

Lexington Men's Senior Softball League Season Gets Underway

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The Lexington Men's Senior Softball League started regular season play this past week with three games played involving six of the league's seven teams, while the defending champion Five-O's will start its season this upcoming week.

The team the Five-O's defeated in last year's championship finals Prime Time got its season off to a rousing start, while Foul Play and Metro Contracting also posted wins to get their seasons off on the right foot.

After falling just short of defending its 2024 league championship last year, Prime Time is now determined to win back the title this season. This past week Prime Time took its first step towards accomplishing that goal by scoring runs in huge bunches in its season opening game.

Rick Silva, Paul Ryan, and Joe Loynd were the hitting stars for the winners with four hits each, while Mike Monteiga and Jim Hart both added three hits, and Gregg Armstrong, Jon Toomey, Bill Smith, and Carmelo Rosado chipped in two hits apiece, to carry Prime Time to a big 26-16 victory over MJB Consulting.

Tim Clark, Joel Waithe, Greg Carr, and Mike Moody all had four hits, Pat Sullivan, John Devlin, and Ed McGrath added three hits each, and Anthony Bonetti, Matt Widiger, and Mark Bergeron chipped in two hits apiece for MJB Consulting in a solid offensive display.

A year ago Foul Play was the biggest surprise in the league, exceeding expectations by advancing all the way to the loser's bracket finals just a win shy of the championship finals. Now Foul Play is on a mission to

take that added step and advance to the finals this season, and this past week it began that quest with a relentless offensive display.

Gene Kalb was their offensive hero with five hits and also allowed just four runs pitching the entire game, while Mark Weiss and Dan Brosgol both added four hits, and Jeremy Tate, Peter Hamilton, Sean Waldron, and Andy Cutler chipped in three hits apiece, to help Foul Play score six first-inning runs, and add eight more runs in the sixth and seventh frames, to carry Foul Play to a 19-4 win over the Goodtimers.

Mike Franchella, Dave Johnson, and Gino Mauriello had two hits each for the Goodtimers.

Metro Contracting was one of the more competitive teams in the league last season, finishing in four place and advancing to the loser's bracket semi finals in the playoffs. Metro Contracting now is focused on achieving more success this season, and this past week it took that first step towards making that goal a reality.

Jim White, Mike MacClary, Mark Bellino, Jim Cunha, and Jerry McIntyre all led their hit parade with three hits each, while Mike Parenti, John Churchill, and Harry Huang added two hits apiece, to lead Metro Contracting to a close 8-5 triumph over Midnight Express.

Dave Ossam had four hits, and Mike Puleo and Amit Deng added two hits each for Midnight Express.

The schedule of games for the upcoming week follows.

Tuesday, May 12: Prime Time vs. Midnight Express at Estabrook, 6:30; MJB Consulting vs. Foul Play at Center 2, 6:30; Goodtimers vs. Five-O's at Center 2, 8:15.

Thursday, May 14: Midnight Express vs. Metro Contracting at Estabrook, 6:30.

