

JV girls claim 2 wins

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Two wins were earned by the HHS JV softball team Monday, Oct. 4 when the Dragons defeated Yuma 6-4 and edged Akron 12-11.

Holyoke 6, Yuma 4

Holyoke's JV softball squad played a great game against Yuma last Monday to earn a two-point win. "It was nice to see them produce offensively and play great defense," said coach Ashley Clayton.

The lead changed hands four times in the ball game. The Dragons earned one run in the first inning, but Yuma nabbed two in the second to go ahead.

HHS scored two runs in the top of the third, but Yuma answered with two of their own to claim the one-point lead again. The Dragons managed two in the fourth and one in the fifth while holding Yuma scoreless to give Holyoke the 6-4 win.

Jordan Zeiler took the win on the mound with five strike-outs and four walks. She also hit a triple and a single and had two RBIs in the ball game.

Other singles were hit by Catrina Krueger, Brooke Parker and Gabi Pascua.

Parker had two RBIs, while Marlee Boehm and Briar Bergner each had one. Alyssa Killin had a stolen base.

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Holyoke 12, Akron 11

Holyoke was able to come from behind and load the bases to beat Akron by one run Monday.

Coach Clayton noted game experience is important for the strength and growth of the softball program. "It was a good opportunity for the girls to use what they have been working so hard on," she added.

Both teams saw two runners cross home plate in the first inning, but Akron outscored the Dragons 5-2 in the second to take a three-point lead.

Holyoke scored five in the third, but Akron answered with four to stay on top. Three runs in the fourth inning while holding Akron scoreless gave the Dragons the 12-11 one-point edge and a mark in the win column.

Killin took the win on the mound, pitching three strike-outs and walking four batters.

Becca Brandt and Chandler Gerk each got a hit in the ball game, and each had one RBI. Krueger had two RBIs and Killin had one. Brandt stole two bases, while Gerk, Boehm and Bergner each stole one.