Two shutout victories Saturday, April 21 improved Holyoke's baseball team season record to 14-3.

The Dragons played host to Caliche and made quick work of the Buffaloes, 5-0 and 10-0.

"Those were two nice shutout wins," coach Kyle Bules said. "Our pitchers continue to stay consistent."

Bules said at this point in the season he would like to see them "stinging" the ball more than they are. He also noted the team is in a bit of a mental slump when it comes to hitting the ball, and they need to get it figured out.

"It all comes down to confidence," the coach said. "We need to say, 'I am going to hit the ball and I'm going to hit it hard!' Not, 'I hope I don't strike out.'"

HHS pitcher Reid Baumgartner fires a pitch towards home plate during Holyoke's game two win over Caliche Saturday, April 21. The Dragons

swept the Buffaloes with 5-0 and 10-0 wins.□□□□□□□□□□□□ —Enterprise photo

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Holyoke 5, Caliche 0

Deyten Klein was on the hill to start game one Saturday afternoon and after seven innings walked off a winner. He faced 26 batters through his seven innings of work. He struck out six, gave up five hits, no walks and no earned runs.

Holyoke grabbed the early lead with a run in the bottom of the first inning. As it turned out, one run would've been enough to chalk up the "W" but Holyoke added two more runs in the second, one in the fourth and one in the sixth to take the 5-0 shutout.

Holyoke had seven hits and five RBI in the win. Jesus Hermosillo led the team with two. Brett Cumming had one hit and two RBI.

Trevor Dalton, Logan Tharp and Cumming each had a stolen base.

Holyoke 10, Caliche 0

Coming off a nice performance in the first game of the doubleheader, the Dragons didn't let up and passed 10 runners across home plate to end the game after only five innings of play.

For the second game in a row, only one pitcher was needed for Holyoke. Reid Baumgartner got the start and pitched five complete innings. He faced 18 batters, striking out six of them. He walked two, gave up two hits and no earned runs.

The Dragons got off to a hot start scoring five runs in the bottom of the first. They added four more in the third and one in the fifth to end the game by run rule.

The Dragons had eight hits and nine RBI. Cumming led the team with four hits including a double. He scored two runs and had two RBI.

Baumgartner and Tharp each also scored two runs. Baumgartner, Dalton, Tharp and Cumming each had a stolen base.

JV keeps busy

Holyoke's junior varsity team split games with Haxtun Tuesday, April 17 on the Bulldogs' home diamond. They lost the first game 7-9 but bounced back for a nice 6-0 victory in game two.

"They did a great job of putting the ball in play," Bules said. The coach also noted the Dragons need to minimize defensive errors.

A junior varsity doubleheader scheduled Thursday, April 19 at Wray was canceled. In order to get the kids some time on the field, three innings were played following Holyoke's sweep of Caliche Saturday.

Holyoke won the contest 5-3 with Tanner Smith pitching two innings and Dylan Kotch closing in

the third and final inning.

Upcoming action

Holyoke will host the Wray Eagles Saturday, April 28 for a doubleheader that will have district seeding implications riding on it. The Eagles held a 14-2 record as of Monday, April 23. They were scheduled to face Yuma Tuesday, April 24.

The district tournament will be played in Holyoke Friday-Saturday, May 4-5.

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