

Boys drop 3 straight games

Written by Chris Lee

Holyoke boys' basketball team had a tough go the last three home games. They played host to Dundy County, Haxtun and Burlington and came up short in all three games.

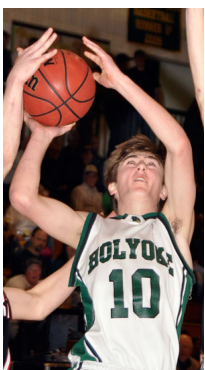
The five-game home stand will come to an end Thursday, Feb. 16 when the Dragons host Akron. The regular season will wrap up Friday night when the Dragons travel north to face Sedgwick County.

Holyoke 57, Dundy County 62

The game Tuesday, Feb. 7 looked completely over after one quarter of basketball. Dundy County built a commanding 24-5 lead on their way to the eventual win.

Knowing how the Dragons have fought back nicely a lot this year, things weren't considered over in the minds of the players.

Holyoke whittled away at the deficit and managed to outscore the Tigers in the remaining three quarters but ended up five points short in the end.



Boys drop 3 straight games

Written by Chris Lee

Harry Paulin goes up strong to the net during basketball action Thursday, Feb. 9. The Dragons fell to county rival Haxtun 51-55. —Enterprise photo

“I was really pleased with the second half,” coach Scott Dille said. He said it was nice to see the kids continue to focus and play together. The coach also noted it’s pretty difficult to battle back after falling behind by so much early on.

One of the biggest tasks for the Dragons was finding a way to slow down Dundy County’s big man, Joe Rettele, who finished the game with 35 points.

Reid Baumgartner led the team with 26 points. The majority of his points came from the charity stripe where he nearly finished perfect, going 15-17. Logan Tharp finished the game with 21 points.

Holyoke 51, Haxtun 55

The Dragons found themselves on top of their county rival 13-6 after the first quarter of play Thursday night.

That lead didn’t last long as Haxtun got into a groove and outscored the Dragons 17-6 in the second and held a 23-19 lead heading into the locker room.

The Dragons stormed back in the third to take a 42-36 lead. The tension mounted in the gym throughout the fourth quarter as the teams found themselves in a dogfight to the end.

Boys drop 3 straight games

Written by Chris Lee

At the final buzzer, the crowd wearing red was cheering after watching their Bulldogs avenge an earlier loss to the Dragons.

Baumgartner led the Dragons with 19 points. Tharp was the only other Holyoke player in double digits with 12. Nine Dragons managed to contribute to the score last Thursday. Dille was very proud with how the bench stepped up and played.



Dragon Logan Zeiler attempts to get a shot around a Bulldog defender last Thursday. —Enterprise photo

Holyoke 54, Burlington 61

The Dragons suffered a third-consecutive loss Monday, Feb. 13 when Burlington came to town. The contest was a make up game after the original match-up was postponed due to snow.

Dille felt the team played well in the first quarter—something they haven't done lately. In the second quarter, the Dragons gave up too many looks which the Cougars capitalized on.

Burlington shined from beyond the arc scoring 21 points off of seven from three-point range.

Baumgartner and Tharp each finished in double digits scoring 26 and 14 respectively.

Boys drop 3 straight games

Written by Chris Lee

Upcoming action

The Dragons were scheduled to host Akron Thursday, Feb. 16 with games beginning at 4 p.m. Holyoke will travel to Sedgwick County Friday, Feb. 17 for 4 p.m. games.

Dille said both the Rams and Cougars are playing well and both games will be a challenge.

District play is scheduled to begin Tuesday, Feb. 21.

Holyoke Enterprise February 16, 2012