Dragons win two more

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The Dragon winning baseball streak was extended to eight with two wins over the Caliche Buffaloes Saturday, April 17.

Holyoke now holds an 8-4 record as they enter the final stretch of the regular season.

Holyoke 19, Caliche 13

Ryan Baumgartner got the start on the mound for the Dragons and pitched two innings before being relieved by Jaydin Goldenstein.

Holyoke got behind early as they scored two in the top of the first but allowed Caliche to score three in the bottom of the inning, The Dragons added four more in the second but the Buffaloes exploded for eight runs to take the 11-6 lead into the third inning.

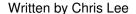
The third would prove to be the only inning Holyoke wouldn't put runs on the board. Caliche added one in the bottom of the inning.

The Dragons scored two runs in fourth and fifth innings while holding the Buffaloes scoreless. Caliche still held the 12-10 lead heading into the sixth inning but the Holyoke bats got hot as the Dragons scored eight runs to take the lead. The Buffaloes scored their final run in the bottom of the sixth.

Holyoke added one more run in the seventh to take the 19-13 victory.

Four Dragons belted home runs during the game. They included Brian DeBoer, Ryan Baumgartner, Logan Krueger and Goldenstein.

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Coach Kyle Bules said the game was very tough even though they had the four home runs. Bad hops off the grass infield also proved to give the Dragons some trouble.

Goldenstein went three for four from the plate with four runs and five RBI.

Holyoke 14, Caliche 0

Krueger pitched a shutout for the Dragons after facing 19 batters and giving up zero earned runs, two hits, two walks and earning 10 strikeouts. Krueger's pitching along with the Dragon bats led to an impressive 14-0 win.

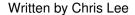
Holyoke scored three runs in the first and second innings. They added two in the third, four in the fourth and two in the fifth. The game was called after five innings due to run rule and the Dragons picked up the 14-0 victory.

"We are making good strides but need to continue working on the little things," Bules said. "We have a very hard schedule ahead of us. We will have to compete and play good baseball to put ourselves in a good position at districts."

Krueger went three for four from the plate with a double, two runs and two RBI. DeBoer finished two for three with a double, two hits and one RBI. Ryan Baumgarter went one for three with a triple, two runs and two RBI.

Upcoming action

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The Dragons are scheduled to host Idalia Thursday, April 22 and Akron, Saturday, April 24 for a doubleheader.

JV plays Haxtun

The junior varsity team played host to Haxtun Thursday, April 15 for a doubleheader. The Dragons came up short in both games, falling 4-7 and 7-8.

Alfredo Santos took the mound for the first game and pitched four innings before Chris Bieber was brought in to close the game.

Broc Pelle went one for one from the plate. He walked, was hit by a pitch, stole a base and scored a run.

Pelle was the starting pitcher for the second game. Other pitchers were Reid Baumgartner, Brett Cumming, Deyten Klein and Goldenstein.

Spencer Kotch was one for one from the plate with a walk and scored a run. Brandon Oosthuysen also was one for one and scored a run.