

Five-O's Get Back On Track In Senior Softball Action

By Ken Kotelly

A big bounce-back win by the Five-O's, and victories by MJB Consulting, Foul Play, and Metro Contracting highlighted this past week's play in the Lexington Men's Senior Softball League, as the league moved well into the second half of the regular season. While still in first place when this past week's action started, the Five-O's were coming off its first loss in two years, which cut its lead for the top spot to just a half game. This past week the Five-O's responded and bounced back with a solid all-around team effort, to get its act back on the right track.

Bobby Waters, Kevin Hazzard, and Phil Edelen were their hitting stars with four hits each, while Dave Mack, John O'Brien, and Mark Robards added three hits each, and John Sym and John Diradorian chipped in two hits apiece, to lead the Five-O's to a convincing 15-0 victory over Midnight Express, and remain in first place while improving its record to 8-1.

At the start of this past week's play MJB Consulting was riding a five-game winning streak, and was within a half game of the Five-O's for first place. This past week MJB Consulting kept pace with the front-runners with yet another solid team performance, to stay within striking distance of the front-running Five-O's.

Mark Bergeron led their offensive attack with three hits, while Tom Ford, Joe Moules, Tim Clark, Matt Widiger, Dave DiCecca, and Bill Carr added two hits each, to carry MJB Consulting to a convincing 15-6 win over Battle Green for its sixth straight victory, and improve its record to 8-2.

Harvey Lowell had two hits for Battle Green.

Foul Play entered this past week's play with two straight wins following a four-game losing streak. This past week Foul Play continued its recent resurgence with yet another victorious effort

against the team that beat the Five-O's the previous week, to keep their hot streak of late going.

Kevin Moschella was their hitting star with six hits, while Eric Pearlman added five hits, Paul Brzezinski and Peter Hamilton had four hits each, and Gene Kalb and Drew Swinger chipped in two hits apiece, to help Foul Play defeat Prime Time 14-8 for its third straight win, and improve its record to 5-4.

Brian Callahan had three hits, and Gregg Armstrong, Joe Walsh, Jon Toomey, and Chris Ellmore added two hits each for Prime Time, which couldn't keep its momentum going after handing the Five-O's their first loss in two years the week before.

At the start of this past week's action Metro Contracting was still at the .500 mark as it's been around all season. This past week Metro Contracting finally moved above that mark with a second straight win, to stay virtually even with fourth-place Foul Play.

Tom Labretto, Jeff Heisner, Jason Joseph, Gary Martin, and Eric Malehew all provided most of their firepower with three hits each, to lead Metro Contracing to a 17-14 triumph over the Goodtimers, and improved its record to 5-4-1 to remain close to Foul Play.

Brian Soucy and Paul George both had four hits, Sal Serio and Jim Dirico both added three hits, and Mike Franchella chipped in two hits for the Goodtimers.

STANDINGS

Five-O's 8-1

MJB Consulting 8-2

Prime Time 7-3

Foul Play 5-4

Metro Contracting 5-4-1

Midnight Express 4-6

Goodtimers 1-9

Battle Green 0-9-1

The schedule of games for this upcoming week follows:

Tuesday, July 25: Foul Play vs. Goodtimers at Estabrook, 6:30; MJB Consulting vs. Prime Time at Center 2, 6:30; Battle Green vs. Midnight Express at Center 2, 8:15.

Thursday, July 27: Metro Contracting vs. Five-O's at Estabrook, 6:30; MJB Consulting vs. Foul Play at Center 2, 6:30.