

Foul Play Moves Into Second Place With Big Softball Win

By Ken Kotelly

The Lexington Men's Senior Softball League returned to action following a week-long fourth of July holiday break, and there was a significant move near the top of the standings during this past week's three-game slate. Foul Play won a big game to move from third place into the second spot not far behind the league leading and unbeaten Five-O's, while MJB Consulting and Metro Contracting also earned victories to remain in the middle of the senior softball pack.

When this past week started Foul Play was in third place a half game behind second place Prime Time, which carried a six-game winning streak into this past week's action that included a big showdown between these two squads. Foul Play took advantage of this head-to-head match-up with a strong defensive effort to both leapfrog over its rival and cool off Prime Time at the same time.

Kyle Junik was their hitting star with three hits, while Eric Pearlman, John Liebeskind, and James Jandl added two hits apiece, which combined with good pitching and fielding led Foul Play to a 5-1 victory over Prime Time, to extend its winning streak to five games, and move into second place while improving its record to 7-2.

Carl Fantasia, Rob Walsh, Bill Crowley, Eric Winter, and Jim Musmon all had two hits for Prime Time, but it wasn't enough to have its six-game winning streak snapped, and prevent its record from falling to 6-2.

At the start of this past week's action MJB Consulting was right in the middle of the league pack with a 3-3 record. This past week MJB Consulting put together a relentless hitting attack to earn a big win, and climb back over the .500 mark for the second time this season.

Amit Dang led their offensive attack with four hits, while Tim Clark, Joel Waithe, Tom Ford, and Mark Bergeron added three hits each, and John Devlin and Ed McGrath chipped in two hits apiece, to help MJB Consulting score 12 runs in the first three innings and nine runs in the final three frames, and cruise to a convincing 23-9 win over Midnight Express, and improve its fourth-place record to 4-3.

Sean Connor and Mike Dunn both had three hits, and Rick Silva and Jonathan Hurd both added two hits for Midnight Express, but it wasn't enough to prevent its record from falling to 0-7 this season.

When this past week began Metro Contracting was still in fifth place with just two wins in its first seven games. This past week Metro Contracting came through with a huge mid-game explosion, to remain in the hunt for the fourth spot and get back on the winning track.

Jeff Heisner and Jim Cuhna both carried their hit parade with three hits each, while Mike MacClary had two hits including a grand-slam home run, and Jim White, Jon Churchill, Mark Bellino, and Eric Malafeew added two hits apiece as well, to help Metro Contracting come back from an early two-run deficit to score 11 runs in the fifth, sixth, and seventh innings, and emerge with a 13-4 triumph over the Goodtimers, to improve its record to 3-5.

Dave Johnson and Simpson Mann both had three hits, and Mike Franchella, John Langevin, and Dave Manuel added two hits apiece for the Goodtimers, but it wasn't enough to prevent its record from falling to 1-9 this season.

STANDINGS as of July 13th

Five-O's	7-0
Foul Play	7-2
Prime Time	6-2
MJB Consulting	4-3
Metro Contracting	3-5
Goodtimers	1-9
Midnight Express	0-7

The schedule of games for the upcoming week follows.

Tuesday, July 16: Midnight Express vs. Goodtimers at Estabrook, 6:30;
Five-O's vs. Foul Play at Center 2, 6:30; Metro Contracting vs. Prime
Time at Center 2, 6:30.

Thursday, July 18: Prime Time vs. Midnight Express at Estabrook, 6:30;
Metro Contracting vs. MJB Consulting at Harrington, 6:30.