

MJB Consulting Clinches Second Senior Softball Playoff Spot

By Ken Kotelly

With just one week left in the Lexington Men's Senior Softball League's regular season the only issue still to be settled is the battle for third place. During this past week's five-game slate the regular season champion Five-O's remained unbeaten with another win, while MJB Consulting won a showdown with Foul Play to secure the second spot. Also Metro Contracting won twice to nail down the fifth spot, and three other teams lost to solidify the sixth, seventh, and eighth seeds for the upcoming playoffs.

When this past week's action started MJB Consulting was in second place, and needed one more win to clinch the second seed for the upcoming playoffs. Then in its showdown with Foul Play, MJB Consulting survived several lead changes to come out on top, and secure the second spot for the playoffs.

John Lentz was their hitting star with five hits, and Greg Carr, Dave DiCecca, and Scott Tompkins added three hits each, to lead MJB Consulting to a 22-21 victory over Foul Play, and clinch the second playoff spot while improving its record to 9-2-2.

Among the others who contributed were Mark Bergeron, Bob DiCicco, Jason Bergeron, and Steve Giardina who all had two hits for the winners.

Jesse Corburn had six hits, Rob Santamaria added five hits, Kevin Moschella and Jeremy Tate both chipped in four hits, John Liebeskind and Eric Pearlman both had three hits, and Drew Swinger added two hits for Foul Play, but its record fell to 8-5.

When this past week's play began Metro Contracting was in fifth place and needed two more wins to clinch the fifth seed for the playoffs. This past week Metro Contracting made sure that would happen with two winning efforts to secure the fifth spot.

Jerry McIntyre swung their hot bat in its first game with five hits, while John Church and Greg Badger both added four hits, Jim White, Mark Bellino, and John Coughlin chipped in three hits apiece, and Gary Martin had two hits, to lead Metro Contracting to a 15-2 victory over the Goodtimers.

Dennis Mazzone had four hits, Paul George added three hits, and both Dan Apstein and Dan Hess chipped in two hits apiece for the Goodtimers, which will advance to the playoffs as the eighth seed.

Then two days later McIntyre continued his torrid hitting with seven hits, while Jim White, Jack Bellan, and Dan Barrosa added six hits each, and Mark Bellino chipped in five hits, to carry Metro Contracting to a 26-19 triumph over Prime Time, and clinch fifth place and the fifth seed for the playoffs while improving its record to 7-6.

Rob Walsh and Chris Ellmore both had seven hits, Gregg Armstrong added four hits, Paul Sacco and Bill Crowley both chipped in three hits, and Carl Fantasia had two hits for Prime Time, but its record slipped to 7-4-2 and finished the week tied for third place with Foul Play.

Prime Time did win its other game last week, as Walsh led their offensive attack with six hits, while Crowley and Jon Toomey both added three hits, and Sacco, John Mazerall, and Carmelo Rosado chipped in two hits apiece, to carry Prime Time to a 21-10 win over Battle Green.

Mike Monteiga had five hits, Brian Mason and Jeff Palter both added three hits, and David Lerner, Harvey Lowell, Allen Feinstein, Andrew Dixon, John Mullen, and Don Koundakjian chipped in two hits apiece for Battle Green, but its record fell to 2-10-1 and will advance to the playoffs as the seventh seed.

At the start of this past week's play the unbeaten Five-O's had already wrapped up the number one seed for the upcoming playoffs, but were still playing to finish the regular season undefeated. This past week the Five-O's kept that hope alive with yet another win to remain unbeaten for the season with just one regular season game remaining. Frank Boggan wielded their hot bat with four hits, while John Sym, Phil Edelen, Rey Rosado, and Bobby Waters added three hits each, to help the Five-O's defeat Midnight Express 13-8, and improve its league-leading record to 12-0-1.

Dave Ossam and Mark Briana both had three hits, and Mark Briana, Jeff Halter, Phil Lanza, Wally Mei, and Jack Boyle chipped in two hits apiece for Midnight Express, but its record slipped to 4-9 and will move on to the playoffs as the sixth seed.

STANDINGS as of August 13

Five-O's 12-0-1

MJB Consulting 9-2-2

Foul Play 8-5

Prime Time 7-4-2

Metro Contracting 7-6

Midnight Express 4-9

Battle Green 2-10-1

Goodtimers 0-13

The schedule for the upcoming final week of the regular season follows.

Tuesday, August 16: Goodtimers vs. Battle Green at Estabrook, 6:30; Metro Contracting vs. Midnight Express at Center 2, 6:30; Five-O's vs. MJB Consulting at Center 2, 8:15.

Thursday, August 18: Foul Play vs. Prime Time at Estabrook, 6:30.