

Prime Time Wins Key Showdown, Five-O's Also Prevail In Senior Softball Action

By Ken Kotelly

A big win by Prime Time, and victories by the Five-O's and Midnight Express highlighted this past week's play in the Lexington Men's Senior Softball League as the regular season nears its halfway point. Prime Time faced a stern challenge from Foul Play but generated enough hitting to prevail, while the Five-O's scored 26 runs in just six innings and Midnight Express moved above the .500 mark with victories.

When this past week's action began Prime Time was still undefeated through four games, while Foul Play had just a single loss through its first five games. Their match-up this past week gave Foul Play a chance to hand Prime Time its first loss of the season, but Prime Time show its determination to remain perfect so far this season.

John Toomey and Rick Silva were their hitting stars with four hits each, while Gregg Armstrong, Paul Ryan, Bill Smith, Paul Brzezinski, and Carmelo Rosado added three hits apiece, to help Prime Time score early and often on their way to a 15-10 victory over Foul Play, and improve its perfect record to 4-0 and remain in the league's top spot.

Sean Waldron had three hits for Foul Play, but their third-place record slipped to 4-2.

At the start of this past week's action the Five-O's sported the same 4-1 record as Foul Play, with a chance to move ahead of that squad once Foul Play fell to Prime Time. The Five-O's took advantage of this opportunity with a relentless offensive attack that could only be stopped by the mercy rule after six and a half innings.

Dave Mack led their offensive attack with five hits, while P.J. Pasterini, John O'Brien, and John Sym added four hits each, and Dmitri Hoffmeyer chipped in three hits including a home run, to carry the Five-O's to a huge 26-7 win over Metro Contracting, scoring its 26 runs in just six innings, to move into sole possession of second place, just a half game behind front-running Prime Time, while improving its record to 5-1.

Mark Bellino had six hits for Metro Contracting, but their record fell to 1-6 with the setback.

As play got underway this past week Midnight Express was right in the middle of the pack in fourth place with an even 3-3 record, and had a chance to move above the .500 for the first time this late in the season since joining the league three years ago. Then after falling six runs behind early, Midnight Express came back to eventually take a lead that it would never relinquish.

Rick Pernak provided most of their offensive firepower with five hits, while Norm Wellington had four hits, Dave Ossam, Garrett Frampton, and Matt Szymaszek added three hits each, and Chris Guen, Jonathan Hurd, and Jim Musmon chipped in two hits apiece, to help Midnight Express score six second-inning runs, five sixth-inning tallies, and three runs in the seventh and eighth frames, to emerge with a 15-10 triumph over the Goodtimers, and improve its fourth-place record to 4-3, and move to within a half game of third-place Foul Play.

Dave Johnson, Dan Hess, Dan Apstein, and Brian Soucy had two hits each for the Goodtimers, but their record dropped to 1-6 with the loss.

STANDINGS as of June 19th

Prime Time 5-0

Five-O's 5-1

Foul Play 4-2

Midnight Express 4-3

MJB Consulting 2-4

Goodtimers 1-6

Metro Contracting 1-6

The schedule of games for the upcoming week follows.

Tuesday, June 23: Foul Play vs. Goodtimers at Estabrook, 6:30; Metro Contracting vs. Midnight Express at Center 2, 6:30; Prime Time vs. MJB Consulting at Center 2, 8:15.

Thursday, June 25: Five-O's vs. Foul Play at Estabrook, 6:30.