

Prime Time Takes 2nd, MJB 3rd For Senior Softball Playoffs

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The Lexington Men's Senior Softball League completed regular season play with five games this past week as the remaining battles for the second through the fifth playoff spots were settled. Prime Time won twice to secure the second playoff seed, and MJB Consulting won its final regular season game to take the third spot, while the top seeded Five-O's also won twice to complete a near-perfect regular season.

When this past week's action started Prime Time was in second place and still needed once more win to clinch the second spot. Prime Time then went one better and won both of its two remaining regular season contests, to lock down the second playoff spot behind the Five-O's.

Rob Walsh and Chris Ellmore were their hitting stars in their first game this past week with two hits each, to help Prime Time score two runs in each of the first three innings, and hold on for a 6-4 victory over Metro Contracting.

Tom Libretto had three hits, and Mark Bellino and Eric Malafew both added two hits for Metro Contracting.

Then in their regular season finale Gregg Armstrong, Jim Hart, and Paul Brzezinski led its offensive attack with two hits each, to help Prime Time score four runs in the first four innings, and four more runs in the fifth frame, to cruise to a convincing 8-2 win over Metro Contracting, and finish the regular season in second place with a record of 10-4.

Jerry McIntyre, Harry Huang, and Libretto had two hits each for Metro Contracting.

At the start of this week's play the Five-O's had already clinched the top seed for the playoffs, but still had to play a Foul Play squad twice that had to win one more game to secure the third playoff spot. But the Five

-O's still put forth two solid efforts and won twice, to deny Foul Play from clinching the third playoff themselves.

John O'Brien and P.J. Passerini both led their hit parade with three hits each, while Dave Mack, Ray Forcina, John Sym, Eric Gaalaas, and Dmitri Hoffmeyer added two hits apiece, to carry the Five-O's to a 14-4 triumph over Foul Play.

Kyle Junik, Jeremy Tate, and Gene Kalb had two hits each for Foul Play.

Then in their regular season finale, Mike Perrone and Mack supplied most of their offensive firepower with three hits each, while Frank Boggan and Passerini added two hits apiece, to help the Five-O's score six runs in the first two innings, and go on to defeat Foul Play 7-4, and finish the regular season in first place with a final record of 13-1.

Andy Cutler, Junik, Tate, and Kalb had two hits each for Foul Play, but their two setbacks dropped its final record to 7-7.

Foul Play's two losses to the Five-O's gave MJB Consulting, which had a 6-7 record at the start of this past week's play, a chance to tie Foul Play for third place, and earn the third seed for the playoffs by winning the tie-breaker with a higher run differential in its battles with Foul Play.

MJB Consulting then took advantage of this opportunity, as Bob DiCicco led their hitting attack with five hits, while Garrett Frampton, Tim Clark, Tom Ford, and Ed McGrath added three hits each, and Joel Waithe, Bill Carr, Greg Carr, John Devlin, Dan Capucci, and Amit Dang chipped in two hits apiece, to help MJB Consulting score eight third-inning runs, and add four runs in the eighth frame, to cruise to a 16-1 win over Metro Contracting, and finish in third place with a record of 7-7.

Huang had three hits, and Mike MacClary and Jon Churchill added two hits each for Metro Contracting, which finished in fifth place with a record of 5-9.

FINAL REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS

1. Five-O's 13-1
2. Prime Time 10-4
3. MJB Consulting 7-7
4. Foul Play 7-7
5. Metro Contracting 5-9
6. Goodtimers 3-10-1
7. Midnight Express 3-10-1

The playoff seeds are to the left of each team's name.

The schedule of games for the first two rounds of the double-elimination playoffs this upcoming week follows.

Tuesday, August 19: Goodtimers vs. MJB Consulting at Estabrook, 6:00; Metro Contracting vs. Foul Play at Center 2, 6:30; Midnight Express vs. Prime Time at Center 2, 8:15.

Thursday, August 21: Loser of Midnight Express/Prime Time vs. Loser of Goodtimers/MJB Consulting at Estabrook, 6:00; Winner of Metro Contracting/Foul Play vs. Five-O's at Center 2, 6:30; Winner of Midnight Express/Prime Time vs. Winner of Goodtimers/MJB Consulting at Center 2, 8:15.