

Dragons split with Cougars

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Holyoke suffered their first loss in league play as they fell to Sedgwick County 1-4 Friday, May 3. The Dragons bounced back in the second game, winning by a score of 18-0.

Holyoke 1, Sedgwick County 4

For the first time all season, the Dragons were unable to take down a league opponent, losing to Sedgwick County 4-1.

The game also marks just the fifth time out of 16 games that the high-scoring offense did not score 10 or more runs.

“We hit the ball, but we didn’t string our hits together,” Coach John Zilla said. “When we have kids in scoring position, we need to hit the ball.”

In the game, Dragon hitters faced the toughest pitcher they have seen all year, according to Zilla. Sedgwick County’s Chase Dunker struck out 16 Holyoke batters in the match.

Jaydin Goldenstein got things started for Holyoke in the first inning, singling to center to score Trevor Dalton for the early 1-0 lead.

The Cougars would tie the game at 1 apiece in the third inning. The inning ended before Sedgwick County could do more damage as left-fielder Bradley Cumming fielded a ball in the outfield, relayed it to shortstop Dalton who threw out a Cougar baserunner at home to end the inning.

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Sedgwick County scored another run in the fourth inning to expand the lead. Errors in the fifth and sixth innings hurt the Dragons as it allowed Sedgwick County to pick up two more runs for the 4-1 win.

Logan Tharp threw six innings for the Dragons, allowing four runs on six hits and two walks. He also struck out three batters in the game.

Goldenstein and Bradley Cumming led the Dragons at the plate as they both went 2-3 in the game. Goldenstein also recorded an RBI in the match.

Holyoke 18, Sedgwick County 0

HHS returned to form in the second game of the doubleheader, beating Sedgwick County 18-0.

“I was afraid they would be down for the second game, but they bounced right back,” Zilla said of his team. “They didn’t hold their heads down, they came back and swung the bat.”

Holyoke racked up 17 hits in the game. Zilla noted that after the quality pitching they faced in the first game, HHS hitters were more prepared and had quicker hands in the second match.

The Dragons set the pace early in the game, scoring two runs on four hits in the first inning.

In the second inning, Goldenstein laced a pitch out of the park for a grand slam, giving the Dragons a 6-0 lead.

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Brett Cumming, Jesus Hermosillo, Tharp and Dylan Kotch all batted in two runs in the third inning to increase the lead to 14-0. Holyoke would go on to score two more runs in each of the next two innings for an 18-0 victory.

Dalton started on the mound for the Dragons. In three innings, Dalton gave up only one hit and allowed zero runs. He struck out two batters and walked just one.

Kotch tossed the final two innings for HHS, allowing just two hits in the save.

Dalton and Goldenstein each posted three-hit days for the Dragons. Goldenstein was also responsible for five runs batted in.

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