

## **Five-O's Win Twice, Prime Time, Midnight Express Win One Each In Senior Softball Action**

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It took until the fourth scheduled week of the regular season, but for the first time this year a few days of dry weather allowed a full slate of four games to be played in the Lexington Men's Senior Softball League this past week, which included some interesting results.

The defending champion Five-O's, which only played one game the first three weeks of the season, played and won twice to stay undefeated, while Prime Time and Midnight Express earned single victories, with Prime Time also remaining unbeaten heading into a big showdown for first place with the Five-O's this upcoming week.

After playing and winning just a single game two weeks ago, the Five-O's finally started to get caught up with the rest of the league by playing and winning twice, to continue its early season hot streak, and stayed tied for the top spot in the standings with Prime Time.

Dave Mack was the hitting star in its first contest this past week with four hits, while P.J. Pasterini, John O'Brien, and Shawn Strout added three hits each, and Dmitri Hoffmeyer and Mark Roberts chipped in two hits apiece, to help the Five-O's score four runs in both the first and third innings, and four more runs in the late frames, to cruise to a 13-4 victory over MJB Consulting.

Matt Widiger, Mike Moody, Greg Carr, Anthony Bonetti, Ed McGrath, and Tim Clark all had two hits for MJB Consulting, which now has a record of 1-3.

Then just two days later it was O'Brien who led their offensive attack with five hits, while Roberts and Hoffmeyer both added four hits, John

Sym and Mike Reamer both had three hits, and Frank Boggan, Allen Feinstein, Phil Edelen, and Bobby Waters chipped in two hits apiece, to help the Five-O's score eight runs in the first three innings, and six more runs in the eighth and ninth frames, to come away with a 14-8 win over the Goodtimers, and improve its record to a perfect 3-0.

Dave Johnson, Dan Hess, and Herb Cabral had three hits each, and Mike Franchella, Tony Bartolotti, Jim Dirigo, Kevin Donoghue, and Dan Apstein had two hits apiece for the Goodtimers, which admirably were tied with the Five-O's after seven innings before falling away in the final two frames, and now has a record of 0-4.

When this past week started Prime Time had won and scored more than 20 runs in each of its first two games. Prime Time didn't quite score as many runs in its lone contest this past week, but still plated enough runs to come away with a hard-fought win.

Paul Ryan and Mike Monteiga both carried their hit parade with four hits, while John Toomey, Jim Hart, Paul Brzezinski, and Joe Loynd added three hits each, and Gregg Armstrong, Rick Silva, and Carmelo Rosado chipped in two hits apiece, to help Prime Time defeat Metro Contracting 12-9, and improve its record to a perfect 3-0.

Mike MacClary had four hits, Jim White, Mike Parenti, and Jason Joseph added three hits each, and Mark Bellino chipped in two hits for Metro Contracting, which hung tough throughout but now has a record of 1-2.

After starting its season with two setbacks, a win by 18 runs over the Goodtimers two weeks ago got Midnight Express back on the winning track, and this past week it continued to show much improvement from the start of the season with a very impressive comeback win.

Garrett Frampton was their offensive hero with four hits, while Amit Dang, John Dooley, and Dave Czarnecki added three hits each, and Matt Szymaszek, Charlie Gauthier, Mike Puleo, Norm Wellington, Jonathan

Hurd, and Rick Pernak chipped in two hits apiece, to help Midnight Express rally back from an early seven-run deficit, and from four runs down scored six runs in the eighth inning, to take the lead and hold on for a 13-11 triumph over previously unbeaten Foul Play, and even its record to 2-2 and move into fourth place.

Jeremy Tate had three hits including a home run and a double, Marc Weiss also had three hits, and Peter Hamilton, Sean Waldron, Andy Cutler, and Harvey Lowell added two hits apiece for Foul Play, which led most of the way but couldn't hold on in the late going, and fell for the first time this season and now has a record of 2-1.

STANDINGS as of May 29<sup>th</sup>

Five-O's 3-0

Prime Time 3-0

Foul Play 2-1

Midnight Express 2-2

Metro Contracting 1-2

MJB Consulting 1-3

Goodtimers 0-4

The schedule of games for this upcoming week follows.

Tuesday, June 2: Five-O's vs. Prime Time at Center 2, 6:30; Metro Contracting vs. Goodtimers at Center 2, 8:15.

Thursday, June 4: Foul Play vs. MJB Consulting at Estabrook, 6:30.