

Sliders Take Down Cavemen, 12-3

Hannibal's losing streak pushed to five

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HANNIBAL, MO – The Hannibal Cavemen continued their recent losing skid Sunday night at historic Clemens Field and are now back 4.5 games in the second half playoff hunt. The visiting Springfield Sliders extended their current winning streak to five games and also moved into a tie for first place with the Quincy Gems.

The Sliders started things off Sunday with a bang after scoring six runs in the top of the first inning. Springfield touched Cavemen starting pitcher James Coon for six runs on four hits in the inning and knocked him out of the contest after only lasting two-thirds of an inning.

Hannibal (24-24 Overall, 10-12 Second Half) reached the scoreboard in the bottom half of the third to cut into the Sliders lead. Matt Burton (Mississippi Valley State) and Trey Lang (Northern Illinois) each drove in a run for the Cavemen as they looked to chip away at the big deficit.

After another run by Springfield, Cavemen's designated hitter, Jeff Zimmerman (Northern Illinois) tallied an RBI double to drive in Matt Burton. Zimmerman has been red-hot at the plate the past seven days with a home-run and 10 RBI. Jeff is also hitting at a .435 clip over that stretch.

Springfield tacked on six runs in the sixth to stretch their lead to 12-3. As a team, the Sliders recorded 15 hits which included at least one hit from each Sliders batter on the day. Nick Musec picked up the victory for Springfield and improved to 5-0 this season. Nick Rountree (Arkansas-Little Rock), Jeff Zimmerman, and Trey Lang each picked up a pair of hits for Hannibal.

The Cavemen enter the last week of the season with home games Monday, Tuesday, and Friday at historic Clemens Field. The season finale on Friday will be a double-header against the Danville Dans due to a rainout earlier in the season. First pitch for Monday and Tuesday will be at 6:35 PM (CT) while first pitch Friday is set for 5:05 PM (CT).

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