

## **Prime Time Wins Twice To Secure The Senior Softball League Regular Season Title**

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The Lexington Men's Senior Softball League finished regular season play this past week with the final five games played, to give every team 14 games played this season. Prime Time won twice to clinch first place and the top seed for the league playoffs, while MJB Consulting also won twice and the Five-O's won a single game, to round out regular season play and solidify all seven playoff seeds for the playoffs.

When this past week began Prime Time was already in first place, and only needed one more win to capture the regular season top spot. Prime Time then made sure it would not bring their chances to finish first down to its last game by taking both games in decisive fashion, to officially win the regular season title and the top seed for the playoffs.

Jim Hart was the hitting star of their first game this past week with four hits, while Paul Ryan, Joe Loynd, and Rick Silva added three hits each, and Mike Monteiga, John Toomey, Paul Brzezinski, and Carmelo Rosado chipped in two hits apiece, to help Prime Time score four first-inning runs, and three runs each in the third, fourth, and seventh frames, to cruise to a convincing 14-0 victory over Midnight Express, and officially clinch first place for the regular season.

Matt Szymaszek, John Dooley, and Erik Brehm had two hits each for Midnight Express.

Then two days later in its final regular season game Ryan led their offensive attack with three hits including a home run, while Paul Sacco, Loynd, Silva, Wayne Palermo, Jor Fournier, and Rosado also had three hits each, and Toomey and Brzezinski chipped in two hits apiece, to help Prime Time score six first-inning runs, four third-inning runs, and

seven fifth-inning runs, coast to an easy 19-6 win over the Five-O's, and final the regular season with a final record of 13-1.

Eric Gaalaas had three hits, and Ray Forcina, P.J. Pasterini, John O'Brien, Mark Roberts, and Dmitri Hoffmeyer had two hits apiece for the Five-O's.

Despite that setback, the Five-O's did win its other game this past week, as O'Brien led their hit parade with four hits, while Shawn Strout, Forcina, Pasterini, Frank Boggan, John Sym, Phil Edelen, Roberts, and Gaalaas added two hits apiece, to help the Five-O's score four first-inning runs, then plated the game-winning run in the tenth inning, to come away with a ten-inning, 8-7 triumph over Foul Play, and finish the regular season in second place with a final record of 10-3-1.

Eric Pearlman, Andy Cutler, Jeremy Tate, and Bill Winnett had three hits each, and Kyle Junik had two hits for Foul Play, which finished the regular season in fourth place with a final record of 8-6.

When play began this past week MJB Consulting was locked into fifth place and couldn't move up or down no matter whether their club won or lost their final two games. Yet MJB Consulting still took its final two contests seriously and won both games in convincing fashion, to gain some added momentum heading into the upcoming playoffs.

In their first game this past week Dan Capucci and Eric Laurin provided most of their offensive firepower with four hits including a home run each, while Mike Moody and Joel Waithe also had four hits each, Dana Zewiey added three hits, and Anthony Bonetti, Matt Widiger, Pat Sullivan, and Joe Moules chipped in two hits apiece, to help MJB Consulting score three runs in both the third and fifth innings, and eight runs in both the sixth and eighth innings, to soundly defeat Metro Contracting 23-7.

Jim White, Jerry McIntyre, Jeff Heisner, and Devon Turner had three hits each, and Mark Bellino and Gary Martin had two hits each for Metro Contracting, which finished its regular season in sixth place with a final record of 2-11-1.

Then two days later MJB Consulting continued to hit with reckless abandon, as Laurin led their offensive display with six hits, while Tim Clark added five hits, Capucci, Waithe, Widiger, and Moody had four hits each, and John Devlin, Zewiey, and Greg Carr chipped in three hits apiece, to help MJB Consulting score nine runs in the first and third innings, and seven second-inning runs, to easily beat Midnight Express 33-10, and finish the regular season with a final record of 6-8.

Dooley had four hits, Szymaszek, Chris Guen, Dave Ossam, and Norm Wellington had three hits each, and Jim Musmon, Jonathan Hurd, and Brehm had two hits each for Midnight Express, which finished the regular season in third place with a final record of 8-6.

#### FINAL REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS

Prime Time 13-1

Five-O's 10-3-1

Midnight Express 8-6

Foul Play 8-6

MJB Consulting 6-8

Metro Contracing 2-11-1

Goodtimers 1-13

The schedule of playoff games for the upcoming week follows.

Tuesday, August 25: Metro Contracing vs. Midnight Express at Estabrook, 5:45; MJB Consulting vs. Foul Play at Center 2, 6:30; Goodtimers vs. Five-O's at Center 2, 8:15.

Thursday, August 27: Loser of Goodtimers/Five-O's vs. Loser of Metro Contracing/Midnight Express at Estabrook, 5:45; Winner of MJB Consulting/Foul Play vs. Prime Time at Center 2, 6:30; Winner of Metro Contracting/Midnight Express vs. Winner of Goodtimers/Five-O's at Center 2, 8:15.