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Pitchers Who Homered While Hurling a No-Hitter

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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 3rd 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.

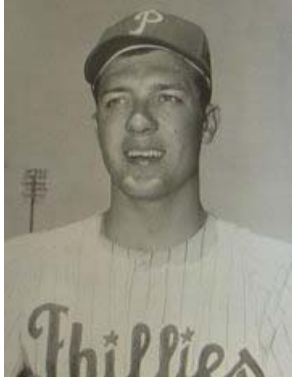
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Rick Wise

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.

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