

Dubois Defeats Cavemen, 10-6

Sloppy fielding by Hannibal proves costly in loss

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HANNIBAL, MO – With heat indexes topping over a 100 degrees, both the Hannibal fans and players appeared to have being affected by it. The excessive heat warnings in Hannibal, MO kept a majority of the Cavemen fan-base away from historic Clemens Field on Tuesday night. On the field, the Cavemen defense suffered five errors and it ultimately proved costly in a 10-6 defeat by the hands of the visiting Dubois County Bombers.

Hannibal's starting pitcher on the evening, James Coon, pitched quickly and effectively in his first three innings of work. Coon racked up five strikeouts in his first three innings of work as Dubois hitters looked lost at the plate. Hannibal would reach the scoreboard first in the bottom half of the third with a sacrifice fly by left-fielder Matt Burton (Mississippi Valley State).

In the top of the fourth, Dubois took advantage of four Hannibal errors and would score three un-earned runs. The Cavemen would re-take the lead in the bottom half of the inning after scoring four runs. Highlighted by two home-runs (Trey Lang solo shot and Ray Fuentes two-run homer), Hannibal held a 5-3 lead heading to the fifth.

The Bombers' bats came alive in the fifth and knocked Coon out of the game. Aric Marquardt delivered a two-run single for Dubois and Nick Stoia also chipped in with an RBI base-hit to lead the Bombers attack.

Jake Mangler (Iowa) added an RBI single in the bottom of the fifth, but it would be the last run scored on the evening for the Cavemen. Dustin Lawson (Lee University) and Mike Zoellner (Northwestern) shined out of the bullpen for Hannibal after allowing only one run in 4.1 innings pitched. Zoellner struck out an impressive five hitters in his two innings pitched.

With the loss, Hannibal fell to 20-18 overall this summer and 6-6 in the second half. The Cavemen will travel to Springfield tonight and return home to historic Clemens Field Friday night to take on the visiting Quincy Gems. First pitch for Friday is scheduled for 6:35 PM (CT).

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