

Prime Time Rallies to Down Five-O's, Takes Over Senior Softball Top Spot

By Ken Kotelly

A rematch of last year's championship finals and the first victory of this season for a previously winless team highlighted the three-game slate in the Lexington Men's Senior Softball League this past week.

Prime Time won a thrilling back-and-forth battle over the team that defeated them in last year's final, Foul Play won a game easily to move closer to the top of the pack, and the Goodtimers finally ended its early-season slide by winning its first game of this season.

Heading into their first match-up of this season, last year's finalists, Prime Time and the Five-O's, were tied for first place with perfect 3-0 records, which meant that the winner of their duel would take over sole possession of first place. The game didn't disappoint as there were several lead changes, but in the end it was Prime Time which rallied last to steal the decision, and gain a measure of revenge over the Five-O's.

Paul Ryan was their hitting star with five hits including a home run and a double, while Gregg Armstrong, Rick Silva, and Jim Musman added four hits each, Wayne Palermo and Carl Fantasia had three hits each, and Bill Smith and Carmelo Rosado chipped in two hits apiece, to help Prime Time plate five runs in both the second and third innings, four runs in the fifth through seventh frames, and down two runs rallied for three runs in the bottom of the ninth inning, to steal a 17-16 victory over the Five-O's, and move into first place with a perfect 4-0 record.

Bobby Waters had four hits, John O'Brien, Mike Perone, and Dmitri Hoffmeyer added three hits each, and Dave Mack, Ray Forcina, Eric Gaalaas, Mark Roberts, and Mike Reamer chipped in two hits apiece for

the Five-O's, which did have some big scoring rallies but suffered its first loss this season and is now tied for second place with a 3-1 record.

The Five-O's setback gave Foul Play a chance to make a big move upwards in the standings and join the top two squads at the top of the pack, and Foul Play made certain it would not fall short of success in its only game this past week.

Allan Coady proved to be their hero with two triples and a single at the plate, and pitched a complete-game shut-out, while Dan Brosgol, Bill Winnett, John Liebeskind, and Eric Pearlman added three hits each, and Mark Weiss and Jeremy Tate chipped in two hits apiece, to help Foul Play score four runs in the first six innings, and six more runs in the seventh frame, to roll to a 12-0 win over MJB Consulting, and improve its record to 3-1 to move into a tie for second place with the Five-O's.

Anthony Bonetti had three hits, and Pat Sullivan, Bob DiCicco, and Dan Capucci added two hits each for MJB Consulting, but their squad fell into a tie for sixth place with a 1-4 record.

When this past week started the Goodtimers were the league's only squad without a win after falling short in its first four games. This past week the Goodtimers finally snapped their early-season slide by coming through with its first winning effort of this season.

Tony Bartolotti supplied most of their offensive firepower with three hits, while Mike Franchella, Dave Johnson, Jim Dirigo, Dan Apstein, and Gino Mauriello added two hits each, and Dan Hess hit a home run, to help the Goodtimers rally from four runs down by scoring four runs in the sixth inning, and four more runs in the seventh and eighth frames, to steal a 15-13 triumph over Metro Contracting, and improve its record to 1-4 to tie MJB Consulting for sixth place.

Mike Parenti and Harry Huang both had three hits for Metro Contracting, and Gary Martin, Mark Bellino, and Steve Febonio added two hits each for Metro Contracting, but its record fell to 1-3.

STANDINGS as of June 5th

Prime Time 4-0

Five-O's 3-1

Foul Play 3-1

Midnight Express 2-2

Metro Contracting 1-3

MJB Consulting 1-4

Goodtimers 1-4

The schedule of games for this upcoming week follows.

Tuesday, June 9: Foul Play vs. Metro Contracting at Estabrook, 6:30; MJB Consulting vs. Goodtimers at Center 2, 6:30; Midnight Express vs. Five-O's at Center 2, 8:15.

Thursday, June 11: Midnight Express vs. Metro Contracting at Estabrook, 6:30.