

Baseball is back after weeks of wetness

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The Illinois Valley baseball team (1-5, #45) played their first league game in three weeks.

Saturday, April 14 at Lost River—a team with a current league record of 5-2 and an Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) rank of #12—and lost, with the final score sitting at 4-10.

“We’ve had a crazy season due to weather this year,” said head coach Jesse Dugas. “We’ve had almost as many indoor practices as we’ve had outdoor practices.”

According to Dugas, the game was a lot closer than the numbers reflected in the final score, but due to the three weeks of practicing indoors, the boys battled it out against the Raiders, but just weren’t hitting stride.

Then Tuesday, April 16, the Cougars played the Rogue River Chieftains (3-2, No. 35) in a home game but lost with a final score of 4-8.

“That was a good matchup,” said Dugas. “Seems like whenever we play Rogue River it’s always a battle. We had three errors in that game that gave up four runs and we lost by four, so we didn’t execute there.”

On Saturday, April 20, Dugas and the boys drove to Bonanza for a double-header against the Antlers (2-4, No. 32) wherein they won the first game (14-4) but lost the second (6-8).

In the first game, Bryce Bruner was the winning pitcher, pitching the whole game, and the boys had double digits hits.

“Jhon Southammavong, Noah Herrera, Rayes Dugas, Bryce Bruner, and Tanner Jolley... everybody in our starting nine had a hit in that

game—at least one—most had double hits,” said Dugas.

The Cougars broke it open and scored 10 runs in the sixth inning, but the biggest struggle for the boys over the last month or so, according to Dugas: Not seeing a lot of live pitching from being stuck inside, unable to play games.

In the second game, the Cougars and Antlers were tied going into the sixth inning but failed to execute at the end.

“The kids fought hard and it was a good game all the way around,” said Dugas.

On Friday, April 26, the Cougars head to North Lake for another double-header. The first game starts at noon.



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No. 18, junior Noah Herrera grabs a grounder during the 4-8 home loss to Rogue River Tuesday, April 16.

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