

# Cavemen Rally Late Over DeKalb

## Richey's double in the 9<sup>th</sup> caps comeback win

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HANNIBAL, MO – The Hannibal Cavemen returned to historic Clemens Field Wednesday night to face the DeKalb County Liners, after completing a season long seven day road trip. Hannibal came limping into the long homestand after dropping their last four games on the road. After falling behind early against the Liners, the Cavemen would stage a late rally to come away with a 5-4 victory.

Hannibal (7-8) got on the scoreboard first after Nick Rountree (Redlands Community College, OK) recorded an RBI single after the first two Cavemen batters reached base on walks. DeKalb would quickly respond with a run of their own in the top of the third to tie the score at one. DeKalb's Chad Hinshaw reached on a fielder's choice and then stole second base. Joe DeBernardis would drive in Hinshaw with an RBI single.

Gardner Richey (Samford) began the bottom of the fourth for the Cavemen with a leadoff walk. Matt Burton (Redlands Community College, OK) followed with a double to right field to put runners on second and third. Nick Rountree would come through again for Hannibal after he posted another RBI single to put the Cavemen up by a score of 2-1.

Hannibal's starting pitcher on the night, Jake Hermsen (Northern Illinois University), got into trouble in the fifth inning after walking three consecutive Liners' hitters. Kyle Grana (Allen County Community College) would come onto relief but couldn't stop the damage for the Cavemen. DeKalb's Alex Beckmann would score on an error by Cavemen catcher Nick Rountree and the Liners re-gained the lead. Hamilton Wise would add on another run with an RBI single to give DeKalb a 4-2 advantage.

Hannibal would even the score in the eighth inning after beginning the inning with back to back walks. Brooks Fiala (Miami of Ohio) recorded an RBI base hit and Curtis Ford (Mississippi Valley State) would follow with an RBI infield single to tie the score at four a piece.

After two quick outs by the Cavemen in the bottom of the ninth, Ryan Porter (Rockhurst) reached on a single to keep the inning alive. Gardner Richey would then serve as the evening's hero after knocking a game winning double to right field to give the Cavemen a come from behind 5-4 victory.

Hannibal's James Hudelson (Missouri) would earn the victory with his one scoreless inning out of the bullpen. DeKalb's Tom Zelasko took the loss on the night after giving up the game winning hit to Richey.

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