

Five-O's Foul Play Win Battles To Tighten Senior Softball Races

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With just two weeks left in the Lexington Men's Senior Softball League regular season, the fight for the third and sixth playoff spots remained close, while the battle for the top spot appears to be settled. During this past week's three-game slate, the Five-O's won to move closer to clinching the top seed for the playoffs, while Foul Play and Metro Contracting also were victorious to stay in third and fourth place.

When this past week's action began the Five-O's were two games ahead of Prime Time for the league's top spot. This past week while Prime Time was inactive, the Five-O's won its only game to move to within two more wins of clinched the top seed for the playoffs.

Bobby Waters was their hitting star with three hits, while Mike Perrone, John O'Brien, Mike McCullough, Frank Boggan, Allen Feinstein, and P.J. Passerini added two hits each, to help the Five-O's score two third-inning runs, and four ninth-inning runs, and post a 6-0 victory over MJB Consulting, to improve its league-leading record to 10-1.

Joel Waithe and Bob DiCicco both had two hits for MJB Consulting, but its record fell to 6-6.

At the start of this past week's play Foul Play was in third place by just half a game over MJB Consulting. Then while MJB Consulting lost to the Five-O's, Foul Play continued its recent hot streak with yet another win, to move closer to idle Prime Time for the coveted second playoff spot.

Corey Goodman led their offensive attack with four hits, while Kyle Junik added three hits, and Jesse Corburn, Jeremy Tate, Bill Winnett, Dave Lerner, Brian Mason, and Gene Kalb chipped in two hits apiece, to help Foul Play score five first-inning runs, and four runs in both the

eighth and ninth frames, and earn a 17-8 win over Midnight Express, to extend its winning streak to six games, and improve its record to 7-4.

Mike Puleo had three hits, and Dave Ossam, Rick Pernak, Charlie Gauthier, Alan Kumpey, Norm Wellington, and Jonathan Hurd added two hits apiece for Midnight Express, but its record fell to 2-10-1.

When this past week's action began Metro Contracting was in fifth place a game behind MJB Consulting. But while that squad lost, Metro Contracting took advantage and prevailed in its only game, to pull into a tie with MJB Consulting for the fourth playoff spot.

Craig Mackanin, Eric Malafew, Jerry McIntyre, and Jon Churchill all supplied most of its offense with three hits each, while Jeff Heisner and Harry Huang added two hits apiece, to lead Metro Contracting to a 14-4 triumph over the Goodtimers, and improve its record to 5-5.

Matt Andrade, Mike Franchella, Pat Dean, and Matt Kristen all had two hits for the Goodtimers, but its record fell to 2-10-1.

STANDINGS as of August 2nd

Five-O's 10-1

Prime Time 7-3

Foul Play 7-4

MJB Consulting 6-6

Metro Contracting 5-5

Goodtimers 2-10-1

Midnight Express 2-10-1

The schedule of games for the upcoming week follows.

Tuesday, August 5th: Foul Play vs. Goodtimers at Estabrook, 6:00; MJB Consulting vs. Prime Time at Center 2, 6:30; Metro Contracting vs. Five-O's at Center 2, 8:15.

Thursday, August 7th: Midnight Express vs. Prime Time at Estabrook, 6:00.