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HANNIBAL CAVEMEN ANNOUNCE 2012 ROSTER

Hannibal, MO: The Hannibal Cavemen announced their roster for the 2012 Prospect League season today. Among those are four returning players: pitchers AJ Martin and Dustin Lawson, outfielder/pitcher Trey Lang, and outfielder/infielder Zach Nichols, who starred at Hannibal High School in 2010.

“We are very happy to have some major contributors from last season’s roster returning in 2012,” said Jay Hemond, Cavemen Manager and Director of Baseball Operations. “AJ and Trey were leaders both on and off the field. Their presence should help next summer’s squad meld into a team. On top of that, AJ was one our best pitchers and Trey was a force offensively and defensively with his arm in the outfield. Both are very talented and have a strong drive to win.”

Hemond is also particularly excited about the pitchers and the catchers. “This should be the hardest throwing staff that we’ve had in Hannibal. Almost all the pitchers top out in at least the upper-80’s and a few have hit the mid-90’s this fall,” Hemond explained. “It is a very deep staff with tons of potential.”

“Our catchers will be a strength, as well, this summer,” added Hemond. “Derek Fletcher (William Woods University) threw out nearly half the would-be base stealers last year and Jake Kucek (Youngstown State University) can virtually shut down the opponents’ running game.”

The Cavemen finished the 2011 season with a franchise-best 30-26 record. It is the third consecutive season that the team has improved its win-loss record over the previous season during their three year existence.

The Cavemen will open the 2012 Prospect season on the road in Quincy on May 29th. The Cavemen’s home opener at Clemens Field will be on Thursday May 31st at 6:35 p.m. Season and group tickets are available by calling (573) 221-1010. Individual game tickets go on sale at a later date.

Returning Cavemen Players

AJ Martin	RHP (6'5", 255 lbs); Junior; Central Methodist University; Belleville, IL 2011 Hannibal Cavemen: 5-2 2.64, 8 saves Led Cavemen in saves; tied for team-high in wins
Trey Lang	OF/RHP (6'3", 235 lbs); Sophomore; Gateway Community College; Mesa, AZ 2011 Hannibal Cavemen: .254, 3 HR, 24 RBI, 10 SB Led Prospect League in outfield assists
Dustin Lawson	RHP (6'4", 185 lbs); Sophomore; Lee University; Cleveland, TN 2011 Hannibal Cavemen: 0-0 7.24, 11 K, 13.1 IP
Zach Nichols	OF/INF/C (6'0", 220 lbs); Sophomore; Southeastern (IA) CC; Hannibal, MO 2011 Southeastern CC: .348, 9 2B, 3 HR, 36 RBI 2011 Hannibal Cavemen: .333, 1 for 3 in 1 game 2010 Missouri All-State First Team

New Cavemen Players

Spencer Anderson	OF (6'5", 175 lbs); Junior; Mid-Continent (KY) University; Ft. Wayne, IN 2011 Vincennes University: .306, 3 3B, 4 HR, 32 R, 23 RBI, 14/15 SB Three-sport athlete at Ft. Wayne Snider High School
Ryan Brassler	LHP (6'6", 240 lbs); Sophomore; Northwestern (IA) College; Paulina, IA 2011 Northeastern College: 4-2, 3.50 2011 New York Collegiate Summer League All-Star
Adam Brush	RHP (6'6", 250 lbs); Sophomore; William Woods University; Ashland, MO 2011 William Woods University: 5-3, 4.15, 62 K, 52 IP Fastball in the low- to mid-90's
Derek Fletcher	C (5'7", 195 lbs); Sophomore; William Woods University; Moberly, MO 2011 William Woods University: .336, 13 2B, 5 HR Threw out 46.5% of would-be base stealers
Kris Gardner	LHP (6'5", 198 lbs); Sophomore; Wichita State University; Coppell, TX 2010 Prestonwood High School: 4-1, 1.30, 53 K, 8 BB, 41 IP Texas All-State 2009 and 2010; His father Scott played in the minors with San Diego and Houston organizations
Kris Goodwin	SS (6'1", 175 lbs); Freshman; Iowa University; Apple Valley, MN 2011 Apple Valley High School: .435, 2 HR, 30 R, 21 RBI, 21 G Batted .425 or higher in each season in high school
Sam Hall	3B/1B (6'1", 215 lbs); Freshman, Wichita State University; Huntsville, UT 2011 Bonneville High School: .500, 14 2B, 9 HR, 50 RBI Utah All-State and State Home Run Champ 2009 and 2010
Mike Kane	OF/1B (5'11", 205 lbs); Junior; Northern Illinois University; Chicago, IL 2011 South Suburban College: .296, 16 2B, 6 HR, 55 RBI

Taylor Kaufman LHP/OF/1B (6'2", 180 lbs); Freshman; Iowa University; Glenwood, IA
2011 Glenwood High School: 6-3, 0.76, 113 K, 8 BB, 53.1 IP; .568, 10 HR, 56 RBI
Three-time Iowa All-State; His father Curt played in minors for New York Yankees and California Angels organizations

Jake Kucek C (5'11", 195 lbs); Junior; Youngstown State University; Canfield, OH
2011 Cuyahoga Community College: .481, 12 2B, 3 3B, 2 HR, 32 RBI
NJCAA All-America (2nd Team); His father Jack is a former 2nd Round pick and MLB pitcher with the Chicago White Sox, Philadelphia Phillies, and Blue Jays

Kevin Lenkman LHP (6'4", 210 lbs); Junior; Butler University; St. Peters, MO
2011 John Wood Community College: 4-7, 3.36, 92 K, 77.6 IP
Holds John Wood single-season strike out record

Tyler Lollis INF (6'1", 185 lbs); Junior; Southern Wesleyan University; Anderson, SC
2011 Southern Wesleyan University: .386, 11 2B, 2 HR; 28 RBI, 13/16 SB
2011 First-Team Southern State All-Conference

Brandon Powell OF (6'1", 185 lbs); Sophomore; Samford University; Houston, TX
2011 Samford University: .191, 2 2B, 68 AB
Texas All-State at Second Baptist High School

Ryan Power RHP (6'5", 210 lbs); Freshman; Miami (OH) University; LaGrange, IL
2011 Nazareth High School: 6-2, 3.50
Fastball in upper 80's

Tyler Stuerman RHP (6'7", 217 lbs); Sophomore; Northwestern (IA) College; Hinton, IA
2011 Northwestern College: 1-2, 7.36
Fastball in low- to mid-90's

Braden Strickland RHP (6'0", 180 lbs); Freshman; Louisiana State University; Gun Barrel City, TX
2011 Eustace High School: 7-1, 132 K
Texas 2A All-State; Threw back-to-back no-hit games

Dylan Terrell LHP (6'3", 235 lbs); Freshman; Lindenwood University; Elsberry, MO
2011 Winfield High School: 8-2, 110 K; 64.6 IP; 2 shutouts
Missouri All-State

Christian Trent LHP (6'0", 185 lbs); Freshman; Louisiana State University; Covington, LA
2011 St. Paul's High School: 9-3, 1.24, 90 K
Louisiana 5A All-State; 27-7 in three high school seasons

Randy Villa 1B (6'1", 205 lbs); Junior; Kentucky Wesleyan; Vacaville, CA
2011 New York Perfect Game Collegiate League: .328, 4 HR, 35 RBI
New York Perfect Game Collegiate League 2011 All-Star

Jake Wolf OF (6'2", 200 lbs); Freshman; Miami (OH) University; Downers Grove, IL
2011 Downers Grove South High School: .405, 13 2B, 7 HR, 36 RBI

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