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Holyoke took to Max Bernard field Friday, Oct. 15 to host the 1A defending state champion Yuma Indians and lost 16-55.

A week earlier, Holyoke faced a run-dominant Akron team turned pass oriented. This time Holyoke squared off against the Indians who ran the ball all but one of its offensive plays.

The Indians built up a quick lead while at the same time managing to shut down Holyoke's offense. On defense, the Dragons were unable to slow down Yuma's ground game giving up 48 points in the first half.

The Dragons' two scores came on the legs of sophomore running back Brett Cumming. His first score, a 51-yard scamper came with just over a minute left in the first half. He then added the two-point conversion. Cumming also scored from 18 out in the final period. Broc Pelle added the two-point conversion.

"They are a good team," Coach Rod Trumper said. "They were big, strong and physical."

The Dragons will try for their second win against the 1-6 Highland Huskies Friday, Oct. 22. The game will serve as the final home game of the regular season for the Dragons as they will wrap up season play in Wray Friday, Oct. 29.



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Quarterback Reid Baumgartner eyes a receiver during Holyoke's game against Yuma Friday, Oct. 15. —Enterprise photo

Indians build up quick lead

Yuma scored on all but two of its offensive possessions, including seven of its eight in the first half. The powerful backs were too much for the young Dragon team to handle as they had a hard time keeping the visitors out of the end zone.

“We were unable to control the line of scrimmage,” Trumper said.

The Indians gained 529 yards on the ground and completed their only pass attempt of the night for 15 yards.

Cumming helped juice up the crowd when he took the handoff from quarterback Reid Baumgartner and went 51 yards to paydirt with just over a minute left in the first half. The score helped narrow the deficit but the running clock was implemented in the second half.

Yuma used most of the third period on a long drive down the field for their final score of the evening. After a long kickoff return by Pelle, Holyoke had nice field position near midfield.

