

## Tigers spoil Dragon homecoming game

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A low scoring first half had the homecoming crowd at Max Bernard Field fired up. The homecoming atmosphere mixed with the Dragons' previous victory had the home team fired up looking for its second win of the season.

Unfortunately for Holyoke, Wiggins came to town and spoiled that goal, handing the Dragons a 12-28 loss.

"It was a tough loss," coach Rod Trumper said.

After emerging from the homecoming horse trailer and taking the field a fired up team, Holyoke managed to play right with the Tigers well into the second half. However, the talented Tiger quarterback was able to make plays when his team needed him to.

Holyoke was unable to put points on the scoreboard in the first half and held Wiggins to just six. The Dragons hung 12 points in the second half but the Tigers managed to score 22 to hand Holyoke the loss.



**Broc Pelle sacks the Wiggins quarterback during Holyoke's 12-28 homecoming loss. □ □**  
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### First half defensive battle

After giving up a touchdown on Wiggins' first drive of the game, the Holyoke defense stood tall and kept them out of the end zone the rest of the half.

Reid Baumgartner picked off a Wiggins pass on their second drive of the game to shift momentum back to the Holyoke sideline. The intensity level on the home sideline was high all night as players used the homecoming atmosphere to let the visitors know they were there to fight for a win.

Holyoke was forced to punt four times in the first half and also turned the ball over twice on a fumble and on downs.

Wiggins opened the second half with a 12-play scoring drive to extend the lead to 12-0.

The Dragons responded with what looked like a positive drive until Wiggins forced them to punt again. Holyoke coaches dug into the bag of tricks and called a fake punt. A face mask penalty gave Holyoke another breath of life and Brett Cumming ran the ball in from 28 yards out on the next play with just under two minutes left in the third quarter.

Wiggins again was successful at finding the end zone with time running out in the third. Holyoke answered big on the next drive as Cumming broke free for a 64-yard touchdown scamper.

The run helped Cumming break the 100-yard mark for the game. Coach Trumper said the effort from the sophomore back was a great one.

Holyoke stalled the Tigers' ensuing drive when Austin Killin intercepted a pass in the end zone. The Dragons drove into Tiger territory but were unable to move into the end zone.

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Wiggins managed one more score late in the final period to seal the 28-12 win.

Holyoke will travel to Akron Friday, Oct. 8 in search of a second victory. The Rams enter the game riding a three-game losing streak and hold a 2-3 record on the season. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.



**Perry Garrett and Seth Baker bring down a Wiggins ball carrier during Friday's homecoming game.** □□□□ □□□ □□□ □□□ □□□ □□□ □□□ □□□□  
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### Stats recorded

Cumming led Holyoke with 139 rushing yards on 18 carries. Pelle carried the ball 13 times for

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68 yards. The Dragons finished with 222 yards of total offense.

Jesus Hermosillo and Austin Killin each had eight tackles to lead the team. Seth Baker finished with seven.

Baumgartner and Killin each intercepted a pass from the Wiggins quarterback. Pelle recorded two sacks while Hermosillo had one.

Carlos Diaz punted the ball four times with a long of 42 yards.

Pelle returned one kickoff for 46 yards.

## **JV shuts out Wiggins**

Holyoke JV team traveled to Wiggins Monday, Oct. 4 to face the Tigers. The Dragons managed to shut out the home team by a score of 24-0.

Saul Ramos, Tanner Smith and Carlos Diaz all had scores for Holyoke.

Coach Trumper said the Dragons had a balanced attack running and passing the ball well. The defense only allowed three first downs all game.

The JV team is scheduled to host Akron Monday, Oct. 11 at 4 p.m.

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### Other North Central action reported

Other North Central Conference teams played Friday, Oct. 1. Yuma beat Highland 43-6 and Wray beat Akron 27-7.



**Prior to kickoff of Friday’s homecoming game, Bob “Koby” Koberstein, pictured in center, was recognized for his many years of service to Holyoke football. He has been a member of the chain crew since the 1970s and has decided to retire. Joining him on the field were head coach Rod Trumper, pictured at left, and Supt. Bret Miles, at right. □ □**

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