Softball plays hard at Yuma

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The Lady Dragon softball team suffered two losses at Yuma last Saturday, Sept. 22. However, "minus one inning in both games against Yuma, the Dragons played to the level they were capable of playing," said coach Ashley Clayton.

"It was really nice to see people step up and play hard, despite being in positions they may not normally play," she added.

HHS traveled to Akron Tuesday, Sept. 25 for a league doubleheader, with results to appear in next week's Enterprise.

This Saturday, Sept. 29, the girls will travel to Limon for a doubleheader beginning at 10 a.m.

Holyoke 8, Yuma 18

The Lady Dragons had a strong start in game one at Yuma with four runners crossing home plate to open the ball game. Yuma answered with three runs in the first inning, but Holyoke maintained the one-point lead.

The Indians added two more in the bottom of the third to lead 5-4. Fourth-inning action found the Dragons regain the lead 6-5, only to see it fall when Yuma scored four for a 9-6 advantage.

Holyoke made it a one-point game with two runs in the top of the fifth. But when the Indians rallied for nine runs to close out that inning, it finished the game with run rule and an 18-8 Yuma win.

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Vicki Jeffers took the loss on the mound, facing 36 batters for 10 hits and 18 runs. She struck out five batters and walked five.

Elissa Baker hit a triple, Holyoke's only extra-base hit in the game. At the plate, Jeffers was two for two with one run and Chandler Gerk was two for three with three runs. Allison Boehm had one hit and an RBI and Keeya Marquez had a hit.

Holyoke 3, Yuma 13

Yuma took an 8-0 lead in the second game Saturday before the Dragons could muster a run. The Indians scored two in the first, two in the second and four in the third inning of play.

Holyoke managed two in the fourth and one more in the fifth to make it an 8-3 ball game, but Yuma added two in the bottom of the fifth and three more in the sixth to close out the game 13-3 after six innings.

Jeffers again took the loss on the mound, facing 39 batters for 10 hits and 13 runs. She struck out two and walked 10.

Baker and Jeffers each had two hits for the Dragons, while Camille Elliott and Marquez had one hit apiece. Baker, Kaitlyn Lenhart and Gerk scored Holyoke's three runs.

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