Inclement Weather Prompts 9-9 Baseball Knot With SWIC

Recording just their fourth tie in school history, the baseball squad wound up in a 9-9 stalemate with visiting Southwestern Illinois College Tuesday when weather conditions deteriorated after eight innings of a scheduled nine inning game.

The Magic had jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the second inning on a Brett Allen (Eureka) RBI single that scored Larry Von Dracek (Hazelwood West.) Sophomore outfielder Dan Healey (CBC) then delivered a clutch, two out RBI single to knock in Jon Myers (Ft. Zumwalt South. A SWIC infield miscue later allowed Healey to score for a 3-0 edge.

As a slugfest developed with a 4-3 Meramec lead in the fourth, freshman Michael Hope (Webster Groves) dashed SWIC's hopes with a three run homer for a 7-3 Magic lead. However, the offensive seesaw continued until the 9-9 deadlock and heavy rain prompted the game's end. Catcher Justin Rahn (CBC) reached base three times, with two walks and a single.

Starter David Birkby (Parkway West) was sharp once again, going the first five innings, giving up three runs.

Head coach Tony Dattoli ties former head coach Joe Swiderski - each has two ties on their career records - the only four standoffs in Meramec's 41 year baseball history.