

Outlaws rolling on winning streak

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The Outlaws posted their eighth straight win with a 9-6 victory at Dayton on Saturday, May 6, which followed a 5-0 shutout over the Lions at Cottage Grove the previous Tuesday.

In Saturday's win, the Outlaws scored nine runs off 10 hits and two errors. Dayton scored six runs off five hits and four errors.

The Outlaws got on the scoreboard first, with three runs in the third inning. Ryan Funk hit an RBI double to the base of the right-center-field fence, and Ryan Cook had a two-RBI single to right center field.

Sisters added a run in the fourth off Christopher Luz' line drive single to left field, and went up 4-0.

Dayton scored two runs in the fifth to close the gap to 4-2.

The Outlaws got two runs in the top of the seventh to go ahead 6-2. Gannon hit a bunt and the third-baseman overthrew the ball and Gannon was safe at first. Funk was intentionally walked, and then a passed ball moved runners to second and third. Cook cracked a two-RBI single to drive in Gannon and Funk.

Sisters was unable to hold

off Dayton, and they scored four in the bottom of the seventh to tie it up and send the game into extra innings. Sisters walked in a runner, and then Dayton had a three-RBI homer to even the score at 6-6.

Neither team scored in the eighth or ninth innings, but in the top of the 10th the Outlaws got three more.

Hayden Parsons led off with a single and Luz followed with a single. Gannon laid down a great bunt to advance runners to second and third. Funk was intentionally walked again, which loaded the bases. Cook drove in Parsons and Luz with a two-RBI line drive to right center field. Sisters' final run came from Taylor Scholl, who came in on defense in the ninth for Jett Mingus. Scholl hit a nice single to right field to score Cook and put the Outlaws up 9-6.

In the bottom of the 10th, Turner Stutzman struck out a batter for one out. Dayton got a runner on base with a single, but when the runner tried to steal, Ryan Funk threw him out at second base to erase the threat. The final out came off a ground ball to Hayden Parsons (second base), who threw the ball to first for the out.

Hodges made special note

of Stutzman.

"I've got to praise Turner for his pitching," said Hodges. "He hasn't pitched much this year and he came in and shut them down in the seventh, eighth, ninth, and 10th and got the win. He pitched well to the outside corner, and only gave up two hits, and had five strike-outs in four innings."

In Tuesday's win the Outlaws blanked the Lions on their home turf.

Sisters got five runs off six hits and zero errors, and the Lions had two hits and one error in the game.

The Outlaws' first two runs came in the second inning off RBI singles from Luz and Gannon.

In the fourth, Luz hit a bunt single, followed by Zach Morgan, who belted a home-run over 330 feet over the left field fence.

Sisters' final run came in the seventh off Funk's RBI double that went all the way to the center field wall.

Morgan went the distance on the mound for the Outlaws, and pitched a two-hitter with eight strike-outs. His fastball topped out at 81 mph.

Hodges has been pleased with his team's performance this year, but still says there's room for growth on offense.

"Our defense has been very



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Outlaw catcher Ryan Funk made the tag for the out at home, off a perfect throw in a contest against Cottage Grove.

strong all year, and our pitching has been excellent," said Hodges. "Our offense has had some chances for big innings, but we don't always capitalize on big opportunities. We need to get better at that."

Sisters is currently 11-1 in league and 20-1 overall.

The Outlaws were to play at home against Sweet Home on Tuesday, May 9. They will wrap up league play with a double-header at Junction City on Friday, May 12. On Tuesday, May 16, the Outlaws will play at La Pine in a prep game for the playoffs.

Is Your Portfolio "Healthy"?

May is National Physical Fitness and Sports Month. If you can exercise regularly, you'll help yourself feel better, control your weight and even reduce the chances of developing certain diseases. But why not extend the concept of "fitness" to other areas of your life – such as your investment portfolio?

And to help maintain a healthy portfolio, you can draw on some of the same principles that apply to keeping your body in good shape.

Consider, for example, one of the things that happen when you exercise – namely, your body uses more oxygen. As an investor, you may need your portfolio to get "oxygen" in the form of infusions of new investment dollars. If you stop putting money into your portfolio, you'll need to rely on your existing investments to grow enough to help you meet your long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement. Could that happen? Maybe, but you will likely be better off by investing consistently, year after year. And by spreading your contributions over a period of decades, you don't have to come up with large sums at any one time.

Another element important to exercise is the need to avoid injury. That's why all sorts of athletes, both competitive and casual, stretch before they swing into action. Many of them also take other injury-avoidance steps, such as strengthening their "core" through abdominal work and increasing their flexibility through yoga. When you invest, you can be "injured" if your portfolio takes a hit during a market downturn. However, this type of injury will likely be much more severe if your portfolio is overconcentrated in just one asset class and the downturn primarily affects those exact assets. But if you own many different types of assets – stocks, bonds, government securities, and so on – you may reduce the impact of a downturn on your portfolio. Keep in mind, though, that this type of diversification can't guarantee profits or help you avoid all losses.

While exercise is essential to maintaining good health, it isn't the only factor involved. You should also get regular checkups with a medical professional, who can run various tests to measure changes in cholesterol, blood pressure, heart function and other areas. To help ensure your portfolio is healthy, you also need to chart its progress over time. And that doesn't just mean determining if you're getting the growth you need, though that's obviously of great interest to you. You also need to evaluate whether your portfolio has gotten out of balance, which can occur without your doing anything at all. To illustrate: If you start out with a certain percentage of one type of investment, such as stocks, and these stocks grow to a point where they now take up a bigger share of your portfolio, you may be taking on more risk than you had intended.

Consequently, you should review your portfolio at least once a year to evaluate both its performance and its balance. Once you've compared where you are today with where you were a year ago, you'll be in a better position to make appropriate changes if needed.

Do what it takes to keep yourself physically fit – but also take steps to ensure your investment portfolio is in good shape. It's vitally important to your future – and you can do.

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