



First Home Win Extends Winning Streak

Cavemen win in extras, 6-5

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HANNIBAL, MO – The Hannibal Cavemen returned home Sunday morning after a successful two game sweep of Springfield on the road. After a disappointing season opener at home on Thursday, the Hannibal players were looking to capture their first home win of the season at historic Clemens Field. A walk-off win in the bottom of the 10th inning secured the victory and also extended their winning streak to three games.

James Coon (Culver-Stockton College) was the Cavemen's starting pitcher on the night and worked in-and-out of trouble over the course of his 4.2 innings pitched. Coon allowed seven hits and two walks, but managed to limit the damage to only one earned run. Jordan Pearson would give Terre Haute an early 2-0 lead in the fourth inning after delivering an RBI single to score Chris Roglen. Hannibal would quickly answer in the bottom half of the inning when Trey Lang (Northern Illinois University) and Alan Cheatham (Principia College) delivered RBI's and tied the game at two.

Heading to their at-bat in the eighth inning and trailing by two runs, Hannibal was looking for another spark. Cheatham would deliver another RBI after reaching on a fielder's choice and Kyle Haen (Iowa) recorded an RBI groundout to even things yet again.

The game would need extra innings to decide a winner and after a 1-2-3 top half of the tenth by Terre Haute, the Cavemen seized the opportunity. Alan Cheatham would reach base on a walk and would soon advance to third base after a two-base throwing error from the Rex's relief pitcher, Ronnie Mitchell, on an attempted pick-off. Ray Fuentes (Central Methodist University) and Kyle Haen each were intentionally walked to load the bases and set-up a potential play at the plate for Terre Haute.

Jake Mangler (Iowa) was now faced with the opportunity to be the hero on the night for Hannibal and he would come through in a strange fashion. On a 1-1 pitch, Mangler hit a chopper to third base and Terre Haute's third basemen threw home for what seemed to be a force out and the second out of the inning. However, the catcher was unable to fully hang onto the ball and the runner was declared safe at home and the Cavemen bench rushed the field to mob Mangler at first base.

UP NEXT:

Hannibal's rival, the Quincy Gems, travel to Clemens Field for the first time this season Tuesday night (June 7th). First pitch is set for 6:35 PM (CT). The next two weeks mark a busy home stretch for the Cavemen as their next six of seven games will be home.

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