

## Sluggers go 2-2 in Yuma

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The Holyoke Sluggers 10-11-year-old baseball team returned to action Saturday, June 29 for a weekend tournament in Yuma.

Holyoke posted a 2-2 record in the tournament.

To get the tournament underway, Holyoke was on the winning end of a 20-3 blowout win over Wray.

Blake Mosenteen led the way at the plate with four singles. Caleb Deaver had three singles and Cody Hamilton chipped in with a pair of singles.

Deaver and Jesus Trejo were untouchable on the mound for the Sluggers, combining to strike out four, walk four, hit one batter and not give up a single hit in the game.

The Sluggers' next outing proved to be more difficult as they fell to the Sterling Zephyrs 7-4.

Xander Speicher picked up two singles in the game while Hamilton contributed a home run.

Mosenteen and Deaver both had stints on the mound, allowing four hits, four walks, one hit batter and striking out one batter.

Sunday began as Saturday did for the Sluggers, with a lopsided victory as they beat Fort Morgan 16-0 in three innings of play.

Hamilton accounted for three singles in the game while Deaver, Mosenteen and Trevor Peterson each had two singles as the Sluggers offensive abilities were on display in the win.

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Peterson didn't allow a single hit on the mound for the Sluggers. In three innings of work, Peterson struck out five batters and gave up just two walks.

The most exciting game of the weekend was saved for last as Yuma just squeaked by with an 8-7 win over Holyoke.

After Yuma jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the first two innings, Holyoke began chipping away at the lead. In the top of the fourth inning, the Sluggers put three runs on the board thanks to three singles.

Yuma responded in the bottom half of the inning with two runs to push the lead to 6-3.

In the top of the sixth and last inning, Hamilton hit a grand slam to right-center field to give Holyoke a 7-6 edge.

The lead wouldn't last as Yuma scored two more runs in the inning to win.

Hamilton finished the day with a single and a home run and Deaver and Mosenteen each added a pair of singles.

Trejo and Hamilton handled pitching responsibilities for the Sluggers. They combined to allow four hits, walk five, hit one batter and strike out six batters.

Sluggers coach Ron Lock noted that the team fought hard throughout the tournament.

"It was very pleasing to see how we responded to being down early to an older, more

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experienced Yuma team. It's a credit to the kids to come back and not give up," Lock said.

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