

Lady Dragons drop two against top-ranked Limon softball team

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While HHS softball took the lead early in both games at Limon Saturday, Oct. 2, the Dragons fell 6-13 and 8-13 in the varsity doubleheader.

“Overall, the Dragons showed a lot of promise against a top-ranked team,” said coach Ashley Clayton. “They truly beat themselves,” she added, noting with some work on the little things, they will be tough on both sides of the ball.

The regular season closes out this weekend when Holyoke travels to Burlington Saturday, Oct. 9 for a varsity doubleheader beginning at 10 a.m. District competition is set for the following weekend.

Holyoke 6, Limon 13

Holyoke jumped to a quick 2-0 lead in the opening game at Limon Saturday when Ashley Campbell hit a home run.

However, the Dragons had a rough third inning which put the Badgers ahead 10-3.

HHS added another run in the fourth and two in the seventh, while Limon put three more on the board in the sixth to take the seven-point win.

“Defensive miscues continue to be a thorn in the side of the girls,” said coach Clayton. “They will have to continue to play with confidence on both sides of the ball.”

Offensively, the Dragons hit the ball well, but had a hard time finding a hole, said the coach. On the other hand, Limon seemed to hit the ball in every hole on the field, she added.

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The Dragon defense committed five errors and Limon was able to capitalize on all of them.

Campbell took the loss on the mound, allowing 12 hits, pitching two strike-outs and walking seven batters.

“To continue to be competitive, the girls are going to have to figure out a way to be mentally prepared every game and every pitch,” said Clayton.

In addition to Campbell’s home run, Makenzie Ault also hit a home run and a triple in the opening game Saturday. Karci Lockwood had three singles and stole one base. Marci Vasa hit two singles and Marlee Boehm hit one. Campbell led in RBIs with two.

Holyoke 8, Limon 13

The Dragons were able to jump out ahead 5-0 after two and a half innings in the second game.

But the host Badgers put up three runs in the bottom of the third and three in the fourth to take a 6-5 lead.

Holyoke came back for two in the fifth to regain the lead, but Limon added three runs of their own to once again move on top by two.

One run in the sixth moved the Dragon score to 8, but four Badgers crossed home plate for the 13-8 Limon win.

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Campbell was on the mound again for HHS, allowing 11 hits and 13 runs, with two strike-outs and six walks.

“Defensive errors continued to cause problems,” said coach Clayton. “Offensively the girls showed a lot of fight, but defensively they have some work to do,” she added.

Campbell hit two more home runs in the second game, and had three RBIs. Ault was three for four at the plate, hitting one triple and stealing one base.

Vasa, Macey Pierce and Jordan Zeiler each hit a single, and Vasa had one stolen base.