

## Holyoke boys' basketball falls to Yuma, Brush

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It was a busy week for the Holyoke Dragon boys' basketball team as they traveled to Yuma Tuesday, Dec. 11 and played host to Brush Friday, Dec. 14.

Unfortunately, the Dragons fell to both the Indians and Beetdiggers.

### Holyoke 48, Yuma 65

It was all Yuma last Tuesday night as they pulled away early and led to the finish.

Coach Scott Dille felt the team hit the floor playing hard throughout the first half of play. He was pleased with the play of his defense.

The Indians took the early 11-8 lead after the opening period. Both teams managed to hang 14 points on the board in the second quarter which left the Indians leading 25-22 at the half.



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### **Logan Tharp looks to lay in two points against Brush Friday night, Dec. 14. The Dragons fell to the Beetdiggers 52-63. —Enterprise photo**

The coach said his squad began to wear down a bit during the game and he attributes that to himself not rotating enough. Dille said Yuma did a great job of rotating nine or 10 guys and staying fresh.

Holyoke scored 13 points in the third and fourth quarters while Yuma hung 20 on the board in each of the second-half periods.

“Yuma is a really good team,” Dille said. “The ball pressure was unlike anything we’ve seen so far. I think it caught some of the guys off guard.”

The coach hopes that type of play opened the eyes of his younger squad a bit.

### **Holyoke 52, Brush 63**

The Dragons didn’t get off to a good start last Friday night on the home court as they fell behind early to the Brush Beetdiggers.

Brush pulled ahead to a 21-9 lead after the opening quarter. They extended their lead to 35-21 heading into the break.

Coach Dille said they gave up way too many offensive rebounds throughout the first half. “They had a lot of second chances. It’s hard to compete when you give up so many opportunities to

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the other team,” Dille said.

“I thought we did some really good things in the second half,” Dille said.



**Zach Roll puts the breaks on after bringing the ball down the court against Brush. Roll had a nice game nailing two shots from downtown.☐☐**

**—Enterprise photo**

The coach was proud of how the team pressured Brush in the second half and forced them out of their comfort zone. He said he feels the Dragons are capable of doing that but they just haven't been able to for long stretches of time.

“Hopefully the kids will start to figure that out that we play better when we play that way,” the coach said.

The Dragons outscored Brush 16-10 in the third stanza to pull within eight points, 37-45. Brush held on throughout the fourth quarter and made enough free throws to secure the win, 63-52.

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