

## Sappington Leads Hannibal To 5<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Win

**Right-hander pitches seven strong innings in victory**

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HANNIBAL, MO – After a rough opening day start for the Cavemen, Mark Sappington (Rockhurst) has shown why he's the staff ace in his past two starts. Coming off an eight inning, one earned run performance his last start, Mark logged seven effective innings Tuesday night against the visiting Nashville Outlaws. Sappington's nine strikeouts on the night upped his season total to 23, over the course of 21 innings pitched.

Hannibal jumped out to an early lead yet again on the night and quickly put the pressure on Nashville's starting pitcher Clint Wright. Matt Burton (Mississippi Valley State) extended his hitting streak to ten games with an RBI single in the bottom of the first. Trey Lang (Northern Illinois) continued his hot hitting at the plate as of late, after an RBI base hit to put the Cavemen up 2-0.

Alan Cheatham (Principia College) and Jake Mangler (Iowa) helped push their team's lead to 6-0 in the fifth inning with a pair of RBI's. Kyle Haen (Iowa) had a 3-for-5 night and raised his average to .356 on the year. Haen has recorded multi-hit games in his past five games played.

Cody Parker (Mississippi Valley State) and Kyle Glancy (Northern Illinois) each provided a scoreless inning in relief for the Cavemen. Hannibal (8-2) extended their winning streak to five games and matches their franchise record for most consecutive wins in a season.

### **UP NEXT:**

The Cavemen will hit the road tomorrow for a three-game trip against Terre Haute, DeKalb County, and Quincy. Hannibal has posted a perfect 3-0 record so far this season away from historic Clemens Field.

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