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Quincy, IL

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### **Dragons Fall Behind, Gems Set Dragons Ablaze in 5-1 Loss**

After a disheartening 9-6 loss to Butler at home on Wednesday, the Dupage Dragons hit the road, looking for a win at West Division leading Quincy Thursday night. Manager Mark Viramontes would look for a more solid outing from starting pitcher Casey Webber, (Tinley Park, IL/Western Michigan University), than he has received from the rest of his staff in the past few games.

Things were not looking good for the Dragons through two, as Webber walked five, loading the bases twice. He was however able to get out of the jams minimizing the damage, but not before an RBI-single put the Gems up 1-0.

The Dragons were able to get a baserunner in scoring position, after Sean Flanagan, (Downers Grove, IL/Iowa), singled, two sacrifices, a bunt and a fly respectively. Nothing came of it however, with a pop-out from Brian Martin, (Glen Ellyn, IL, College of Dupage), ended the inning.

Webber would get back on track, and retire 14 batters in a row, before an RBI-single from John Myers put the Gems back ahead 2-0. Will Strack, (Sycamore, IL/University of Illinois), would come in the game with runners on the corners and hit a batter to load the bases. An run would then score on the error charged to Sean Flanagan, after he didn't make the throw to first, and flipped it to an uncovered second base, which allowed the runner to slide in safely. Strack would then bean another batter, Lorenz, loading the bases, before getting a ground out to end the inning. The score through seven innings, Gems 5, Dragons 1.

Strack would run into trouble again in the 8th, allowing a single and a walk to start things off, but a nice unassisted double play from

Greg Stolzenburg, (St. Charles, IL/Elgin Community College), got the Dragons out of the inning.

After putting runners at first and second, the Dragons couldn't pull off the comeback with Grant Filipitch, (LaGrange Park, IL/Butler), grounding into a game ending double play.

The Dragons travel to Hannibal to take on the Cavemen tomorrow night. Tickets for the next Dragons home game are available at [www.dupagedragons.com](http://www.dupagedragons.com)