

Foul Play, Midnight Express Snag Key Wins To Move Closer To Top of Senior Softball Pack

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While two separate storms and the fourth of July break limited play to just five games over the last two and a half weeks in the Lexington Men's Senior Softball League, the games that were played saw a big change in the standings. Both Foul Play and Midnight Express earned big wins to move closer to the top of the pack with Prime Time and the Five-O's, which along with MJB Consulting both won a game as well.

When play began two and a half weeks ago Foul Play was in third place just a game over the .500 mark. Since that time Foul Play came through with a huge win over the defending league champions, to quickly join three other squads in the battle for the league's top spot.

Cory Goodman and Mark Weiss were their hitting stars with three hits each, while Kyle Junik, Allan Coady, Bill Winnett, and Eric Pearlman added two hits apiece, to help Foul Play rally back from three runs down by scoring six runs in the fifth, sixth, and seventh innings, to take the lead and hold on for a 9-7 victory over the Five-O's.

Dave Mack and Bobby Waters had three hits each, and Ray Forcina, P.J. Pasterini, Eric Gaalaas, and Mike Perone added two hits each for the Five-O's.

However, the Five-O's did bounce back in their next contest and soundly defeated the Goodtimers 23-1, as a total team effort by everyone in its lineup contributed to the convincing win, and help the Five-O's remain in second place and improve its record to 6-2.

Fernando Raduan had three hits, and Dan Hess and Brian Soucy had two hits each for the Goodtimers.

At the start of play two and a half weeks ago Midnight Express was already on a roll, having won four of its previous five games after losing its first two games of the season, including a seven-run, eighth-inning comeback rally to steal a win from Metro Contracting. Then Midnight Express did nearly the exact same thing again, this time rallying back from a five-run deficit to snag yet another huge decision.

Dave Ossam, John Dooley, and Charlie Gauthier all led their offensive attack with four hits each, while Ommer Chohan, Norm Wellington, Wally Mei, and Jonathan Hurd added three hits each, and Garrett Frampton, Matt Szymaszek, and Amit Dang chipped in two hits apiece, to help Midnight Express score eight first-inning runs, then down five runs scored three runs in the sixth and seventh innings, and eight runs in the eighth frame, to come back and steal a 24-17 win over Prime Time, for its fifth win in its last six games to improve its record to 5-3, and hand Prime Time its first loss of the season.

John Toomey had four hits, Paul Ryan and Carmelo Rosado added three hits, and Gregg Armstrong, Rick Silva, Mike Monteiga, Paul Sacco, and Paul Brzezinski chipped in two hits apiece for Prime Time.

Despite that setback, Prime Time did bounce back in its next contest, as Sacco led their hit parade with four hits, while Toomey, Silva, and Steve Tine added three hits each, and Bryan Gran, Stafford Anderson, Bryant Nestico, and Brzezinski chipped in two hits apiece, to help Prime Time score three first-inning runs, eight runs in the fourth, fifth, and sixth innings, and seven runs in the seventh frame, to defeat the Goodtimers 18-1, and remain in first place while improving their record to 6-1.

Soucy had three hits, while Dave Johnson and Gino Mauriello added two hits each for the Goodtimers, but their record fell to 1-8.

When the action began two and a half weeks ago MJB Consulting was still struggling to catch fire after starting its season by losing four of its

first six games. But MJB Consulting finally showed a sign of turning its season around for the better with a huge victory over the same Foul Play squad that defeated the Five-O's the week before.

Greg Carr provided most of its offensive firepower with four hits, while Matt Widiger, Joel Waithe, Tim Clark, and Dan Capucci added three hits each, and Bob DiCicco, Tom Ford, and Dennis Lampron chipped in two hits apiece, to help MJB Consulting score three runs in the second and third innings, five runs in the sixth inning, and eight runs in the seventh frame, to come back from a deficit to take the lead, and hold on for a 16-13 triumph over Foul Play, and improve its record to 2-4.

John Liebeskind had four hits, Dan Brosgol, Gene Kalb, Coady, and Pearlman added three hits each, and Jeremy Tate, Sean Waldron, Andy Cutler, Junik, and Weiss chipped in two hits each for Foul Play, which now sits in third place with a 5-3 record.

STANDINGS as of July 10th

Prime Time 6-1

Five-O's 6-2

Foul Play 5-3

Midnight Express 5-3

MJB Consulting 3-4

Metro Contracting 1-6

Goodtimers 1-8

The schedule of games for the upcoming week follows.

Tuesday, July 14: Five-O's vs. MJB Consulting at Estabrook, 6:30; Metro Contracting vs. Prime Time at Center 2, 6:30; Midnight Express vs. Foul Play at Center 2, 8:15.

Thursday, July 16: Metro Contracting vs. Foul Play at Estabrook 6:30.