

Prime Time Wins Twice, Foul Play Once, To Highlight Senior Softball League Stretch Run

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While the postponement of four games limited play to just four games over the last two weeks in the Lexington Men's Senior Softball League, those games didn't change the standings very much heading into the league's home stretch towards the playoffs. Prime Time won twice to maintain its first-place lead over the Five-O's, Foul Play was victorious once to stay in fourth place, and Metro Contracting came through with an incredible late-innings rally to earn a tie with the Five-O's.

When the last two weeks began Prime Time was only percentage points ahead of the second-place Five-O's for the league's top spot. Then over the past fortnight Prime Time won twice, scoring at least 20 runs in both contests, to open up a two-game lead over the Five-O's.

Paul Ryan was the hitting star of their first game over the last two weeks with five hits, while Joe Loynd added four hits, Rick Silva, Paul Sacco, and Mike Monteiga had three hits each, and Gregg Armstrong, John Toomey, Wayne Palermo, Paul Brzezinski, Bryan Gran, Carl Fantasia, and Carmelo Rosado chipped in two hits apiece, to help Prime Time score six runs in the first two innings, then pour across eleven runs in the third frame to break it open, and cruise home to a 27-11 victory over Foul Play for its eighth win in nine games this season.

Allan Coady and Harvey Lowell had four hits each, Bill Winnett, Jeremy Tate, Mike Puleo, and Peter Hamilton added three hits each, and Eric Pearlman, Gene Kalb, and John Liebeskind chipped in two hits apiece for Foul Play.

Then in their next game this past week Ryan and Gran both led their offensive attack with four hits each, while Jim Hart, Brzezinski, and

Fantasia added three hits each, and Armstrong, Toomey, Loynd, Silva, and Monteiga chipped in two hits apiece, to help Prime Time score four runs in the first two innings, four runs in the fourth inning, and seven runs in the fifth frame, to break it wide open and coast to a 20-10 win over MJB Consulting, and improve its first-place record to 9-1.

Mike Moody had three hits, Joel Waithe added two hits including a home run, and Dennis Lampron, John Devlin Dan Capucci, and Joe Moules chipped in two hits apiece for MJB Consulting, which remained in fifth place while its record fell to 3-6.

Despite its setback to Prime Time, Foul Play did bounce back in their next outing to earn an important win, as Mark Weiss swung their hot bat with four hits, while Andy Cutler added three hits, and Winnett, Tate, Pearlman, and Kalb chipped in two hits apiece, to help Foul Play break a tie by scoring three runs in the ninth inning, and hold on for a 6-3 triumph over the Goodtimers, to remain in fourth place while improving its record to 7-5, while the Goodtimers' record fell to 1-9.

When play started two weeks ago Metro Contracting had lost eight straight games, and were tied with the Goodtimers for sixth place. Metro Contracting then fell well behind in their only contest during the past fortnight, but came through with a stunning late comeback rally to avoid losing a ninth straight game.

Mike Parenti, Steve Febonio, and Jon Churchill proved to be their offensive heroes with three hits each, while Jim Cunha added two hits, to help Metro Contracting rally back from a nine-run deficit by scoring nine runs in the eighth and ninth innings, to earn a 15-15 tie against the Five-O's, which was good enough to move into sole possession of sixth place with a record of 1-8-1.

Shawn Strout had five hits, Ray Forcina and Eric Gaalaas added four hits each, and John O'Brien, P.J. Pasterini, Mark Roberts, John Sym, and Phil

Edelen chipped in three hits each for the Five-O's, which had a big offensive game but couldn't hold its nine-run lead in the last two innings, and remained in second place with a record of 7-2-1.

STANDINGS as of July 31st

Prime Time 9-1

Five-O's 7-2-1

Midnight Express 6-3

Foul Play 7-5

MJB Consulting 3-6

Metro Contracting 1-8-1

Goodtimers 1-9

The schedule for the upcoming week follows.

Tuesday, August 4: Midnight Express vs. MJB Consulting at Estabrook, 6:30; Five-O's vs. Metro Contracting at Center 2, 6:30; Goodtimers vs. Prime Time at Center 2, 8:15.

Thursday, August 6: Goodtimers vs. MJB Consulting at Estabrook, 8:15.