

Prime Time, Foul Play Move Up Senior Softball Standings

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With just eight regular season games remaining in the Lexington Men's Senior Softball League's regular season, the battles for the first and fourth playoff spots remain tight three-team races, as all eight teams in the league are still fighting for higher playoff spots. Despite some adverse weather which limited play to just two games this past week, the winners of those two games, Prime Time and Foul Play, both won those contests to each make a significant move up a spot in the league standings.

When this past week's play started Prime Time was in third place a game behind second-place MJB Consulting. This past week Prime Time got off to a strong start, then held off a furious comeback bid to emerge with a big win, and do its part to make a move to catch MJB Consulting for the second spot.

Chris Ellmore was its hitting star with five hits, while Jon Toomey and Eric Winter both added four hits, Gregg Armstrong and Bill Crowley both added three hits, and Rob Walsh and Carmelo Rosado both chipped in two hits, to help Prime Time take an early 12-0 lead, then fight off a late comeback bid to hold on for a 14-10 victory over Metro Contracting, and improve its record to 9-4.

Mike MacClary had four hits, and Mike Parenti, Jim White, Jon Churchill, Jerry McIntyre, and Mark Bellino all added two hits for Metro Contracting, but its record fell to 6-5-1.

At the start of this past week's action Foul Play was in fifth place a half game behind fourth-place Metro Contracting. But that team's loss to Prime Time gave Foul Play a chance to catch and pass Metro Contracting and assume the fourth playoff spot with a win, and they took advantage of that opportunity in a big way.

Jesse Corburn and Jeremy Tate both led their offensive attack with three hits including a triple each, while Paul Brzezinski, Peter

Hamilton, Gene Kalb, Mark Weiss, Eric Pearlman, John Liebeskind, and Joe Curro added two hits apiece, to carry Foul Play to a 9-5 triumph over MJB Consulting, and pass Metro Contracting to take over fourth place while improving its record to 7-5.

Steve Giardina had four hits, and Joel Green, and Bill and Greg Carr all had two hits for MJB Consulting, but its record fell to 9-4 which allowed Prime Time to tie that squad for second place, and assume the second playoff spot by virtue of its two head-to-head wins this season against MJB Consulting.

But MJB Consulting did emerge with a big 11-10 win over the first-place Five-O's the week before, as Parenti had four hits, Garrett Frampton added three hits, and Jeff Smith, Tom Ford, Ed McGrath, and Mark Bergeron all had two hits for the victors.

Dave Mack had four hits, Ray Forcina, John O'Brien, and Frank Boggan all added three hits, and John Sym, Mike Reamer, Mark Roberts, Dmitri Hoffmeyer, and P.J. Passorini all chipped in two hits for the Five-O's, which still has four regular season games remaining, including key match-ups this Tuesday against Prime Time and the following Tuesday versus Foul Play.

STANDINGS

Five-O's 8-2

Prime Time 9-4

MJB Consulting 9-4

Foul Play 7-5

Metro Contracting 6-5-1

Midnight Express 6-6

Battle Green 1-10-1

Goodtimers 1-11

The remaining regular season games are as follows:

Tuesday, August 15: Five-O's vs. Prime Time at Estabrook, 6:00;
Midnight Express vs. Foul Play at Center 2, 6:30; Goodtimers vs.
Battle Green at Center 2, 8:15.

Thursday, August 17: Five-O's vs. Goodtimers at Estabrook, 6:00;
MJB Consulting vs. Midnight Express at Center 2, 6:30; Battle
Green vs. Metro Contracting at Center 2, 8:15.

Tuesday, August 22: Foul Play vs. Five-O's at Center 2, 6:30; Metro
Contracting vs. Five-O's at Center 2, 8:00.

The playoffs are scheduled to start Thursday, August 24.