

## Quincy Regains Paddle From Hannibal

### Kevin Lee closes the door late for the Gems

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HANNIBAL, MO – Flash flooding hit historic Clemens Field in Hannibal, MO on Tuesday morning and the status for Thursday’s game was up in the air. After endless hours of field repair, everything was set to go Thursday night and the visiting Quincy Gems took on the Cavemen in a key divisional matchup. Quincy would score two runs late and hold on for a key 3-2 victory.

The Gems and Cavemen would each kick off their scoring on the night in the fifth inning. In the top of the fifth, Quincy’s right fielder, Steve Fernandez, would drive in Vinnie Fayard with an RBI groundout. Hannibal evened the score in the bottom half of the inning after Matt Burton (Redlands Community College) recorded an RBI single to left center.

Each starting pitcher on the night would record a solid outing and helped put their respective team in a position to win. Hannibal’s starter, Justin McGhee (Hannibal-LaGrange), recorded 7.1 innings pitched while allowing three runs (one earned) on five hits. Ricky Sandquist would only allow two runs in seven innings of work for Quincy, while striking out seven Cavemen batters.

Quincy (24-17 Overall, 8-5 Second Half) re-gained the lead in the eighth inning after scoring two runs with the bases loaded. Matt Mirabel would score after Cavemen catcher Nick Rountree couldn’t hold onto a throw at the plate from Brooks Fiala. Zach Komentani would tack on another run for the Gems with an RBI Sac Fly to extend their lead to 3-1.

Shelby Anderson (Lindenwood) led off the eighth inning with a double to right center and the Cavemen were in business. Matt Burton would cut the lead to one run after his second double and RBI on the night. Quincy called upon their closer, Kevin Lee, to hopefully stop the damage for them. Lee would come through in grand fashion after ending the game with two perfect innings and the Gems came away with the 3-2 victory.

Hannibal (20-22 Overall, 6-7 Second Half) dropped their second consecutive game and will head to Dubois on Sunday for an evening matchup with the Bombers. Ricky Sandquist picked up the victory for the Gems and Kevin Lee earned the save. Justin McGhee suffered his first loss of the season for the Cavemen.

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