

Prime Time's Seventh Straight Win Ends Five-O's Two-Year Unbeaten Streak In Senior Softball Action

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A huge seventh straight victory by Prime Time which ended the Five-O's two-year unbeaten streak, the first win of the season for the Goodtimers, and triumphs by MJB Consulting and Metro Contracting highlighted play in the Lexington Men's Senior Softball League over the last two weeks as the league started the second half of the regular season.

When this past week's action started Prime Time was riding a six-game winning streak, and had a golden opportunity to move closer to first place as it was matched against the front-running Five-O's, which entered the week 7-0 this season, and carried an unbeaten streak into the game which dated back two years. Prime Time took advantage of its chance to both gain ground on the Five-O's, and simultaneously end its two-year undefeated run.

Jon Toomey was their hitting star with three hits including a three-run triple, while Gregg Armstrong, Joe Walsh, Jim Hart, and Paul Sacco added two hits apiece, to help Prime Time break a close game open by scoring four sixth-inning runs, and hold on for a huge 11-6 victory over the Five-O's, to extend its winning streak to seven games, snap the Five-O's two-year unbeaten streak, and improve its record to 7-2 to move to within a half game of the first-place Five-O's.

Frank Boggan had four hits, Dave Mack and John Sym both added three hits, and Kevin Hazzard and Peter Lee chipped in two hits apiece for the Five-O's. But while it wasn't enough to avoid losing its first game in two years the Five-O's are still in the top spot, but are now just a half game ahead of Prime Time and MJB Consulting.

At the start of this past week's play the Goodtimers and Battle Green were both still winless through their first eight games this season, so when they played each other for the first time this year this past week, the good news was that one of these squads had to win its first game this season. While the evenly matched teams waged a close duel, it was the Goodtimers that stepped up its play to win this "Battle of the Winless Teams for Seventh Place."

Mike Franchella, Jim Dirico, Brian Soucy, John Langevin, and Dave Johnson all carried their offensive attack with two hits each, while after giving up three early runs Gino Mauriello pitched shut-out ball over the final seven innings, to carry the Goodtimers to a 7-3 win over Battle Green for its first win this season, and move into sole possession of seventh place with a 1-8 record.

Phillippe de Rouffignae had three hits, and Vin Dembro, Harvey Lowell, and Don Koundakjian added two hits each for Battle Green. But it wasn't enough to prevent Battle Green from falling into eighth place and remain winless this season with a record of 0-8-1.

When league play resumed after the 4th of July break MJB Consulting was a game and a half behind the first-place Five-O's. But the Five-O's first loss in two years gave MJB Consulting a great chance to move closer to the top spot, and their squad took advantage of the opportunity to do just that.

Tom Ford and Joe Moules led their hit parade with four hits each, while Mark Bergeron, Bill Carr, Dave DiCecca, and Steve Giardina added three hits each, and Bob DiCicco, Garrett Frampton, and Ed McGrath chipped in two hits apiece, to help MJB Consulting defeat the Goodtimers 18-4, and improve its record to 7-2 to move to within a half game of the first-place Five-O's.

Dirico, Johnson, and Mauriello had two hits each for the Goodtimers.

When this past week's action began Metro Contracting was in sixth place a half game below the .500 mark. This past week

Metro Contracting came through with one of its best efforts of this season, to move two spots up in the league standings. Mike McClary, Mark Bellino, Steve Febonio, Eric Malafeew, and Steve McDonough all provided most of its offense with two hits each, to lead Metro Contracting to an 8-2 triumph over Midnight Express, and improve its record to 4-4-1 to move into sole possession of fourth place.

John Lanza, Dave Ossam, and Phil Edelen had two hits for Midnight Express.

STANDINGS

Five-O's 7-1

Prime Time 7-2

MJB Consulting 7-2

Metro Contracting 4-4-1

Foul Play 4-4

Midnight Express 4-5

Goodtimers 1-8

Battle Green 0-8-1

The schedule of games for the upcoming week follows:

Tuesday, July 18: Battle Green vs. MJB Consulting at Estabrook, 6:30; Foul Play vs. Prime Time at Center 2, 6:30; Metro Contracting vs. Goodtimers at Center 2, 8:15.

Thursday, July 20: Five-O's vs. Midnight Express at Estabrook, 6:30.