

Holyoke grabs 2 wins against Sedgwick Co.

Written by Chris Lee

The Dragons traveled to Sedgwick County, Saturday, March 27 looking for their first baseball victories of the season. They managed to capture those victories after two convincing wins over the Cougars.

The two wins improve their record to 2-4.

Holyoke 13, Sedgwick County 7

Coach Kyle Bules said the wind was an issue and they only committed one error in the game. That was the difference in the 13-7 victory, he said.

The Dragons climbed out to an early 2-1 lead after the first inning. Both teams were unable to score in the second. Holyoke reeled off three more runs in the top of the third and held the Cougars scoreless.

Both teams again went scoreless in the fourth inning. Sedgwick County got their first and only lead of the day in the bottom of the fifth inning. They scored five runners to take the one-point advantage.

Holyoke answered in the top of the sixth bringing one runner home. The bats got even hotter in the final inning when Holyoke scored seven more runs to put the game out of reach.

Jaydin Goldenstein got the start and pitched four innings. He gave up five earned runs, four hits, five walks and earned six strikeouts. Francisco Diaz came in for relief in the fifth inning giving up one earned run, five hits, three walks and earned three strikeouts.

Logan Krueger took the mound with the bases loaded and two outs in the final inning. He

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earned the strikeout to secure the save and the win.

Diaz finished two for four from the plate with a double, triple and three RBI. Brian DeBoer went one for four. He had a triple, two RBI and scored a run.

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It only took five innings to put the Cougars away in the second game of the doubleheader.

“Our bats were hot today, we need to keep them hot in order to put ourselves in a position to win more games,” Bules said.

Krueger got the win after pitching all five innings. “He did very well,” the coach said. The coach also mentioned the defense made some nice plays throughout the game. Krueger had five earned runs, two walks and struck out seven batters.

The Dragons scored 12 runs in the first inning while only giving up two Sedgwick County runs. The two teams were held scoreless in the second inning before Holyoke put up six more in the third.

The Dragons added two more in the fourth and three in the fifth. Sedgwick County scored four in the bottom of the fifth before the game was called by run rule.

Krueger belted a home run and finished four for five from the plate. He also had three doubles and six RBI. Ryan Baumgartner went three for three with a double and four RBI. DeBoer went four for four from the plate with a double, triple and three RBI.

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“It was a great day and a great confidence builder,” Bules said.

Upcoming action

The Dragons will host Merino in a doubleheader Saturday, April 3. The first pitch is scheduled for 11 a.m. The JV team will host Haxtun and Wray Tuesday, April 6 for a triangular. Games are set to begin at 3:30 p.m.