

## **Cavemen Win Third Consecutive Game, 6-3**

### **Hannibal improves to 6-2 at home**

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HANNIBAL, MO – Friday evening brought upon a matchup between the visiting Dupage Dragons and the Hannibal Cavemen at historic Clemens Field. The Cavemen had won the last two games in dramatic fashion but didn't need any late inning heroics this time after they came away with the win by a score of 6-3.

Hannibal began their scoring on the evening in the fourth inning with a pair of runs. Jake Hermsen (Northern Illinois University) led off with a walk and first basemen Ryan Porter (Rockhurst) would drive him in with an RBI triple to right center. Porter would end up scoring himself after Dupage's starting pitcher Ryan Wynveen threw a wild pitch to the backstop and put the Cavemen up 2-0.

Cavemen starting pitcher Mike Zoellner (Northwestern College) coughed up all three of his runs on the night in the sixth inning after the Dragons finally got to him. With one out, Dupage's Seth Batty, Jack DeAno, and David Fallon recorded three consecutive base hits and Zoellner was in a bit of trouble. First basemen Jomel Torres reached on a fielder's choice that drove in DeAno and the Dragons had tied the game at two. Jake Miller would tack on an RBI single and Dupage had their first lead of the night.

The Cavemen (9-8) would re-gain the lead in the bottom half of the sixth with a two run blast to right from center fielder Matt Burton (Redlands Community College, OK). The home run was Burton's third on the season and it also put Hannibal back on top by a score of 4-3.

Left fielder Gardner Richey (Samford) had starred the past two nights at the plate for the Cavemen with his walk-off hits, but this time around he would provide a highlight while on defense. In the top of the seventh, Dupage's Jack DeAno knocked a single to left and Richey delivered a strong throw to the plate to throw out Derek Brown at home and secured the 4-3 Hannibal lead.

Ryan Porter added another RBI hit in the seventh and Nick Rountree (Redlands Community College, OK) drove in a run in the eighth inning to give Hannibal a 6-3 lead heading to the ninth.

James Hudelson (Missouri) would close out the game in the ninth with a scoreless inning while striking out two Dupage batters. Hudelson recorded his team leading third save on the season. Mike Zoellner picked up the win after allowing three earned runs in six innings of work. Ryan Wynveen suffered the loss for Dupage.

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