

Dragons drop tough one to Front Range Christian

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Holyoke baseball team dropped a tough game in extra innings to a team they just haven't been able to figure out the past few years.

Holyoke traveled to Denver Saturday, April 14 to face Front Range Christian in a non-league contest and came up just short, 5-6.

Holyoke has scheduled the Falcons the last few years and have also run into them at the regional tournament.

Last year during the regular season, Holyoke fell in another close match-up 8-9. Two years ago, the Dragons met up with the Falcons at the regional tournament where Holyoke lost 1-13.

"We again struggled against a good pitcher," coach Kyle Bules said. "He got stronger as the game went along and we didn't answer."

Saturday, the Dragons looked good as they jumped ahead to an early 3-0 lead after the first inning of play.

"I was happy how we got on top at the beginning of the game, but need to be able to choke the life out of the other team when we have the lead," the coach said.

Neither team scored in the second inning. Front Range pulled within two runs after scoring one in the bottom of the third.

Holyoke answered with one run in the top of the fourth. The Falcons clawed back with two in the bottom of the inning to close within one run.

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Front Range tied the ball game at four in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Over the next two innings, neither team could break the tie so things would be decided in extra innings.

The Dragons looked to put the game away in the top of the eighth scoring one run, but Front Range spoiled it when they crossed two runners in the bottom of the inning to take the one-run victory.

“Defensively we had some errors but we at least got over the hump of sitting on our heels,” Bules said. “We attacked the ball now need to be able to finish.”

Jaydin Goldenstein started the game on the mound for the Dragons and pitched four and a third innings. He faced 16 batters, had three strikeouts, two walks, three hits and one earned run.

Deyten Klein entered the game and pitched for three and a third innings. He faced 17 batters, striking out four of them. He gave up two walks, three hits and two earned runs.

Reid Baumgartner pitched to one batter and gave up one hit.

Junior varsity beats Caliche, Front Range

Holyoke’s junior varsity team swept Caliche Tuesday, April 10 on the home diamond, 8-0 and 9-8. Bules said the Dragons went through a lot of pitchers so they could get some good experience. The coach also noted both games were well played by both teams.

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This past Saturday, the junior varsity beat Front Range Christian 12-4.

“They played very well,” Bules said. “They made routine plays and hit the ball very well. It has been nice to see how well they have progressed as the season has gone along.”

Upcoming action

Holyoke will host Caliche for a doubleheader Saturday, April 21. First pitch is set to be thrown at 11 a.m.

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