After a roller coaster of a season, the HHS varsity baseball team ended it on a high note at Merino, sweeping the competition in doubleheader action on Monday, April 27.

In Game One, the Dragons earned the 10-run rule win in six innings, 13-2. All seven innings were played in Game Two, with Holyoke holding out for the 15-7 triumph.

The double victory over the Rams gave the Dragons a final record of 8-6 for the regular season. It also placed the team in the #4 seed for the District 7 tournament, which will take place Friday and Saturday, May 1-2.

Holyoke 13, Merino 2

HHS took an early lead in Game One, putting up three runs in the top of the first. Following a scoreless second inning, the Dragons then added seven more runs to the score in the third.

Merino finally got on the boards in the bottom of the fourth, bringing home two runners. With both teams held to zero in the fifth, the Dragons earned another three runs in the sixth to give them the 10-point advantage.

The Rams were unable to manage another run in the bottom, giving Holyoke the 10-run rule victory in six innings.

Brett Gerk took the mound for four innings and was credited with the win. He pitched for five strikeouts, one hit, two earned runs and four bases on balls.

Brandon Price threw for the remaining two innings. He had two strikeouts, four hits and no earned runs.

At bat, Logan Krueger was four for four, with three runs and two RBIs. Austin Tharp was three for four, including a triple, three runs and two RBIs. Preston King hit two doubles and had one run and two RBIs.

Statistics provided to Max Preps by HHS coach

	AB	R	H	RBI
Reid Baumgartner	2	0	0	0
DeBoer	3	1	1	1
Tharp	4	3	3	2
Ryan Baumgartner	4	1	2	0
Krueger	4	3	4	2
King	4	1	2	2
Killin	4	0	1	0
Gerk	2	2	1	2
Price	3	2	2	0
Totals	30	13	16	9

3B - Tharp. 2B - King (2). SB - DeBoer, Tharp (4), Krueger (4), Gerk (2), Price.

Holyoke	3	0	7	0	0	3	-	—13
Merino	0	0	0	2	0	0	-	—2

Holyoke 15, Merino 7

It looked like the Rams were ready to put up more of a fight in Game Two after the first inning ended with the score tied at two. However, the Dragons quickly pulled ahead in the second, pushing six runners across the plate.

Another run was added in the third to give HHS a 9-2 edge.

But Holyoke still wasn't finished with their scoring streak. Hoping to end the game after only four innings, they put up four more points in the top of the fourth, giving them a lead of 11.

As it turned out, the Rams weren't ready to end the game just yet. They responded with four runs of their own to narrow the scoring gap to seven, and ensuring another inning would be played.

HHS earned their final two runs of the game in the fifth, bringing their total score to 15.

Merino slipped one runner through in the sixth, but HHS held them back in the final inning, maintaining the 15-7 score.

Brian DeBoer went the distance on the mound, pitching for six strikeouts, five earned runs and 11 hits out of 33 at bats.

Six out of the nine Dragon hitters earned a 50 percent or higher batting average during Game Two. Three hit doubles, including Tharp, Ryan Baumgartner and Austin Killin. Baumgartner and Price had three runs each, while Tharp, Krueger and Shaun Beck each had two RBIs.

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	AB	R	H	RBI
Reid Baumgartner	4	1	2	1
Tharp	5	2	2	2
Beck	2	0	1	2
Ryan Baumgartner	4	3	2	0
Krueger	3	2	2	2
Pelle	2	0	0	0
Killin	3	2	1	0
Gerk	3	1	2	1
Price	2	3	1	0
Totals	28	14	13	8

2B - Tharp, Ryan Baumgartner, Killin. SB - Tharp (4), Beck, Krueger (5), Killin, Gerk (2), Price (4).

Holyoke	2	6	1	4	2	0	0	—15
Merino	2	0	0	4	0	1	0	—7