



STANDINGS

Team	Р	W	L	Win %	GB	Pts
Appliance Shed Harbour Heat	3	3	0	100	0	6
Waikato Pistons	2	2	0	100	0.5	4
Easy LPG Bay Hawks	2	1	1	50	1.5	2
ecogise Nelson Giants	2	1	1	50	1.5	2
Century City Saints	2	1	1	50	1.5	2
Youthtown Auckland Stars	2	1	1	50	1.5	2
Christchurch Cougars	2	1	1	50	1.5	2
Devon Dynamos Taranaki	2	0	2	0	2.5	0
McDonalds Manawatu Jets	3	0	3	0	3	0

Win % - Win Percentage, GB - Games Back

LAST WEEK

Dominion Finance NBL - Round Two

0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks 87 (Chuck Bailey 19, John Thomas 18, Chris Daniel 16) **Appliance Shed Harbour Heat 89** (Corey Webster 38, Karl Noyer 18, Chaz Spicer 17)

Century City Wellington Saints 93 (Mike Efevberha 24, Damon Thornton 23, Reece Cassidy 14) ecogise Nelson Giants 98 (Jarryd Lloyd 31, Phil Jones 24, John Barber 14)

Waikato Pistons 84 (Adam Ballinger 22, Justin Bailey 22, Michael Fitchett 17)

Devon Dynamos Taranaki 74 (Eric Vierneisel 21, Link Abrams 16, Aaron Nowell 16)

McDonalds Manawatu Jets 101 (Marcel Jones 24, Kareem Grant 24, Aidan Daly 17)

Appliance Shed Harbour Heat 122 (Corey Webster 43, Mychal Green 24, Chaz Spicer 19)

Christchurch Cougars 77 (Gerard Bowden 20, Tim Behrendorff 17, Paora Winitana 16) ecogise Nelson Giants 76 (Jarryd Lloyd 20, Phil Jones 19, Tony Rampton 16)

Youthtown Auckland Stars 105 (Blagoi Janev 28, Casey Frank 27, Hayden Alled 21)

Devon Dynamos Taranaki 91 (Aaron Bailey-Nowell 26, Phillip Gilbert 24, James Paringatai 16),

Easy LPG Bay Hawks 108 (John Thomas 26, Chuck Bailey 24, Chris Daniel 13, Jarrod Kenny 13) **McDonalds Manawatu Jets 75** (Kareem Grant 19, Aidan Daly 13, Paul Bristol 10)

THIS WEEK

2009 NBL Round Three

Thursday, March 26

Harbour Heat (3-0) v Wellington Saints (1-1), North Shore Events Centre, 7pm Referees - Tim Brown, Bo Wills-Choat, Kieran Udy

Friday, March 27

Auckland Stars (1-1) v Wellington Saints (1-1), ASB Stadium, 7.30pm Referees - Dallas Pickering, Cheryl Crabbe, Grant Flanagan

Taranaki Dynamos (0-2) v Manawatu Jets (0-3), TSB Stadium, 7pm Referees - Gavin Whiu, Colin Dowling, Tony Eldershaw

Saturday, March 28

Nelson Giants (1-1) v Bay Hawks (1-1), Trafalgar Centre, 7pm Referees - Melony Wealleans, James Campion, Scott Harris

Waikato Pistons (2-0) v Manawatu Jets (0-3), Hamilton YMCA, 7.30pm Referees - Tim Brown, Kelly McLeod, Kieran Udy

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PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Round Two

Corey Webster (Appliance Shed Harbour Heat)

38 Points (14/22 FG, 5/8 3p) 8 rebounds in a 89-87 win vs Bay Hawks & 43 Points (15/25 FG, 8/12 3pt) in a 122-101 win over the Manawatu Jets.

After narrowly missing out on Round One Player of the Week Honors, Corey Webster has earned Round Two P.O.W honors with an astonishing scoring display to lead his Heat team to two road victories in Hawkes Bay and Manawatu last week. The 38 points against the Hawks was not enough for Webster so he hit 43 points against the Jets on Saturday. During Round Two he shot an incredible 65% from beyond the arc and is currently the NBL League Leader in scoring averaging 38 points per game.

Forget about Rookie of the Year Honors he is the early candidate for Most Valuable Player of the NBL.

ecogise Nelson Giants guard Jarryd Lloyd and Waikato Pistons forward Adam Ballinger were the runner ups in this weeks player of the week.

Jarryd Lloyd was unstoppable in the Giants victory over the Saints last Thursday tallying 31 points, 7 assists and 4 steals in the Giants 98-93 road win.

Adam Ballinger showed his all round game with the stat line of 22 points 7 rebounds, 7 assists and 3 steals in the 84-74 victory over the Devon Dynamos Taranaki.

PLAYER POWER RANKINGS

- 1. Dillon Boucher* (Youthtown Auckland Stars
- 2. Corey Webster*(Appliance Shed Harbour Heat)
- 3. John Thomas (0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks)
- 4. Casey Frank*(Youthtown Auckland Stars)
- 5. Jarryd Lloyd (ecogise Nelson Giants)
- 6. Aaron Bailey-Nowell (Devon Dynamos Taranaki)
- 7. Mike Efevberha (Century City Wellington Saints)
- 8. Blagoj Janev (Youthtown Auckland Stars)
- 9. Tim Behrendorff (Christchurch Cougars)
- 10. Paul Henare*(Christchurch Cougars)

The Next 10 . . .

Adam Ballinger (Waikato Pistons), Damon Thornton (Century City Wellington Saints), Justin Bailey (Waikato Pistons), Chuck Bailey (0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks), Tony Rampton* (ecogise Nelson Giants), Arthur Trousdell* (Century City Wellington Saints), Chris Daniel* (0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks), Paora Winitana* (Christchurch Cougars), Marcel Jones (McDonalds Manawatu Jets), Mychal Green (Appliance Shed Harbour Heat)

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STAT LEADERS **Points** Corey Webster (Heat) 38.0 Mike Efevberha (Saints) 28.5 Blagoj Janev (Stars) 26.5 Rebounds Dillon Boucher (Stars) 15.5 Tony Rampton (Giants) 13.0 Two Tied 11.5 **Assists** Paul Henare (Cougars) 7.5 Dillon Boucher (Stars) 7.5 Jeremy Kench (Hawks) 6.0 **Steals** Paul Henare (Cougars) 4.5 Tim Cleaver (Dynamos) 4.0 Luke Ruscoe (Cougars) 4.0 **Blocks** Tim Behrendorff (Cougars) 3.0 Link Abrams (Dynamos) 2.0 Mike Efevberha (Saints) 1.5 FG % (Min 5 FGA/PG) Miles Pearce (Hawks) 83.3 Aaron Bailey-Nowell (Dynamos) 72.7 Mike Homik (Pistons) 66.6 3pt % (Min 3 3PA/PG) Darryl Jones 75.0 Corey Webster 60.7 Two Tied 60.0 FT % (Min 3 FTA/PG) 7 tied 100

^{*} Non-restricted players

NBL Preview: Round 3



Round Three begins on Thursday 26th of March when the Century City Saints (1-1) travel to Auckland for the tough double header where they first play the Appliance Shed Harbour Heat (3-0) at the North Shore Event Centre. The Heat has been on fire winning their first three games of the season, all of which have been on the road. The game should be a high scoring affair with the Heat leading the league in scoring (101 ppg*) and the Saints ranked 3rd in scoring (95 ppg*). The match up of the game will be between the leagues top two scorers Corey Webster (Heat) and Mike Efevberha (Saints) who average 38 points and 28.5 points respectively. The Century City Saints will be welcoming the return of Tall Black Nick Horvath who has returned from Australia after wining an ANBL championship with the South Dragons.

After the Thursday game the Saints travel across the bridge to play the Youthtown Auckland Stars (1-1). This should be a physical encounter with the likes of Horvath and Damon 'Wildchild' Thornton banging bodies with the big three of Dillon Boucher, Casey Frank and Blagoj Janev. The Stars boast the highest scoring duo of the league Blagoj Janev (26.5 ppg*) and Casey Frank (23.5 ppg*) and league leader in rebounding Dillon Boucher (15.5 per game).

Friday night will leave one team in the league without a win when the McDonalds Manawatu Jets (0-3) travel to New Plymouth to play the Devon Dynamos Taranaki (0-2) at TSB Stadium (7pm). Both teams will be really keen to get a victory after they both lost double headers last round. The match up of the game will be between Jets import Marcel Jones (20 ppg*, 10.3 rpg**) and Dynamos forward Aaron Bailey-Nowell (21 ppg*, 11.5 rpg**) who both physical and can also play in the paint or on the perimeter.

The Jets then travel to Hamilton where they play the unbeaten Waikato Pistons (2-0) on Saturday night. This will be a tough ask for the Jets who have not beaten the Pistons in over two years. After playing 8 seasons for the Pistons, Jets forward Ben Hill will play his first game for another NBL team against his former team where he won 2 championships (2002, 08).

Speaking of players playing against their former team for the first time, Hawks Chris Daniel will travel down to the familiar Trafalgar Centre to play against his former team the ecogise Nelson Giants (1-1). The 0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks were 1-1 in their first games of the season and will have their work cut out for them when they face one of the toughest guard combinations in the league, Phil Jones (21ppg*) and Jarryd Lloyd (25.5ppg*). Hawks imports John Thomas and Charles 'Chuck" Bailey were impressive in their first games averaging 22 points 10 rebounds and 20.5 points 8.5 rebounds per game respectively.

^{*} Points Per Game

^{**} Rebounds Per Game