

## **Richmond Top Cavemen, 3-1**

### **RiverRats' Ross quiets Hannibal's bats**

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HANNIBAL, MO – The Hannibal Cavemen returned home Thursday night to historic Clemens Field after a four day road trip. The Richmond RiverRats visited Hannibal for the first time this season for the first of two games. The Cavemen (West Division) and RiverRats (East Division) each currently sat in second place in their respected divisions heading into the matchup.

Richmond (10-9) struck first on the night after Derek Coverstone drove in his fellow teammate Josh Denny with an RBI double in the top half of the third. The Cavemen would respond with a run of their own in the bottom of the inning when Alan Cheatham (Principia College) scored on a wild pitch from RiverRats' starting pitcher Elliot Ross.

That would be all the luck Hannibal would receive from Ross on the night. Ross cruised the rest of the evening and finished with six strikeouts in eight innings pitched while only allowing the one earned run. Opposing Ross for Hannibal was starter Jake Hermsen (Northern Illinois). Hermsen fared just as well on the bump for his team after only allowing two earned runs in seven innings pitched.

Richmond re-gained the lead in the fourth after an inside-the-park home-run from second basemen T.J. Weir. Hannibal's center fielder, Matt Burton, chased the line drive into the gap and ran into the wall while attempting to make the catch, which allowed Weir to round the bases. The RiverRats added on an insurance run in the ninth inning with an RBI single from Derek Coverstone.

Hannibal (11-7) fell to 3.5 games behind division leading Quincy after their weekday loss. Jake Mangler (Iowa) and Trey Lang (Mesa, AZ) each picked up three hits apiece for their team in the losing effort. The Cavemen host the RiverRats again Friday night, with first pitch set for 6:35 PM (CT).

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