

Foul Play Wins Twice To Reach .500 In Senior Softball Play

By Ken Kotelly

The biggest development during this past week's four-game slate in the Lexington Men's Senior Softball League was the continued resurgence of Foul Play, which won twice during last week's action. Meanwhile, the top two teams in the league, the Five-O's and Prime Time, both were victorious once this past week to move further away from the other squads and establish themselves as the top two teams in the league.

When this past week's play started Foul Play was coming off a win the week before but was still in sixth place with a 2-4 record. Then this past week Foul Play posted both a lopsided win and a close one-run triumph, to reach the .500 mark for the first time this season.

Kyle Junik and Brian Mason were the hitting stars of their first game this past week with four hits each, while Jeremy Tate, Gene Kalb, and Joe Curro added three hits each, and Corey Goodman, Peter Hamilton, Andy Cutler, and Brian Murphy chipped in two hits apiece, to help Foul Play roll to a convincing 17-1 victory over Midnight Express.

Rick Pernak and Norm Wellington both had two hits for Midnight Express, but it wasn't enough to prevent its record from falling to 1-6-1.

Then just two days later Murphy, Hamilton, Cutler, Mason, and Curro all led their offense with two hits each, to bring Foul Play back from a seventh-inning 3-1 deficit and score once in the seventh inning, and twice more in the eighth frame, to pull out a 4-3 win over the Goodtimers for their third straight win, and even its record at 4-4 and move into a tie for fourth place with MJB Consulting.

Dave Johnson and Mike Franchella both had three hits, and Mike Massimilla and Ray Ciccolo, the oldest player in the league, both had two hits for the Goodtimers, but its record fell to 1-5-1.

At the start of this past week's action the Five-O's were in first place but only one game ahead of second-place Metro Contracting. This past week the Five-O's met a stern challenge and trailed for most of its only game this past week, but still rallied from behind to come out on top.

Ray Forcina led their hit parade with five hits, while P.J. Passerini, Frank Boggan, John Sym, and Eric Gaalaas had four hits each, Shawn Strout and Bobby Waters both added three hits, and Dave Mack, John O'Brien, and Allen Feinstein chipped in two hits apiece, to help the Five-O's score twice in the ninth inning, and emerge with a 17-16 triumph over MJB Consulting, and improve its record to 6-1.

Greg Carr and Matt Johnson both had four hits, Joel Waithe and Anthony Bonetti both added three hits, and Garrett Frampton, Matt Widiger, and Mark Bergeron chipped in two hits apiece for MJB Consulting, but their record slipped to 3-3.

When this past week started Prime Time was come off a loss to MJB Consulting, and still in third place right behind Metro Contracting. This past week Prime Time came through with a big win against that very squad, to move up a spot in the league standings.

Bill Crowley provided most of its offensive firepower with three hits, while Gregg Armstrong, Rob Walsh, Mike Monteiga, Paul Brzezinski, Eric Winter, Bill Smith, Jim Muzman, Carmelo Rosado, and Rick Silva added two hits apiece, to help Prime Time rally back from an early 7-2 deficit by scoring seven runs in the fourth through sixth innings, and adding five more runs in the seventh frame, to come back and pull away to defeat Metro Contracting 15-7, and improve its record to 5-2.

Jim White had four hits, while Mike MacClary, Mark Bellino, Jim Cuhna, and Craig McCanin added two hits apiece for Metro Contracting, but its record fell to 3-2 which allowed Prime Time to move into second place.

STANDINGS as of June 28th

Five-O's 6-1

Prime Time 5-2

Metro Contracting 3-2

MJB Consulting 3-3

Foul Play 4-4

Goodtimers 1-5-1

Midnight Express 1-6-1

The schedule of games for the upcoming week follows. There is no game scheduled on Thursday, July 3.

Tuesday, July 1: Prime Time vs. MJB Consulting at Estabrook, 6:30; Goodtimers vs. Metro Contracting at Center 2, 6:30; Foul Play vs. Five-O's at Center 2, 8:15.