

Dragons win softball openers

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Holyoke Lady Dragons opened the 2012 softball season with two marks in the win column when they defeated Chase County, Neb. 12-8 and 15-5 on the Holyoke field Tuesday, Aug. 28.

Trailing for three innings in the first game, the Dragons picked up eight runs in the fifth to claim the lead and eventually the win.

“The girls were able to recover from a rough start and play to the level that they are capable of playing,” said coach Ashley Clayton.

“The coaching staff was impressed by the perseverance and competitiveness they displayed right out of the gate,” she added.



Holyoke left fielder Elissa Baker throws the ball back in after fielding it during Holyoke’s 12-8 softball win over Chase County, Neb. Tuesday, Aug. 28. The Dragons swept the Longhorns after a convincing 15-5 win in game two. —Enterprise photo

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Holyoke 12, Chase County 8

Alyssa Killin took the win on the mound in Holyoke's 12-8 first game last Tuesday. She faced 36 batters, allowing eight hits and eight runs, while striking out nine batters and walking four.

Chase County took a 2-0 lead to start Tuesday's softball action, but HHS came back to end the inning on top 3-2. After two innings, the visiting Longhorns held a 6-4 advantage.

Chase County added another run in the fourth before the Dragons let loose in the bottom of the fifth, scoring eight runs for a 12-7 lead. The visitors put one more on the board in the seventh, but Holyoke claimed the 12-8 win.

Keeya Marquez was three for four from the plate, with one RBI; Elissa Baker was two for four with a triple and had two RBI; Leigha Terry was two for three with a double and an RBI; Chandler Gerk was two for four; Killin, two for three with two RBI; and Vicki Jeffers hit a double and had one RBI.

Holyoke 15, Chase County 5

Holyoke nabbed a 7-0 first-inning lead in game two and never looked back.

The Longhorns scored one in the second, but Holyoke came back for four in the third. Both teams put four on the board in the fourth, and after Chase County failed to score in the top of the fifth, Holyoke claimed the 15-5 win by run rule.

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Terry was on the mound for the Dragons, facing 27 batters, allowing six hits and five runs, striking out two and walking seven batters.

Baker's bat was on fire as she was three for three with a triple and two doubles and had three RBI in the game.

Jeffers was three for three with one RBI; Marquez, three for four with one RBI; Killin two for three with an RBI; and Gerk, two for three with a double and three RBI.



**Keeya Marquez leans down to grab a ball at first base to make the final out of game one against Chase County, Neb. last Tuesday.☐☐
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Upcoming action

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This weekend, HHS will compete in the Burlington Invitational Friday and Saturday, Sept. 7-8. Pool play is scheduled Friday, with Holyoke meeting Akron at 10:30 a.m. on the west field, Rocky Ford at 1:30 p.m. on the east field and Lyons at 4:30 p.m. on the west field.

Saturday tournament brackets will be based on results of Friday's pool play.

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