

Holyoke boys fall in home opener

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Holyoke boys' basketball team suffered its first loss of the young 2011-12 season after losing to the Yuma Indians 41-50 Friday night, Dec. 9.

"They (Yuma) did a lot of the things we need to be doing," coach Scott Dille said.

Hustling and playing hard are just a couple things Dille said the Indians did that his Dragon squad didn't last Friday night. The coach also felt the team may have taken a step back following two convincing wins a week earlier.



Trevor Dalton flies through a couple Yuma defenders on his way to the bucket while teammate Jeremy Loutensock looks on. The boys fell 41-50 to the Indians Friday night.

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"Yuma is a good team," Dille said. "It's good for our kids to see we still need to work, we need to get better and there are some things we can do better."

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Yuma jumped out to a quick 17-8 lead during the first quarter but Holyoke fought back to within two points at the half, and was down 19-21.

The Indians slowly crept away during the second half, scoring 14 in the third and 15 in the final period while holding the Dragons to 10 and 12 respectively.

Dille felt the Dragons' zone offense looked better at times throughout the game. He noted they had a hard time getting shots to fall. Had they made a few more outside shots, the game would've been different, according to the coach.

The past few years, Holyoke had been a decent outside shooting team but only managed to sink one from downtown Friday against the Indians.

Dille was also pleased with the full-court man-to-man defense in the second quarter when Holyoke held Yuma to just four points.

Despite being down most of the game, Dille was very pleased with how the team continued to fight and show desire. "They always compete," the coach said. "They did that again but it just wasn't our sharpest."

Reid Baumgartner was the only Dragon in double digits scoring 12 points.

Upcoming action

The Dragons will host Brush Friday, Dec. 16 at 4 p.m. and Sedgwick County Saturday, Dec. 17 at 3 p.m. Dille said it will be nice to have two home games to end the 2011 portion of the

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schedule. 2012 will begin with teams traveling to Imperial, Neb. to face the Chase County Longhorns.

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