

Prime Time, Metro Advance To Senior Softball Loser's Bracket Playoff Semi Finals

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After a mysterious postponement on a dry day delayed the Lexington Men's Senior Softball League playoffs by two days, two losers' bracket games were played this past week, and true to form the higher seeded teams won both battles. The second-seeded Prime Time squad prevailed in a 32-run slugfest, while fifth-seeded Metro Contracting also won by scoring in double figures to both advance to the loser's bracket semi final. At the start of this past week's action second-seeded Prime Time was matched against fourth-seeded Foul Play after Prime Time beat the Goodtimers in the first round but lost to MJB Consulting in the second round, while Foul Play fell to Metro Contracting before turning aside Battle Green in the first and second rounds respectively. While Foul Play took a big initial advantage, it was Prime Time that stepped up in the middle innings with two big single-inning rallies, to come back and eventually clinch the decision on the 10-run mercy rule.

Gregg Armstrong and Jim Hart both were their hitting stars with five hits each, while Eric Winter had four hits, Rob Walsh, John Toomey, and Bill Crowley added three hits each, and Carmelo Rosado chipped in two hits, to help Prime Time come back from an early eight-run deficit to score four runs in the third and fourth innings, then plate 10 runs in the fifth inning, and six more runs in the seventh frame, to pull away to an eight-inning, 21-11 victory over Foul Play, and advance to the loser's bracket semi finals.

Paul Brzezinski had four hits, Peter Weiss and Eric Pearlman both added three hits, and Corey Goodman, Kevin Moschella, Andy Cutler, Rob Santa Maria, and Drew Swinger chipped in two hits apiece for Foul Play, which scored eight first-inning runs but only

added three more runs the rest of the way, and finished its season with a final overall record of 9-8.

When this past week's play began fifth-seeded Metro Contracting was paired against sixth seeded Midnight Express, after Metro Contracting beat Foul Play in the first round before losing to the Five-O's in the second round, while Midnight Express fell to MJB Contracting before prevailing over the Goodtimers in the first and second rounds respectively. This match-up turned out to be not as close as Prime Time's win, as Metro Contracting jumped out to a big lead by the middle innings and were never seriously threatened thereafter.

Harry Huang and Jack Bellan both led their offensive attack with four hits each, while Tom Libretto, Steve Febonio, and John Church added three hits each, and Jim White and Jason Joseph chipped in two hits apiece, to help Metro Contracting score eight runs in the first five innings, then add six more runs in the sixth and seventh frames, to cruise to a 14-2 win over Midnight Express and advance to the loser's bracket semi finals against Prime Time.

John Lanza, Sean O'Connor, and Neil Feinberg all had two hits for Midnight Express, but it was not enough to prevent its season from ending with a final overall record of 7-10.

The schedule of playoff games for this upcoming week follows. All playoff games will be played at the Center 2 field.

Tuesday, September 19: (winner's bracket final) MJB Consulting vs. Five-O's, 6:30; (loser's bracket semi final) Metro Contracting vs. Prime Time, 8:15.

Thursday, September 21: (loser's bracket final) Metro Contracting/Prime Time winner vs. MJB Consulting/Five-O's loser, 6:30.