

3 Illini Hurlers Post No-Hitter

By Bob Leavitt

Illinois has its first no-hit baseball game since 1961, and three Illini will be able to take credit for it. Rick Sanford, Bill Foss and Gregg Gregory combined Tuesday to no-hit St. Joseph's College as the Illini won 4-1 at Illinois Field. The win brought Illinois' record to 10-11.

The visitor's only run was unearned when Wayne Butrick walked to lead off the fifth and scored after a fielder's choice, Illinois' only error and a sacrifice fly.

Five men reached first for St. Joseph's but Illinois' infield came up with its fourth and fifth double plays of the season and Ken Rizzo threw out one man trying to steal second to erase three of them.

The only ball that looked like it might spell ruin for the Illini pitcher's record book entry was a sinking line drive in the ninth which second baseman Chuck Schierer managed to snare.

Not since Doug Mills did the job in a seven-inning game with Wisconsin five years ago has Illinois been credited with a no-hitter. The last time Illini bats were silenced was by a combination of Fred Curtis and Bob Siebers of Quincy College in 1962.

Mike Murawski was the hitting star for Lee Eilbracht's squad. The sophomore cleanup batter looped a two-out bases-loaded double off the chalk down the right field line in the fifth to erase the opposition's one run lead. The Illinois left fielder legged out another double when his hit through the pitcher's box died in the grass in center field as he led off the eighth. He scored on Schierer's single.

Illinois' other run came in the sixth in typical Illini fashion. Rizzo singled to lead off the inning, stole second, went to third when the catcher threw the ball into center field and scored on Ron Ingram's sacrifice fly to deep center.

Sanford started for Illinois and threw five innings with Foss coming on in the sixth and Gregory in the eighth. The Chicago sophomore got his first win for the Illini. Both sophomore Foss

and junior Gregory allowed only one man to reach base in their innings.

Eilbracht's decision to divide the pitching chores was prompted by Illinois' heavy Big Ten schedule this weekend. The Illini travel to Minnesota and Iowa for double-headers Friday and Saturday.

ILLINOIS (4)				ST. JOSEPH (1)				
AB	R	H	E	AB	R	H	E	
4	1	1	0	hman,rf	3	0	0	Schom.,2b
4	0	0	0	Humay,ss	4	0	0	Woodwine,lf
3	0	1	0	Reed,3b	3	0	0	Tragah,lb
4	1	2	0	Murawski,lf	2	1	0	Buirick
4	0	0	0	Gussis,lb	3	0	0	Saltinski,3b
3	1	1	0	Rizzo,c	2	0	0	Arenz,rf
4	0	0	0	Schierer,2b	1	0	0	Rossi,c
2	0	0	0	Ingram,cf	1	0	0	Reuth,p
1	0	0	0	Sanford,p	3	0	0	Krapec,ss
0	1	0	0	Vanselow,ph	1	0	0	Reuth,p
1	0	0	0	Foss,p	0	0	0	Boitger,ph
0	0	0	0	Gregory,p	0	0	0	Soltis,p
1	0	0	0	Kaufman,lf	0	0	0	Henkle,ph
31 4 6 TOTALS				22 1 0 TOTALS				
St. Joseph				000 010 000				
Illinois				000 021 010				
Runs batted in — Murawski 2, Schierer, Ingram, Rossi. Earned runs—Illinois 4.								
Two-base hits — Murawski 2. Errors — Schommer 2, Krapec, Rossi, Humay.								
Stolen bases Rizzo, Schierer. Sacrifices—Ingram, Rossi. Double plays—Sanford-Gussis; Humay-Schierer-Gussis. Left on bases—Illinois 7, St. Joseph 1. Hit by pitcher—Rossi. Passed ball—Murawski.								
Time of game—1:50.								
Sanford (1-1)				P. H. E. R. B. B. SO				
Foss				0 2 1 0 0 1				
Gregory				0 0 0 0 0 0				
Reuth lp				2 12 0 0 0 1				
Soltis				1 1 1 1 1 1				