

Dupage holds on late to defeat Cavemen

9th inning rally by Hannibal comes up short

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HANNIBAL, MO – The Dupage Dragons traveled to historic Clemens Field in Hannibal, MO on Friday and came away with a 3-2 victory over the Cavemen. Dupage scored all three of their runs in the sixth inning and it proved to be enough to hold on for the victory.

Dupage kicked off their scoring in the sixth inning with an RBI single from Jack DeAno. Later in the inning, David Fallon knocked home two more runs for the Dragons with a base hit to left field. The second run scored on the hit was aided by a misplay from Hannibal's left fielder Jake Hermesen (Northern Illinois University), as the ball took a bad hop and scooted by him.

The Hannibal Cavemen (1-1) were held scoreless throughout the first eight innings of play, as Dragons starting pitcher Brian de la Torriente was having his way with the Cavemen batters. Torriente entered the ninth inning in search of a complete game shutout but Hannibal's bats finally came alive. Matt Burton (Redlands Community College, OK) blasted a two run home run over the right field wall in the bottom half of the ninth inning to cut the deficit to one run.

However, the ninth inning rally by the Cavemen came up short, as Dupage brought on John Boyle and he successfully recorded the last out to earn the save. De la Torriente earned the victory on the night as he finished with nine strikeouts and Jake Moser (Clark College) took the loss for the Cavemen.

Gardner Richey (Samford) chipped in on offense for Hannibal as he finished 2-for-4 with a run scored. Eric Wooten (Central Arizona), Taylor McKinney (Redlands Community College), Brett Frantini (Northern Illinois University) and James Hudelson (Missouri) combined for 4.2 innings of shutout baseball out of the bullpen while only surrendering two hits.

The Cavemen head to Quincy, IL on Saturday, June 5th to take on the Quincy Gems. First pitch is set for 6:30 PM (CT).

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