

Prime Time, Five-O's, Midnight Express Stay Hot In Senior Softball Action

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As the Lexington Men's Senior Softball League moved into the second half of the regular season this past week, the battle for first place and the all-important first-round playoff bye appears to be developing into a four-team race, as Prime Time, the Five-O's, Midnight Express, and Foul Play won the four games played in the league this past week to remain the top four teams in the league standings.

When this past week's action began Prime Time still held a slender half-game lead over the Five-O's for the league's top spot. Prime Time then made sure it would still end the week in first place by coming through with a strong team effort to win its lone game this past week.

Rick Silva and Mike Monteiga were their hitting stars with three hits each, while Wayne Palermo, Paul Ryan, John Toomey, Joe Loynd, Paul Brzezinski, and Bryan Gran added two hits each, to carry Prime Time to a 14-6 victory over Metro Contracting, and remain in first place while improving its record to 7-1.

Mike Parenti had three hits, while Jerry McIntyre and Steve Febonio both added two hits for Metro Contracting.

The Five-O's were in second place just a half-game behind Prime Time at the start of this past week's action, and stayed in that position with a relentless offensive explosion to win its sole contest this past week, heading into its showdown against Prime Time this upcoming week.

Ray Forcina, John O'Brien, Mark Roberts, and Mike Reamer led their offensive attack with four hits each, while Shawn Strout, John Sym, Allan Feinstein, and John Diradorian added three hits each, and Dmitri Hoffmeyer and Jeff Palter chipped in two hits apiece, to help the

Five-O's score three runs in the second inning, then exploded for 15 runs in the third frame to break the game wide open, and cruise to a 22-10 win over MJB Consulting, to remain in second place while improving its record to 7-2.

Anthony Bonetti, Matt Widiger, Joel Waithe, Pat Sullivan, Dennis Lampron, Mike Moody, and Joe Moules all had two hits for MJB Consulting, but its record fell to 3-5.

When this past week's play began Midnight Express was still the hottest team in the league, having won five of its previous six games after dropping its first two games of this season. This past week Midnight Express continued its current hot streak by surviving a strong comeback bid to hold on and prevail once again with some late-inning heroics.

Charlie Gauthier led their hit parade with four hits, while Matt Szymaszek (two home runs), John Dooley and Erik Brehm had three hits each, and Dave Ossam, Amit Dang, Garrett Frampton, and Norm Wellington chipped in two hits apiece, to help Midnight Express take a late six-run lead, then after losing it broke a tie by scoring three runs in the tenth inning, and hold on for a ten-inning, 16-13 triumph over Foul Play, and move into third place while improving its record to 6-3.

Jeremy Tate had four hits including a triple and a huge three-run double to cap a game-tying six-run ninth-inning rally, and Allan Coady, Mark Weiss, Dan Brosgol, and Gene Kalb added two hits each for Foul Play, which came back from six runs down in the ninth inning to even the score before falling short in the tenth frame.

Despite that setback, Foul Play bounced back just two days later and used a big hitting display to get back on the right track. Tate stayed hot with five hits including a home run, Kalb added four hits, Kyle Junik, Peter Hamilton, Andy Cutler, and Dave Lerner had three hits apiece, and Weiss and Brosgol chipped in two hits each, to help Foul Play score

three first-inning runs, then add nine runs in the third inning, and six more runs in the sixth and seventh frames, to take the lead and hold on to defeat Metro Contracting 18-14, and remain in fourth place while improving its record to 6-4.

Parenti had four hits, Jim White, Mark Bellino, and Harry Huang added three hits each, and Mike MacClary, Tom Libretto, Jason Joseph, and Jim Cunha chipped in two hits apiece for Metro Contracting, which led in the sixth inning before falling away and its record fell to 1-8.

STANDINGS as of July 17th

Prime Time 7-1

Five-O's 7-2

Midnight Express 6-3

Foul Play 6-4

MJB Consulting 3-5

Goodtimers 1-8

Metro Contracting 1-8

The schedule of games for the upcoming week follows.

Tuesday, July 21: Prime Time vs. Five-O's at Estabrook, 6:30; MJB Consulting vs. Midnight Express at Center 2, 6:30; Goodtimers vs. Metro Contracting at Center 2, 8:15.

Thursday, July 23: Prime Time vs. Foul Play at Estabrook, 6:30.