



# Collin's Corner

## Pitchers Who Homered While Hurling a No-Hitter

by Lee Collin  
September 2001

Of the 225 major league no-hitters since 1893 thrown by nearly 200 different pitchers, only four have hit a home run in their no-hit game.



*Wes Ferrell*

On April 29, 1931, the Indians' **Wes Ferrell** became the first pitcher in modern baseball history to homer in his own no-hitter when he held the St. Louis Browns hitless before 4,000 fans at League Park in Cleveland. In the fourth inning, with the Tribe ahead 2 – 0, Ferrell connected off veteran right-hander Sam Gray with a man aboard to make the score 4 – 0. In the eighth inning Ferrell doubled home two more runs to tie Cy Young's record of 4 RBIs, the most by a pitcher who tossed a no-hitter.



*Jim Tobin*

On April 27, 1944, 31-year old pitcher **Jim Tobin** of the Boston Braves etched his name into major league history. Bringing a 1 – 1 record into the game, he faced Brooklyn's Fritz Ostermuller of the Dodgers before 1,447 fans at Braves Field. Tobin slammed a solo home run over the left field fence off Ostermuller for the final run in a 2 – 0 no-hit win for Boston.



*Earl Wilson*

**Earl Wilson** of Ponchatoula, Louisiana, made history in two ways on June 26, 1962. The Boston right-hander became the first black pitcher in the American League to hurl a no-hitter and only the third pitcher in modern baseball to homer in his no-hit game. Wilson's blast came against Los Angeles Angels right-hander Bo Belinsky in the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning, providing all the runs he needed. Wilson surrendered only four walks in out-dueling Belinsky, 2 – 0, to become the first right-hander to pitch a no-hitter in Fenway Park since 1917.

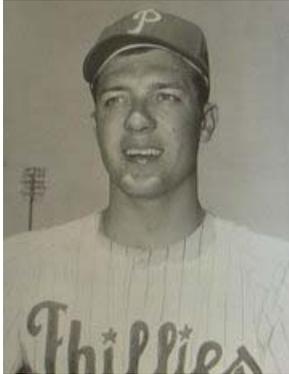
Lee Collin

Member, Society for American Baseball Research





# *Collin's Corner*



*Rick Wise*

On June 23, 1971, Phillies' right-hander **Rick Wise** became the only pitcher in major league history to homer twice and pitch a no-hitter in the same game, when he shut down the Cincinnati Reds before 13,000 fans at Riverfront Stadium. While Wise was performing magic on the mound he was also swinging a magic bat. Wise slammed his first four-bagger in the fifth inning off Ross Grimsley with a man aboard. In the eighth inning Wise struck again, this time off Clay Carroll for the last run in a 4 – 0 no-hit victory.

*This article originally appeared in the September 2001 issue of The Bleacher Creature.*

Copyright © 2001 by Lee Collin. All Rights Reserved.

**Lee Collin**

Member, Society for American Baseball Research

