

## Boys take Wray in home opener; fall to Idalia on the road Friday

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Holyoke split the first two boys' basketball games of the season, falling to Idalia 43-46 and beating Wray 41-35.

### **Holyoke 43, Idalia 46**

The Dragons traveled to Idalia Friday, Dec. 4 and got off to a quick start as Evan Swanson hit three of his five three-pointers in the first quarter to give Holyoke the upper hand heading into the second stanza.

“Evan kept us in the game during the first quarter,” coach John Baumgartner said.

The Dragons held the lead for most of the game but some turnovers late in the game gave Idalia the upper hand.

The scoring continued as Swanson hit another shot from beyond the arc in the second quarter. He was five for seven from three-point range for 71 percent in the ball game.

Reid Baumgartner also connected on a deep ball in the second, and the Dragons took a 26-22 lead into the locker room.

The Wolves managed to outscore the Dragons in the second half and come away with the close win.

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Carper and Swanson combined for 32 of Holyoke's 43 points, with Carper recording 17 and Swanson 15. Logan Krueger was two for two from the line.

Idalia outrebounded the Dragons 20-15. Krueger and Swanson each pulled down four boards for Holyoke. Ryan Baumgartner and Alex Quintana each had two steals, and Ryan also had five assists.

The Dragons finished 15 of 31 for 48 percent shooting.

"Give them credit," Baumgartner said. "They're a good basketball team."

### **Holyoke 41, Wray 35**

In the home opener, the Dragons were able to even their record to 1-1 with a 41-35 victory over Wray.

The Dragons kept the turnovers low and came away with the win. Baumgartner said they were able to move the ball around the outside better than the night before.

Reid Baumgartner sunk four buckets from behind the three-point line and finished with 12 points in the contest. Carper led the way with 15, and Swanson was two for two from the line.

On the boards, both teams grabbed 24 rebounds. HHS was led by Carper with eight, Swanson six and Krueger five. Carper blocked two shots. Ryan Baumgartner managed three steals, eight assists and one blocked shot in the game.

The Dragons were 16 of 37 from the field for 43 percent.

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“We moved the ball a little better Saturday,” Baumgartner said. “When looking at the first three teams on the schedule, we said we could be 0-3 but we are 1-1.”

### Upcoming action

HHS will take on Brush at home Friday, Dec. 11 with games scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. They will travel to Akron for 3:30 p.m. games Saturday, Dec. 12.

