

Dubois County Tops Hannibal, 5-2

Cavemen leave 14 runners on base

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HANNIBAL, MO – The Hannibal Cavemen suffered a rare home loss Monday night at Clemens Field after falling to the visiting Dubois County Bombers by a score of 5-2. The loss dropped Hannibal to 12-4 at home and also snapped their four game winning streak.

Dubois County would score all of their five runs in the first inning and it proved to be enough to gain the victory. After the first two Dubois hitters reached base, Brad Hook would knock in the first two runs on the night with a single. Hook would later score on a wild pitch by Cavemen starting pitcher Jake Hermsen to put the Bombers up 3-0. Hermsen's rough first inning continued when he walked Jordan Rorex with the bases loaded to send another Dubois runner across the plate. Dubois capped their five run first inning after Tyler McNeely scored on another wild pitch by Hermsen.

The Cavemen would reach the scoreboard in the bottom half of the third with two runs of their own. Curtis Ford (Mississippi Valley State) was hit by a pitch from Dubois starting pitcher Sam Walker and Cavemen right fielder LJ Watson (William Woods) would record his seventh triple on the year to drive in Ford for the first Hannibal run. Brooks Fiala (Miami of Ohio) tacked on an RBI single to cut the Dubois lead to 5-2.

After the rough first inning, Cavemen pitchers would deliver eight shutout innings to silence the Dubois hitters. In relief, Jake Moser (Clark College) only allowed two hits in three innings pitched and Kyle Grana (Allen County Community College) recorded five strike outs in two innings.

LJ Watson had two prime opportunities in the fourth and eighth inning to even the score for Hannibal. Both times he came to the plate with the bases loaded but was unable to capitalize for the Cavemen. Despite drawing six walks and recording 10 hits as a team, Hannibal left 14 runners on base and couldn't come up with the timely hits.

Hannibal will begin a four game road trip on Tuesday which will include visits to Terre Haute, Lorain County, Butler and Slippery Rock. The Cavemen have struggled on the road so far this season as they have only mounted a 5-12 record away from Clemens Field.

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