stats, hitting three for six with five RBIs, a double and a home run.

Brittany Durbin was three for five with a double and two RBIs; Laura Gerck, two for four with three RBIs and a walk; Pierce, two for four with a triple, two RBIs and a walk; Jordan Zeiler, two for five with a double and two RBIs; Ashley Gragg, two for five.

Marci Vasa, one for three with a double, an RBI and two walks; Molly Fricke, one for three with two RBIs and two walks; and Karci Lockwood, one for four with four RBIs and a walk.

Holyoke 14, Wray 0

Pierce continued to do a fine job on the mound, pitching a five-inning shut-out as the Dragons claimed a 14-0 win in Game Two with Wray last week.

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Pierce gave up just three hits and one walk and earned herself seven strike-outs.

Holyoke proved to be just as tough to beat in the second game of the varsity doubleheader, noted coach Clayton.

While Pierce continued to be solid on the mound for the Dragons, she had much help from the Dragon defense, who committed just two errors, according to coach Clayton.

“The Holyoke offense continued to get timely hits and showed a lot of discipline at the plate against the struggling Wray pitchers,” said Clayton.

She pointed out it was a great opportunity to get J.V. girls into the game. “Anytime they can get some game experience is a plus,” added the coach.

“These kids followed suit and carried a lot of discipline up to the plate,” said Clayton.

Ault was two for three with a double, a home run and five RBIs to once again lead the offense. Fricke also had a good game, hitting two for two with a double and a triple, as well as three RBIs.

Additionally, Durbin was two for two; Pierce, one for one with three walks, a triple and two RBIs; Vasa, one for two with two walks; and Lockwood, one for three with one RBI.

Also getting on base by walks were Laura Gerk, Zeiler, Ashley Vance, Brooke Parker, Becca Brandt and Catrina Krueger.

Upcoming action

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Holyoke hosted Yuma Tuesday, Oct. 6, with results to appear in next week's *Enterprise*.

This weekend, the Dragons travel Saturday, Oct. 10 for a 10:30 a.m. game at Platte Valley and a 2 p.m. game at Weld Central. Games at home against Strasburg Monday, Oct. 12 and at Burlington Tuesday, Oct. 13 round out the regular season.