

## **Cavemen Take Season Opener over DeKalb, 8-1**

### **Hannibal's offense notches 13 hits**

The Hannibal Cavemen kicked off their 2010 season in a winning fashion as they defeat the visiting DeKalb County Liners by a score of 8-1. This was the first ever game for the ballclub from DeKalb as they began their career in the Prospect League. The Cavemen began their second season in the league as they hosted opening night at historic Clemens Field in Hannibal, MO.

Hannibal's offense started off the season with a bang as they knocked out 13 hits as a team. Curtis Ford (Mississippi Valley St.) knocked home the first run of the year for the Cavemen in the bottom half of the 5<sup>th</sup> inning with an RBI single. LJ Watson (William Woods) began his big offensive night in the 5<sup>th</sup> inning as well, as he drove in two runs with a double. Gardner Richey (Samford) capped the scoring for the Cavemen in the 5<sup>th</sup> inning with an RBI single.

The Liners from DeKalb (0-1) failed to record a single hit until the top half of the 5<sup>th</sup> inning. Hannibal's starting pitcher on the night, Mark Sappington (Rockhurst), shut down the Liner's bats as he held the team to only three hits in 6.2 innings of work. Sappington (1-0) notched the win on the night as Adam Karger (0-1) took the loss for DeKalb.

LJ Watson provided the firepower for the Hannibal Cavemen (1-0), as he finished the game with four RBIs while getting two hits for the ballclub. Jerry Hildreth (Mississippi Valley St.) also starred at the plate for Hannibal as he finished 3-for-4 with two runs and a stolen base.

The Cavemen will play the DuPage Dragons Friday night at Clemens Field at 6:35 PM (CT). Be sure to come out and support the team tomorrow night and continue to look for updates on [hannibalbaseball.com](http://hannibalbaseball.com).

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