

## Boys' basketball splits week's road games

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Dragon boys' basketball players emerged from last week's set of league matches with a 1-1 record, falling to Yuma Tuesday, Jan. 21 and knocking off Wiggins Friday, Jan. 24.

With a month left in the regular season, Holyoke now possesses an 8-4 overall record and is 2-1 in conference play.

### **Holyoke 57, Yuma 63**

Holyoke was in for a dogfight Tuesday night, locked in a close battle with the Yuma Indians. The two teams traded baskets throughout the first quarter with the Indians edging Holyoke 14-12.

Coach Scott Dille noted that the Dragons are at their best when they are playing aggressively, attacking the basket and moving the ball off of dribble penetration. Yuma did a good job of disrupting the HHS offense by limiting open looks as they took away passing lanes.

Defenses shined in the match and Dille praised his team's effort in the game.

"The guys came out hard, focused and knew what they had to do," Dille said. "I thought our defense was unbelievable."

The sharpshooting Yuma team continued to sink shots, mainly midrange shots, from the field in the second quarter. With five seconds left in the half, the Indians hit one of their four first-half 3s to extend their lead to 29-23.

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The six-point lead represented one of the largest leads for the Yuma team in the match as Holyoke kept the Indians from running away with the game.

HHS forced a few turnovers to begin the third quarter, but could not translate the solid defense into points on the board. With Yuma's aggressive defense, Dille stated that HHS needed to do a better job of setting screens and moving without the ball to get clean looks at the hoop. Each team finished with 13 points in the third quarter.

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