

BURGY HURLS NO-HITTER

Bellaire OVAC Champ.

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Behind the no-hit masterpiece of Eddie Burgy their ace junior right-hander, Bellaire High's Big Reds won the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference baseball championship with a 5-0 decision over Wheeling Central Monday night under the lights at York-

ville Memorial Stadium. Burgy, the Bellaire three-sports standout, blazed his pitches past the Knights for 15 strikeouts, 10 of them in succession, and faced only 22 batters in seven innings. He whiffed every player in the Central batting order at least once in hurling his third no-hitter of the year.

Meantime, the Reds mounted a 10-hit attack against Owen Hughes, Central southpaw, with Rick Tobin, the Bellaire first baseman, collecting two doubles and two singles in four at-bats to lead the onslaught.

Burgy walked only one and hit one batter. Central never hit a ball out of the infield during the entire game as the Reds' 5 ft. 10

fireballer was in command throughout. Burgy strung his 10 successive strikeouts together in the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh innings. The string started with one out in the fourth and was ended when John Dalek bounced to Tobin for the final out of the game.

Bellaire took the lead in the first inning when John Ostrander singled, took second when an error was made on an attempted pickoff, advanced to third on Burgy's fly ball to deep left, and scored on Tobin's single to left.

The score remained 1-0 until the fourth when back-to-back doubles by Tobin and Archie Angus gave the Reds another run. In the fifth they scored again when Dennis Chirik singled, Ostrander walked and Tobin singled for his second RBI. In the sixth two walks, an error, and Chirik's single made it 4-0, and in the seventh Tobin and Angus again hit successive doubles, for the final marker, though Angus was out at third trying to stretch his blow.

Angus and Tobin thus had two RBIs each and Tobin tallied two runs. While Tobin garnered four hits Chirik and Angus made two apiece.

The victory was the twelfth against five losses and a tie for Coach Jim Martinek's club, which had previously won the Eastern Ohio League championship and defeated Steubenville in a playoff for the OVAC Ohio-side laurels. Thus, last night's triumph capped a highly-successful season for a school which revived baseball only last year after a long absence from the diamond.

The defeat was the sixth against 17 victories for Central, the OVAC West Virginia side kingpin. The line score follows:
 Bellaire 100 111 1-5 10 0
 Central 000 000 0-0 0 1
 Batteries: Hughes and Tellitocci; Burgy and F. Blumling.



Coach Jim Martinek and his celebrating Bellaire Big Reds happily lift their pitching hero, Eddie Burgy, aloft and signal that they're No. 1 after downing Wheeling Central, 5-0 in Ohio Valley Athletic Conference championship baseball game at Yorkville Monday night. Burgy hurled a no-hitter and struck out 15, 10 of them in succession. (N-R Photo)

1970 O.V.A.C. Champions.