

Lady Dragon softball team drops two to Wray

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Holyoke fell hard to the visiting Eagles from Wray in softball action Saturday, Sept. 15.

Wray took both games in six innings, winning 18-6 and 26-15. However, it wasn't until the last two innings of both games that the run-margin pushed to the 10-run spread.

At the end of four innings in the first game, Holyoke trailed by one, 6-7, and after four in the second ball game, the Dragons led 15-14.

Coach Ashley Clayton said the Dragons still have a lot to work on.



Catcher Chandler Gerk makes a nice snag on a popped-up ball behind home plate in game one of Holyoke's doubleheader with Wray Saturday. The Lady Dragons fell in both games to the Lady Eagles. □ □

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“They do a great job of scoring runs and fighting back offensively, however there is still more work to be done on the defensive game,” said Clayton.

“Softball is considerably more mental than it is physical, and the Lady Dragons have got to continue sharpening up the mental portion of their game,” she added.

This week, the Lady Dragons travel to Yuma for a doubleheader Saturday, Sept. 22, starting at 10 a.m.

On Tuesday, Sept. 25, the girls travel to Akron to play the first official game on the Rams’ new field. That game will be counted for league standings, as HHS will meet the Rams again in Holyoke on Oct. 6 for a nonleague game.

Holyoke 6, Wray 18

It was a 3-2 game in favor of Wray after one inning in the first game on the Holyoke diamond Saturday.

The Eagles added two more in the second and two in the third, while HHS picked up one more run in the third for a 7-3 game.

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Holyoke stayed focused and added three in the fourth inning to come within one, 7-6. Wray blasted out for seven runs in the fifth and four in the sixth while holding the Dragons scoreless.

The win went to Wray, 18-6, on run-rule after six innings.

Vicki Jeffers played her first game on the mound, facing 45 batters, allowing seven hits for 18 runs, striking out two and walking 11 batters.

Chandler Gerk hit a double in the first ball game of the day, and had one RBI. Jeffers scored two runs, having been hit by a pitch once and walked once.

Elissa Baker was one for two, scoring one run and earning one RBI; Allison Boehm was one for four, with one run and one RBI; and Keeya Marquez was one for three, was walked once, hit by a pitch once and scored two runs.

Roni Beavers and Baker were walked twice and Beavers was hit by a pitch once.



Vicki Jeffers got a lot of work in on the mound during Holyoke's softball games against Wray Saturday, Sept. 15. ☐☐

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Holyoke 15, Wray 26

Holyoke started strong in the second game Saturday, leading 4-1 after one inning of play and 9-3 after two. Wray came back for 10 runs in the third to Holyoke's three to move into a 13-12 lead.

The Eagles crossed one over home plate in the top of the fourth, but Holyoke scored three to regain the lead, 15-14.

It was downhill from that point as Wray scored four in the fifth and eight in the sixth to take the big 26-15 win in six innings.

Jeffers returned to the mound, facing 53 batters, allowing 15 hits and 26 runs, striking out eight batters and walking 14.

At the plate, Jeffers was two for five with a triple and three runs. Gerk was three for four for four runs and was walked once. Marquez was three for five for three runs.

Baker was one for two for two runs, was walked twice and had one RBI; Camille Elliott was one for three for one run and was walked once; Kaitlyn Lenhart was one for four for two runs; and Beavers was walked once and had one RBI.

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