It was a rough weekend of softball for the Dragon team in the Burlington tournament Friday and Saturday, Sept. 7-8.

But the girls did manage to pull through for two wins, while losing three games in the tourney.

Coach Ashley Clayton said the girls started the day Friday struggling to score runs and keep errors to a minimum.

Against Rocky Ford, they faced the best pitcher many of them have ever seen, said coach Clayton. The girls lost to Rocky Ford 0-15 in three innings and lost to Akron 3-7.

“By the time the third game of the day came around, the Dragons played to the level they are capable of playing and came away with a well-deserved 14-9 win,” said the coach.

Saturday, the local girls shut out Akron 15-0 and fell to Wray 2-6.

“Defensive errors and mental mistakes seemed to be a struggle all weekend long,” said Clayton. “I have no doubt that the girls will work hard to eliminate those errors and come out strong against Wray on Saturday,” she added.

The Eagles come to Holyoke Saturday, Sept. 15 for a doubleheader beginning at 10 a.m.

Holyoke 0, Rocky Ford 15

Carolina Chavarria got Holyoke's solo hit against Rocky Ford Friday as the Meloneers scored five runs in the first inning, three in the second and seven in the third to take the game quickly, 15-0.

Holyoke 3, Akron 7

Akron went ahead 2-1 after one inning Friday and never looked back. The Rams scored two more in the third and both teams added one in the fourth for a 5-2 ball game.

Holyoke came within two by adding a run in the fifth, but Akron closed out the game with two in the seventh for the four-point win.

Leigha Terry was on the mound for HHS. She faced 37 batters, allowing eight hits and seven runs. She struck out six batters and walked four.

Chandler Gerk hit a double in the Friday game with Akron, while Elissa Baker, Chavarria, Vicki Jeffers and Keeya Marquez each hit a single.

Holyoke 14, Lyons 9

With Alyssa Killin on the mound for the Dragons, the girls rallied for their first win of the tournament when they defeated Lyons 14-9 Friday.

Killin faced 37 batters, allowing 14 hits and nine runs. She struck out 10 batters.

Holyoke had four errors in the game, while Lyons had eight.

The Dragons had their work cut out for them. They trailed through the first four innings and tied it up in the fifth before going ahead for the win.

The Lions led 5-4 after one inning and widened their lead to two points, 7-5 after two innings of play. Adding another run in the fourth, Lyons was on top 8-5.

Holyoke scored three unanswered runs in the fifth to tie the score at eight-all. Three more Dragons crossed home plate in the sixth, while Lyons added one run. Holyoke put another three on the board in the seventh for the 14-9 win.

Baker was four for five from the plate, including one double. She scored three runs and had one RBI.

Terry, Jeffers and Gerk each hit a double and Terry had three RBI.

Holyoke 15, Akron 0

An 11-run second inning fueled Holyoke to a 15-0 lead to end the game after three innings of play against Akron Saturday.

The Dragons scored two in the first and two in the third.

Killin was on the mound for the win, facing 10 batters, allowing one hit and striking out two.

Gerk was two for two at the plate, hitting a home run and a single, scoring two runs and three RBI. Baker was two for three with a double.

Jeffers was two for two with one RBI, Marquez two for four with one RBI and Allison Boehm had two RBI.

Holyoke 2, Wray 6

Killin took the mound for the 2-6 loss to Wray in Saturday action at the Burlington tournament. She faced 26 batters, allowing four hits for six runs. She struck out eight batters and walked two.

Wray scored two in the first inning Saturday, then the Dragons added one in the second. The Eagles put two more across home plate in the third and one more in the fourth for a 5-1 advantage.

Holyoke scored one in the fifth and Wray one in the sixth to finalize the 6-2 game for the Eagle win.

Baker and Jeffers each got a single in the ball game, and Killin had one stolen base.

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