

## **Holyoke Dragons improve to 10-0 with wins in Akron**

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Holyoke Dragon baseball team traveled to Akron Monday, April 2 for a doubleheader with the Rams.

The game was moved from Tuesday due to anticipated cold and rainy weather. Holyoke headed into Akron riding an eight-game winning streak and undefeated record.

They left with an undefeated record riding a 10-game winning streak after two convincing wins, 12-2 and 13-1.

The two teams may have avoided cooler temperatures and rainy weather but they traded it for extremely high winds.

“Although the weather was terrible, it was great for the kids to play in adverse conditions and battle the elements,” coach Kyle Bules said. “I knew we would have some errors due to the wind but we were able to minimize them as much as possible. The pitchers did a great job of throwing strikes and getting ground ball outs.”

Bules said they did have a few mental errors they will need to address.

### **Holyoke 12, Akron 2**

Game one would be the first time the Dragons would play a full seven-inning ball game since March 17 when they beat Sedgwick County 4-1. Since then they won five straight games by run rule.

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The Dragons got on the board first with two runs to take the early lead. Neither team crossed home in the second. The third was a big inning for the Dragons as Brett Cumming, Reid Baumgartner, Jaydin Goldenstein and Trevor Dalton all crossed home plate to give Holyoke a 6-0 advantage.

They added one more in the top of the fourth and two in the fifth before Akron finally scored two in the bottom of the fifth.

Holyoke went on to score two runs in the sixth and one in the seventh to win the game 12-2.

Much of the reason Akron couldn't find runs was because of the arm of Baumgartner. He had a great game on the mound, striking out 12 batters. He faced a total of 24. In addition to his 12 strikeouts, he walked three, gave up four hits and one earned run.

Goldenstein entered the game in the sixth inning to finish the game. He faced seven batters, striking out two, walking one and giving up one hit.

Jesus Hermosillo had two hits and three RBI. Dalton and Deyten Klein each had two hits. Goldenstein led the team with three runs.

It was a scoring clinic throughout the top of the first inning in the second game as Holyoke scored seven runs to take a commanding lead right off the bat.

Trevor Dalton took to the mound to start the game and had some trouble and quickly found the bases loaded. After a few deep breaths he got himself out of the jam.

Neither team scored in the second inning and Holyoke added one in the top of the third.

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Klein entered to relieve Dalton in the bottom of the third with the bases loaded. Klein managed to earn two strikeouts to get Holyoke out of the jam.

Holyoke added three more runs in the fourth inning to boost their lead to 11 and hopes of ending the game early.

Akron got their first hit of the game in the bottom of the fourth but couldn't score any runs as they stranded two runners.

Facing a new Ram pitcher, Holyoke managed to score two more insurance runs in the top of the fifth inning. Akron scored one in the bottom of the inning but it wasn't enough as Holyoke picked up another win by run rule.

Dalton faced 15 batters through two and a third innings. He had two strikeouts, no hits, no runs and seven walks.

Klein faced 11 batters, striking out five, walking one and giving up three hits.

Cumming had three hits to lead the team.

Holyoke finished the game with 14 stolen bases.

### **Upcoming action**

The Dragons are scheduled to travel to Burlington Thursday, April 5 for a 2 p.m. doubleheader. Monday, April 9 Holyoke will host Yuma with doubleheader action beginning at 2 p.m. The JV team will play one game following varsity action with Yuma.

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A JV doubleheader will be played Tuesday, April 10 with Caliche in Holyoke. Game one will begin at 4 p.m.

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