

MJB Wins Twice To Vault Into Third Senior Softball Spot

By Ken Kotelly

A full slate of four games were played in the Lexington Men's Senior Softball League this past week, which allowed one team to take full advantage of the opportunity. MJB Consulting posted two big wins to move up into third place, while the league-leading Five-O's and Foul Play also won their only games this past week as well.

When this past week's action began MJB Consulting was tied for fourth place with Foul Play with a 4-4 record. This past week MJB Consulting won both of the games it played, to ascend into sole possession of the third playoff spot with still four games remaining on its schedule.

In their first game this past week Matt Widiger was their hitting star with four hits, while Bob DiCicco, John Devlin, and Joe Moules had three hits each, and Garrett Frampton and Joel Waithe added two hits apiece, to carry MJB Consulting to a 9-6 victory over the Goodtimers.

Matt Andrade, Herb Cabral, Tony Bartolotti, Gino Mauriello, and Pat Dean had two hits each for the Goodtimers, but its record fell to 1-8-1.

Then two days later Dan Capucci and Waithe led their offensive attack with four hits each, while Mark Bergeron and Widiger added three hits each, and Anthony Bonetti, Bill Carr, Amit Dang, Joe Moules, and DiCicco chipped in two hits apiece, to help MJB Consulting score four first-inning runs, then add twelve runs in the fourth, fifth, and sixth frames, and pull away to a 17-5 win over Metro Contracting, and move into third place while improving its record to 6-4.

Gary Martin had four hits, Jim White added three hits, and Mike MacClary and Jerry McIntyre chipped in two hits apiece for Metro Contracting, but its record fell to 4-4.

At the start of this past week's play the Five-O's were in first place one game ahead of second-place Prime Time, with just a single loss this season. This past week the Five-O's won its only game to remain in the top spot, and increase their lead over Prime Time.

Dave Mack carried their hit parade with four hits, while Ray Forcina and John Sym added three hits each, and P.J. Passerini, John O'Brien, Allen Feinstein, and Bobby Waters chipped in two hits apiece, to help the Five-O's score twice in the third inning, then add five fourth-inning runs and three sixth-inning runs, and go on to defeat Midnight Express 11-4, and improve its league-leading record to 8-1.

Rick Pernak, Alan Kumpey, Norm Wellington, Scott Tompkins, and Dave Ossam all had two hits for Midnight Express, but its record fell to 1-8-1.

Foul Play carried a three-game winning streak into this past week's action and was tied for fourth place with MJB Consulting. This past week Foul Play remained hot by coming through with another winning effort, to climb above the .500 mark for the first time this season.

Kyle Junik and Andy Cutler provided most of their offense with five hits each, while Mark Weiss had four hits, Jesse Corburn, Joe Curro, Jeremy Tate, and Bill Winnett added three hits each, and John Liebeskind, Peter Hamilton, Brian Murphy, and Brian Mason chipped in two hits apiece, to help Foul Play plate eight third-inning runs and six seventh-inning runs, and pull away to a 23-10 triumph over Prime Time for its fourth straight win, and move into sole possession of fourth place while improving its record to 5-4.

Carmelo Rosado had three hits, and Gregg Armstrong, John Toomey, Bill Crowley, Carl Fantasia, and Mike Monteiga added two hits each for Prime Time, which remained in second place but its record fell to 7-3.

STANDINGS as of July 19th

Five-O's 8-1

Prime Time 7-3

MJB Consulting 6-4

Foul Play 5-4

Metro Contracting 4-4

Goodtimers 1-8-1

Midnight Express 1-8-1

The schedule of games for the upcoming week follows.

Tuesday, July 22: Five-O's vs. Goodtimers at Estabrook, 6:30; MJB Consulting vs. Foul Play at Center 2, 6:30; Metro Contracting vs. Midnight Express at Center 2, 8:15.

Thursday, July 24: Midnight Express vs. Goodtimers at Estabrook, 6:30.