Losing its first game since the first week of the season, Holyoke's JV boys' basketball team was 2-1 last week.

Against Benkelman, Neb. on Tuesday, Holyoke took the win, 45-34. The Wray Eagles barely eeked out a victory against the Dragons on Friday, with a score of 43-44. Then on Saturday, HHS defeated Burlington, 61-35.

Holyoke JV 45, Benkelman 34

Holyoke and Dundy County played a tight game the first quarter, with a tied score of 12. However, the Dragons charged ahead in the second, allowing the Tigers only three points to give HHS an eight-point lead at the half.

Keeping up the momentum in the second half, the Dragons continued to outscore Dundy County, 16-6. In the final quarter, the Tigers made a bit of a comeback, narrowing the lead to 11 points, but still giving Holyoke the win.

Preston King set the pace for the Dragons with 12 points, followed closely by Brian DeBoer with 11. Also scoring for Holyoke were Reid Baumgartner and Sheng Xuezhi with seven apiece, Willie Greenman four, Cody Fricke three and Brent Vasa one.

Scoring By Quarters

Holyoke 12 11 16 6 --45

Benkelman 12 3 6 13 --34

Holyoke JV 43, Wray 44

After having a strong lead in the first half, the Dragons fell just short of victory when the Wray Eagles broke out in the second to take a one-point win.

Things looked good for HHS in the first eight minutes of play, with the team quickly putting up 17 points on the board. Greenman led the way that quarter with 10 points, including two baskets from behind the arc. Baumgartner also contributed a three while King had two two-point field goals.

The two foes scored evenly in the second period with 11 points, but Holyoke still had a nine-point advantage from the first going into halftime.

In a dramatic turn of events, the Eagles returned from the locker room for the third to zoom past the Dragons and add 16 points to their side of the scoreboard, while allowing Holyoke only two baskets. The Dragons now found themselves behind by three as they entered the final period.

Though they outscored the Eagles by one basket in the fourth, it was not enough to overtake Wray. Time ran out for HHS before they could regain the lead, and the team had to take the loss of one point.

King again scored the most points against Wray with 12, followed by DeBoer and Greenman with 10 each. Baumgartner added eight points and Vasa three.

Scoring By Quarters

Holyoke 17 11 4 11 --43

Wray 8 11 16 9 --44

Holyoke JV 61, Burlington 35

Looking for redemption after facing defeat the night before, the jayvee team came out ready to play in Burlington on Saturday.

In the first quarter, the teams were evenly matched in scoring with 11 points, but the Dragons took a seven-point advantage in the second after adding 19 points, including two threes.

HHS continued to dominate the second half of play, making an additional 31 points total, and allowing the Cougars only six for each the third and fourth quarters.

A slew of three-point field goals helped Holyoke seal the deal against Burlington, with eight total for the game. Of those, Greenman made five, three of which were shot in the third quarter. He was the top points-earner of the game with 16.

Coming in behind him on the scoring stats were King and DeBoer with 12 points apiece, Alex Quintana eight (including one three), Baumgartner with two threes for six points, Fricke four, Austin Killin two and Vasa one.

Scoring By Quarters

Holyoke 11 19 18 13 --61

Burlington 11 12 6 6 --35