

## Quincy Cruises Past Hannibal, 22-8

### Gems' Matt Baer leads team's offense

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HANNIBAL, MO – There are some nights at the ballpark where a team just wants to put aside what occurred on the field and look towards the next game. Thursday night at historic Clemens Field was one of those games for the Hannibal Cavemen. The visiting Quincy Gems scored early and often and cruised to a whopping 22-8 victory over the Cavemen.

Clemens Field is widely regarded as one of the toughest stadiums to hit a home-run. Quincy quieted that myth Thursday night with four blasts over the fence. Anthony Hecht and Chris Serritella each hit their first home-run of the season, while Matt Baer belted two home-runs. Baer stole the show for Quincy after finishing 3-for-6 with two home-runs and eight RBI's.

Hannibal (13-10) would score three runs in each of the seventh and eighth inning, highlighted by a two-run triple from designated hitter Nick Rountree (University of Arkansas – Little Rock). In Rountree's two games this summer for Hannibal, he's already amassed four RBI's and a .429 batting average.

Jake Mangler (Iowa) and C.K. Irby (Samford University) each contributed two hits apiece on the night for the Cavemen. Irby knocked in three runners, which included his first triple of the season. Coklin Nguyen (LSU) was the lone bright spot from the Cavemen pitching staff on the night after allowing only one earned run in three innings of work.

The Quincy Gems (18-6) secured the first-half Western Division championship Thursday and will host a one-game playoff against the second-half division winner following the regular season. The Cavemen will travel to Quincy tonight (Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>) for another "Battle of the Paddle."

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