

Prime Time Wins Sixth Straight In Senior Softball Action

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A sixth straight win by Prime Time, a fourth straight victory by MJB Consulting, and a season-opening seventh straight triumph by the Five-O's highlighted this past week's play in the Lexington Men's Senior Softball League, which reached the Independence Day break and the halfway point of the regular season.

When this past week's action started Prime Time was riding a five-game winning streak after dropping its first two games of the season. This past week Prime Time kept its winning ways going by coming out on top of a close battle, and stay hot on the heels of the league-leading Five-O's.

Gregg Armstrong, Joe Walsh, Jon Toomey, and Eric Winter all led their hitting attack with two hits each, to carry the Five-O's to a close 8-6 victory over Midnight Express for its sixth straight win, and improve its record to 6-2 while remaining tied for second place with MJB Consulting.

Rick Pernak and Mike Monteiga both had three hits, and Dave Ossam, Dave Bradford, Tom Regan, Charlie Gauthier, and Joe Neas all had two hits for Midnight Express.

At the start of this week's play MJB Consulting had won its three previous games following a two-game slide. This past week MJB Consulting kept its winning ways going by emerging victorious once again, and remain right behind the front-running Five-O's. Garrett Frampton, Joe Moules, and Dave DiCecca all carried their offensive attack with two hits each, to lead MJB Consulting to a 7-4 win over Metro Contracting for its fourth straight victory, and improve its record to 6-2 while remaining tied for second place with Prime Time.

Tom Labretto had four hits, Mike McClary, Jim White, Mark Bellino, and Gary Martin all added three hits, and Devon Turner chipped in two hits for Metro Contracting.

Also in MJB Consulting's 16-15 victory over Foul Play the previous week, Tom Ford had six hits, Frampton had four hits, Mike Giardi, Bill Carr, Matt Widiger, and Ed McGrath added three hits each, and Bob DiCicco and Greg Carr chipped in two hits apiece, to help MJB Consulting score eight ninth-inning runs to erase a seven-run deficit and steal the decision.

When this past week's play began the Five-O's were still unbeaten and in first place through its first six games this season. While it failed to score in double figures this past week as it has routinely this season, the Five-O's still had enough hitting and good defensive play to come out on top once again.

John O'Brien was its hitting star with four hits, while Bob Waters and Phil Edelen added three hits each, and Mark Robards, John Sym, Kevin Hazzard, and Ray Forcina had two hits apiece, to help the Five-O's defeat the Goodtimers 6-2, and remain undefeated and in first place with a perfect 7-0 record.

Mike Franchella, Paul George, and Gino Mauriello all had two hits for the Goodtimers, which also in the field turned a second to first to home triple play in the fourth inning.

Foul Play carried a four-game losing streak into this past week's action after winning its first three games this season. This past week Foul Play bounced back with a huge offensive display to finally get its act back on the right track.

Andy Cutler and Gene Kalb both provided most of its offensive firepower with three hits each, while Paul Brzezinski, Corey Goodman, Eric Pearlman, John Liebeskind, and Drew Swinger all added two hits each, to lead Foul Play to a convincing 18-5 triumph over Battle Green, and improve its record to 4-4 and pull into a tie for fourth place with Midnight Express.

Tucker Taft and Monteiga both had two hits for Battle Green.

STANDINGS

Five-O's 7-0

Prime Time 6-2

MJB Consulting 6-2

Midnight Express 4-4

Foul Play 4-4

Metro Contracting 3-4-1

Battle Green 0-7-1

Goodtimers 0-7

The schedule of games for the next two weeks follows. There are no games on the Tuesday, July 4th holiday.

Thursday, July 6: Goodtimers vs. MJB Consulting at Estabrook, 6:30.

Tuesday, July 11: Midnight Express vs. Metro Contracting at Estabrook, 6:30; Battle Green vs. Goodtimers at Center 2, 6:30; Prime Time vs. Five-O's at Center 2, 8:15.

Thursday, July 13: MJB Consulting vs. Foul Play at Estabrook, 6:30.