

## **Cavemen Win Another Thriller, 4-3**

### **Three-run eighth inning caps off comeback**

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HANNIBAL, MO – The Hannibal Cavemen capped off another wild contest at historic Clemens Field Wednesday night with a come-from-behind victory. Trailing 3-1 in the bottom of the eighth inning, Hannibal rallied for three runs to complete a two-game mid-week sweep of the visiting Terre Haute Rex.

The Cavemen (16-13 Overall, 2-1 Second Half) struck the scoreboard first in the fourth with an RBI single by third basemen Alan Cheatham (Principia College). Hannibal starting pitcher, Jake Hermsen, cruised through his first four innings of work. The Rex finally got to Hermsen in the fifth with a sacrifice fly from Ronnie Mitchell and an RBI double by Koby Kraemer. Jake would finish with a quality start for the Cavemen after only allowing the two earned runs in six innings pitched, while striking out eight hitters.

After adding an additional run in the seventh inning, Terre Haute now led 3-1. The Cavemen were once again looking for some late-inning heroics in front of a crowd of 691 people. Alan Cheatham delivered yet another RBI single to bring his team within one run. Ray Fuentes (Isabella, Puerto Rico) would later walk up to the plate with the bases loaded. Fuentes played the role of hero this night and yanked a 2-RBI double down the right field line.

C.K. Irby (Samford University) took over in the ninth inning for Cavemen relief pitcher A.J. Martin and was looking for his third save of the season. Irby struck out back-to-back Rex hitters and closed the door for a Hannibal win. Terre Haute (17-15 Overall, 1-2 Second Half) fell to 1-3 this season against the Cavemen with the consecutive losses the past two nights.

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