

Hannibal Takes Down DeKalb, 6-2

Five Liners' errors lead to Cavemen victory

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HANNIBAL, MO – The Hannibal Cavemen took advantage of numerous DeKalb errors Sunday evening at historic Clemens Field and came away with a 6-2 victory. Of the six runs scored by Hannibal, only one was earned as the Liners' defense continued to let their pitching staff down.

The Cavemen quickly jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning. Nick Rountree (University of Arkansas-Little Rock) drove in left-fielder Matt Burton with an RBI double to begin the evening's scoring.

DeKalb responded with a run in each of the third and fifth inning and took a 2-1 lead. The County Liners' defense allowed Hannibal to re-gain the lead in the bottom half of the fifth after committing two errors. Jeff Zimmerman and Trey Lang scored on error by DeKalb's third basemen and Hannibal now held a 3-2 advantage.

Hannibal (23-19 Overall, 9-7 Second Half) would put three more runs across the plate late in the game. Jeff Zimmerman (Northern Illinois) added an RBI double and Michael Tucker (Anderson University) would come away with an RBI base-hit.

Cavemen starting pitcher, Ethan Schlechte (Maple Woods CC), delivered another quality start and picked up the win for his team. Schlechte allowed only two runs in 6.1 innings pitched while striking out five hitters. Mike Zoellner (Northwestern) shined again out of the bullpen for Hannibal and extended his scoreless innings streak to 5 and 2/3.

DeKalb fell to 9-8 in the second half standings with their loss, but still sit only two games behind division leading Terre Haute.

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