

## **Holyoke sluggers sweep Sedgwick County**

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Spring may have come a bit early as the Holyoke High School baseball team had a spring in their step and ran right by the Sedgwick County Cougars Saturday, March 17 on the Holyoke diamond.

On a near perfect March day, Holyoke downed their neighbor to the north 4-1 and 16-1 to improve to 4-0 on the season.

“Our pitchers did a great job averaging four batters per inning in both games,” coach Kyle Bules said. “We still have a long way to go as far as execution of our situational awareness at the plate and on the bases.”

### **Holyoke 4, Sedgwick County 1**

Bules knew they would have a tough time against Sedgwick County’s sophomore pitcher Chase Dunker who took the mound in game one.

One of the goals for Holyoke was to get the lefty’s pitch count high. “We really wanted to make Dunker throw a lot of pitches and he threw over 100 in his first outing which was good for us,” Bules said.

The Dragons put the first run of the day on the board when Jaydin Goldenstein drove in Brett Cumming with an RBI single.

In the second, Holyoke managed to sit the Cougars down in order with the help of an impressive double play.

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The next runs of the game came in the fourth inning when Logan Tharp and Austin Killin each crossed the plate to give Holyoke a 3-0 lead.



**Brett Cumming found himself in a pickle play during the first inning of play Saturday, March 17. The speedy Dragon base runner managed to get himself out of trouble and make it back to second base. —Enterprise photo**

After a scoreless fifth, Sedgwick County finally got on the board in the sixth. Holyoke answered the run with one of their own to take a 4-1 lead into the final inning of play.

Pitcher Reid Baumgartner entered in the top of the seventh inning and earned the save. He faced four batters, walking one and striking out three, to end the game.

“Defensively we did well for the most part but really need to know where we have to go each pitch and make sure we are doing the small things that win ball games,” the coach said.

Deyten Klein earned the victory on the hill after six very nice innings of work. He faced 25 batters, striking out six, walking three, allowing four hits and one earned run.

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Offensively, Cumming led the team with two hits, one RBI and one run. Killin finished with two runs.

### Holyoke 16, Sedgwick County1

After a close opening game of the doubleheader Saturday against the Cougars, Holyoke meant business in game two.

Sedgwick County earned one run in the top of the first inning before Holyoke exploded for seven to take the early six-run advantage.

The Dragons added two in the second and seven more in the third to total 16. The game went on for two more innings with neither team scoring.

The win kept Holyoke undefeated as they move deeper into the young season.



**Hoping to reach third base before being tagged out, Austin Killin hit the dirt and disappeared on a belly slide. The dry conditions left Holyoke's diamond pretty dry which**

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**made it tough for umpires to see the bag on sliding plays. Killin was called safe and the Dragons went on to win game one against Sedgwick County 4-1. —Enterprise photo**

The large early lead let coaches get many players involved as 16 Dragons saw action at the plate.

Cumming and Goldenstein each had two hits and two runs. Cumming had four RBI to lead the team.

Goldenstein started the game on the mound and faced 16 batters. He struck out four, walked one and allowed two hits.

Trevor Dalton entered the game in the fifth inning and faced five batters to earn the save. He struck out three batters and allowed two hits.

### **Upcoming action**

The Dragons will travel to Wiggins Saturday, March 24 for a doubleheader set to begin at 11 a.m.

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