

Battle Green's First Win This Season Highlights This Week's Senior Softball Action

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With just two weeks left in the Lexington Men's Senior Softball League's regular season the battle for first place remains a close race among two teams, while the fight for third place has evolved into a tight four-team race, and the duel for the seventh spot had a significant switch of positions this past week.

When this past week started Battle Green had gone winless with just one tie through its first 11 games this season. Last week Battle Green finally got off the snide, and ended its winless streak curiously enough against the same team that just two weeks before gave the front-running Five-O's its first loss this season.

Philippe de Rouffignac was their hitting star with five hits, while Brian Mason and Harvey Lowell added three hits each, and Allen Feinstein, John Mullen, and Jeff Palter chipped in two hits apiece, to lead Battle Green to an exciting 11-8 victory over Prime Time, to win its first game this season and move into sole possession of the all-important seventh spot with a record of 1-10-1.

Rob Walsh had four hits, Carl Fantasia added three hits, and Gregg Armstrong, Eric Winter, and Jim Peck chipped in two hits apiece for Prime Time, which beat the previously unbeaten Five-O's two weeks before but fell into third place with a record of 8-4 with its loss to previously winless Battle Green.

At the start of this past week's action Metro Contracting was in fifth place just half a game behind Foul Play for the fourth spot. This past week Metro Contracting cranked up its offense against that same squad to earn the decision it needed to move up a spot in the standings.

Tom Labretto and Gary Martin both led their offensive attack with four hits each, while Jim White, Jerry McIntyre, Mark Bellino, and

Steve McDonough added three hits each, and Mike MacClary, Jason Joseph, Steve Febonio, and Devon Turner chipped in two hits apiece, to carry Metro Contracting to a 19-14 win over Foul Play, and leap-frog over that squad into fourth place with a record of 6-4-1.

Peter Hamilton had six hits, Kevin Moschella added four hits, Eric Pearlman and Joe Curro both had three hits, and Drew Swinger, Andy Cutler, John Liebeskind, and Rob Santa Maria chipped in two hits each for Foul Play, which fell into fifth place with a 6-5 record. When this past week's play began Midnight Express was still in sixth place a game and a half out of the fifth spot. This past week Midnight Express came through with a convincing winning effort to gain a game on Foul Play for the coveted fifth spot.

Steve Pirano was their hitting leader with four hits, while Chris Green, Rey Rosado, Tom Regan, and Jack Boyle all added three hits, and Rick Pernak, Bob Waters, Phil Edelen, and Neil Feinberg chipped in two hits apiece, to help Midnight Express soundly defeat the Goodtimers 16-1, and move to within a half game of fifth-place Foul Play with a record of 6-6.

Jim Dirico, Sal Serio, Dan Hess, and Gino Mauriello had two hits each for the Goodtimers, which fell back into eighth place with a record of 1-11.

At the start of this past week's action MJB Consulting was in third place two losses behind the front-running Five-O's. This past week MJB Consulting won a slugfest against that same squad to move up a notch in the standings, and close to within percentage points of the front-runners for the coveted top spot.

The information from this game was not available as of Saturday, August 5th.

STANDINGS

Five-O's 8-2

MJB Consulting 9-3

Prime Time 8-4

Metro Contracting 6-4-1

Foul Play 6-5

Midnight Express 6-6

Battle Green 1-10-1

Goodtimers 1-11

The schedule of games for this upcoming week follows:

Tuesday, August 8: MJB Consulting vs. Midnight Express at Estabrook, 6:15; Foul Play vs. Five-O's at Center 2, 6:15; Battle Green vs. Metro Contracting at Center 2, 8:00.

Thursday, August 10: Prime Time vs. Metro Contracting at Estabrook, 6:15.