



2010 Bartercard

NBL

Round 16 (June 17-19)

Waikato Pistons v Exodus Saints
Harbour Heat v Taranaki Mountain Airs
0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks v McDonalds Manawatu Jets
Fico Finance Nelson Giants v Zerofees Southland Sharks
McDonalds Manawatu Jets v Zerofees Southland Sharks

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STANDINGS

Team	P	W	L	Win %	GB	Pts
z-Exodus Saints	17	13	4	76.5	0	26
z-Waikato Pistons	17	13	4	76.5	0	26
x-Fico Finance Nelson Giants	17	11	6	64.7	2	22
x-0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks	17	11	6	64.7	2	22
x-Harbour Heat	17	10	7	58.8	3	20
Christchurch Cougars	18	9	9	50.0	5.5	18
Zerofees Southland Sharks	16	8	8	50.0	4.5	16
e-Taranaki Mountainairs	17	6	11	35.3	7	12
e-McDonalds Manawatu Jets	16	4	12	25.0	8.5	8
e-OceanaGold Nuggets	18	0	18	0.0	14.5	0

Win % - Win Percentage, GB – Games Back

&- clinched regular season

z- home semifinal

y- home quarterfinal

x- clinched playoff berth

e- eliminated

LAST WEEK

Bartercard NBL - Round 15

Thursday, June 10

At Cowles Stadium, Christchurch

Christchurch Cougars 101 (Jeremy Kench 29, Dan Peck 13, Trent Wurtz 12)

OceanaGold Nuggets 80 (Tyler Amaya 27, Sam To'omata 18, John Barber 14)

Friday, June 11

At Te Rauparaha Arena, Porirua

Exodus Saints 102 (Marcel Jones 19, Leon Henry 16, Erron Maxey 15)

McDonalds Manawatu Jets 65 (Chris Reay 13, Callum MacLeod 13, Logan Funnell 11)

At Pettigrew Green Arena

0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks 87 (Josh Pace 20, Everard Bartlett 12, Jon Rogers 12)

Taranaki Mountain Airs 68 (Jack Leasure 17, Jeremiah Trueman 16, Aaron Bailey-Nowell 10)

At Trafalgar Centre, Nelson

Fico Finance Nelson Giants 72 (Phill Jones 40, Michael Harrison 18, Mika Vukona 7)

Harbour Heat 92 (Corey Webster 19, Rick Rickert 19, Beny Anthony 16)

Saturday, June 12

Hamilton Boys High School, Hamilton

Waikato Pistons 90 (Thomas Abercrombie 26, Tony Ronaldson 21, Hayden Allen 17)

Zerofees Southland Sharks 83 (Mike Helms 29, Arthur Trousdell 14, Rene Rougeau 13), OT

At Edgar Centre, Dunedin

OceanaGold Nuggets 83 (Tyler Amaya 29, John Barber 13, Sam To'omata 12)

0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks 114 (Chris Daniel 23, Everard Bartlett 19, Ben Hill 17)

Sunday, June 13

At TSB Stadium, New Plymouth

Taranaki Mountain Airs 84 (Jeremiah Trueman 23, Jack Leasure 19, Demarshay Johnson 16)

Zerofees Southland Sharks 99 (Mike Helms 22, Rene Rougeau 20, Luke Martin 18)

NBL Trivia of the Week

Name the NBL player who has won the most assist titles and how many has he won?

(Answer at the end of Media Guide)

THIS WEEK

2010 NBL Round 16

Thursday, June 17



Waikato Pistons (13-4) v Exodus Saints (13-4), 7pm

At Hamilton Boys High School, Hamilton

Referees – Tim Brown, Dallas Pickering, Cheryl Crabbe

Head to Head Wins*: Pistons 5 Saints 4

Last Meeting: Saints 103-84 (Round 13: 29/05/2010)

Projected Starting Five

	Pistons	Saints
Point Guard	Rashad Tucker	Lindsay Tait
Shooting Guard	Hayden Allen	Eric Devendorf
Small Forward	Thomas Abercrombie	Leon Henry
Power Forward	Tony Ronaldson	Casey Frank
Center	Alex Pledger	Nick Horvath

Leading Scorers (Points per game)

Pistons	Saints
Thomas Abercrombie (21.2)	Eric Devendorf (25.6)
Hayden Allen (15.3)	Lindsay Tait (16.2)
Tony Ronaldson (13.5)	Erron Maxey (13.6)

Team Leaders in Other Categories (Per game)

	Pistons	Saints
Rebounds	Alex Pledger (12.6)	Casey Frank (8.0)
Assists	Rashad Tucker (2.8)	Lindsay Tait (7.2)
Steals	Thomas Abercrombie (1.7)	Lindsay Tait (1.8)
Blocks	Thomas Abercrombie (2.1)	Nick Horvath (0.9)

Notes

Regular season title is on the line and also the Murray McMahon Trophy when the Waikato Pistons host the Exodus Saints. The Pistons survived a scare from Southland Sharks finally getting off their three game losing streak to win in overtime. Saints meanwhile have played well winning 10 of their last 11 games which included their 103-84 Round 13 win over the Pistons. After surviving a scare against the OceanaGold Nuggets the Saints won convincingly over the Jets 102-65. It could be the first game back in four games for former Piston Eric Devendorf who is yet to play against the team who released him back in early April. Thomas Abercrombie had 26 points and five blocks against the Sharks and will be looking to repeat that when he goes head to head with his team mate in the Tall Blacks Leon Henry who has scored double figures in his last five games shooting the three ball at 58%. Pistons will look to a better job of stopping Lindsay Tait who had 19 points and 15 assists, and Troy McLean who had a season high 27 in the win over them. It is the first time that Saints coach Pero Cameron will return to the place where he won four championships with including the 2008 championship against the team he is now coaching. If the Pistons can keep the Saints under 80 points then they will have a great chance of victory (Saints have not won when they score under 80 this season). But if the let the Saints score over 100 then the chances will drop dramatically (Saints 7-0 if they score over 100).

Friday, June 18

Harbour Heat (10-7) v Taranaki Mountain Airs (6-11), 7pm

At North Shore Events Centre, North Shore

Referees – Jamie Hickey, Miguel Gallardo, Kelly McLeod

Head to Head Wins*: Heat 7 Airs 1

Last Meeting: Heat 92-83 (Round 8: 24/04/2010)

Projected Starting Five

	Heat	Airs
Point Guard	Corey Webster	Tyrone Davey
Shooting Guard	Kavossy Franklin	Jack Leasure
Small Forward	Dillon Boucher	Jeremiah Trueman
Power Forward	Beny Anthony	Aaron Bailey-Nowell
Center	Rick Rickert	Demarshay Johnson

Leading Scorers (Points per game)

Heat	Airs
Corey Webster (22.8)	Jack Leasure (22.7)
Rick Rickert (17.7)	Demarshay Johnson (14.1)
Kavossy Franklin (16.3)	Aaron Bailey-Nowell (14.0)

Team Leaders in Other Categories (Per game)

	Heat	Airs
Rebounds	Rick Rickert (9.4)	Aaron Bailey-Nowell (7.9)
Assists	Dillon Boucher (5.2)	Tyrone Davey (3.1)
Steals	Corey Webster (2.9)	Jack Leasure (1.9)
Blocks	Rick Rickert (1.2)	Demarshay Johnson (0.9)

Notes

Harbour Heat look to put together their first winning streak since April 17th when they won seven in a row hosting the struggling Taranaki Mountain Airs for the Brent Fair Trophy. Heat came off one of their best wins of the season beating the Nelson Giants by twenty at the Trafalgar Centre, which is one of the biggest losses the Giants have suffered in their home arena. It was a team effort for the Heat who had all starters score over double figures, including Reece Cassidy who started in place of Dillon Boucher (Ankle injury) scoring a season high 14. It has been a different story for the Airs who have lost four in a row and nine of eleven. In the last two losses the Airs have lost by an average margin of 17 points. History has been on the side of Harbour who has won eight of the last nine games against the Airs, including their nine point win in Round Eight when Corey Webster and Rickert combined for 40. Webster who is third in the league in scoring will go head to head with Jack Leasure who is fourth in the league. Expect the game to be a battle on the offensive boards, Heat (13.8) first in the league and Airs (11.5) third in the league in second chance points.

0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks (11-6) v McDonalds Manawatu Jets (4-12), 7pm

At Pettigrew Green Arena, Taradale

Referees – Gavin Whiu, Shane Nikora, Wayne Start

Head to Head Wins*: Hawks 6 Jets 1

Last Meeting: Hawks 118-76 (Round Two: 13/03/2010)

Projected Starting Five

	Hawks	Jets
Point Guard	Josh Pace	Darryl Hudson
Shooting Guard	Everard Bartlett	Logan Funnell
Small Forward	Chris Daniel	Matt Te Huna
Power Forward	Dave Langrell	Chris Reay
Center	Jon Rogers	Calum MacLeod

Leading Scorers (Points per game)

Hawks	Jets
Josh Pace (19.8)	Darryl Hudson (22.3)
Everard Bartlett (13.9)	Richard Jeter (16.9)
Chris Daniel (13.8)	Chris Reay (12.1)

Team Leaders in Other Categories (Per game)

	Hawks	Jets
Rebounds	Jon Rogers (6.9)	Chris Reay (6.5)
Assists	Josh Pace (3.9)	Darryl Hudson (3.3)
Steals	Everard Bartlett (1.5)	Matt Te Huna (2.0)
Blocks	Jon Rogers (2.1)	Richard Jeter (0.5)

Notes

The Bay Hawks are one of the hottest teams in the league right now currently on a four game winning streak winning by an average margin of over 22 points. In the last three wins the Hawks have committed on average fewer than eight turnovers which well under the 14 they average this season. The Jets meanwhile will want to forget Round 15 when they were beaten by 37 from the Exodus Saints. Offense has usually not been a problem for the Jets who score nearly 85 points a game, but in the loss they scored only 65. If they can recapture their form from Round 14 then they could have a shot, averaging over 100 points in their three game winning streak. Hawks have won eight of the last ten games played against the Jets, including the 42 point thrashing in Round Two. Both teams are vastly different from that early game with the likes of point guards Darryl Hudson and Josh Pace who have yet to play each other. Both players lead their respective teams in scoring and assists, so expect that matchup to be a battle. Another match up that will be one to watch out for is the battle of centres Calum MacLeod and Jon Rogers. MacLeod has been a revelation of late scoring in double figures in his last four games and also grabbing double doubles in the last two. Rogers leads the league in blocks (2.1). If the Hawks win then they will clinch a home quarterfinal.

Fico Finance Nelson Giants (11-6) v Zerofees Southland Sharks (8-8), 7pm

At Trafalgar Centre, Nelson

Referees – Melony Wealleans, James Campion, Brendan Hodgson

Head to Head Wins*: Giants 1-0

Last Meeting: Giants 74-72 (Round Seven: 09/04/2010)

Projected Starting Five

	Giants	Sharks
Point Guard	Mike Fitchett	Luke Martin
Shooting Guard	Phill Jones	Mike Helms
Small Forward	Mika Vukona	Rene Rougeau
Power Forward	Michael Harrison	Arthur Trousdell
Center	Tony Rampton	Gareth Dawson

Leading Scorers (Points per game)

Giants	Sharks
Phill Jones (21.1)	Mike Helms (22.3)
Michael Harrison (14.4)	Rene Rougeau (16.4)
Mika Vukona (12.4)	Arthur Trousdell (13.0)

Team Leaders in Other Categories (Per game)

	Giants	Sharks
Rebounds	Mika Vukona (9.8)	Rene Rougeau (8.1)
Assists	Phill Jones (4.2)	Luke Martin (4.5)
Steals	Mika Vukona (1.8)	Rene Rougeau (4.1)
Blocks	Michael Harrison (1.8)	Rene Rougeau (1.3)

Notes

Southland Sharks have a chance to clinch a playoff spot in their inaugural season when they play the Nelson Giants at Trafalgar Centre. Giants will be just as desperate for a win after dropping two straight at home and also losing a golden opportunity to have a home semi final. If they lose to the Sharks then they are also in serious jeopardy of losing out on a home quarterfinal if the Heat beat the Airs. Sharks meanwhile should have clinched a playoff berth last week, but a Hayden Allen bank three pointer took the game to overtime in which the Pistons won. With three wins out of four the Sharks are a team to watch out for if they make the playoffs. Their recent success of the Sharks is largely due to the play of their imports Mike Helms and Rene Rougeau. Helms is averaging 27 points in the last three games, while Rougeau had a near triple double of 20 points, 10 rebounds and 8 steals against the Airs. Phill Jones had a season high 40 points in the loss against the Heat, but had not much help from his team mates who apart from Michael Harrison combined to score a measly 14 points. Jones has only scored under double figures once this season and it was against the Sharks when he was held to seven points, shooting 2/14 from the field. Giants did have a close two point win over the Sharks in Invercargill back in Round Seven, but the Sharks had no Mike Helms or Arthur Trousdell who are two of the top three Sharks scorers.

Saturday, June 19

McDonalds Manawatu Jets (4-12) v Zerofees Southland Sharks (8-8), 6pm

At Arena Manawatu, Palmerston North

Referees – Andy Thackray, Wayne Start, Shane Nikora

Head to Head Wins*: Jets 0 Sharks 1

Last Meeting: Sharks 89-59 (Round 12: 21/05/2010)

Projected Starting Five

	Jets	Sharks
Point Guard	Darryl Hudson	Luke Martin
Shooting Guard	Logan Funnell	Mike Helms
Small Forward	Matt Te Huna	Rene Rougeau
Power Forward	Chris Reay	Arthur Trousdell
Center	Calum MacLeod	Gareth Dawson

Leading Scorers (Points per game)

Jets	Sharks
Darryl Hudson (22.3)	Mike Helms (22.3)
Richard Jeter (16.9)	Rene Rougeau (16.4)
Chris Reay (12.1)	Arthur Trousdell (13.0)

Team Leaders in Other Categories (Per game)

	Jets	Sharks
Rebounds	Chris Reay (6.5)	Rene Rougeau (8.1)
Assists	Darryl Hudson (3.3)	Luke Martin (4.5)
Steals	Matt Te Huna (2.0)	Rene Rougeau (4.1)
Blocks	Richard Jeter (0.5)	Rene Rougeau (1.3)

Notes

If the Sharks lose to the Giants then this will be a sudden death for them when they play the last game of the regular season against the Manawatu Jets. Sharks will feel quietly confident after having their largest ever win against the Jets in Round 12 by 30 points. They also held the Jets to a season low 59 points holding imports Darryl Hudson to 1/12 shooting and Richard Jeter scoreless. But when it comes to turnarounds the Jets are quite capable, such as when they lost to the Airs by thirty and then beating them at home the following week. Both teams will want to cut down on turnovers, Sharks commit the most in the league at 17.3 and the Jets are second at 16.8. Jets will need to contain Rene Rougeau who won player of the week honors against the Jets in that win, nearly getting a triple double of 25 points, 10 rebounds and seven steals. Rougeau has got six double doubles this season. One player who has been consistent for the Jets this year is Chris Reay who would be one of the most improved players of the season. Reay has scored double figures or over in 11 consecutive games and leads his team in rebounds.

Note: Head to Head = Wins (07, 08, 09 Seasons)

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PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Round 15

Rene Rougeau (Zerofees Southland Sharks)

20 Points (8/13 FG, 2/2 3pt), 10 rebounds, 4 assists, 8 steals in the 99-84 win over the Taranaki Mountain Airs.

Rougeau earns his third POW for his performance against the Airs. The small forward won his previous POW's against the OceanaGold Nuggets in Round 7 and the McDonalds Manawatu Jets in Round 12.

Rougeau leads the league in steals (3.9) and is seventh in blocks (1.3). In the overall rankings Rougeau has moved up to second place behind Waikato Pistons Thomas Abercrombie who had a strong game in the overtime win against the Sharks scoring 26 and blocking five shots.

Harbour Heat finally got their campaign up in running with a 92-72 win over the Giants, thanks to big man Rick Rickert who had a dominating 19 points and 15 rebounds.

In that same game Phill Jones was the lone bright spot for the Giants scoring a season high 40 points in the loss.

It has been a struggle this season for the OceanaGold Nuggets who went 0-18 this season, but that did not deter the play of Tyler Amaya who would of definitely earned a POW had they won a game. Amaya fought hard in Round 15 netting 29 against the Hawks and a double double of 27 points and 10 assists against the Christchurch Cougars.

Cougars finished the season off well with a win against the Nuggets to stay in the hunt for a playoff spot. Their point guard Jeremy Kench had a season high 29 points in the victory.

PLAYER POWER RANKINGS

1. **Thomas Abercrombie (Waikato Pistons)**
2. **Rene Rougeau (Zerofees Southland Sharks)**
3. **Eric Devendorf (Exodus Saints)**
4. **Lindsay Tait (Exodus Saints)**
5. **Darryl Hudson (McDonalds Manawatu Jets)**
6. **Alex Pledger (Waikato Pistons)**
7. **Tyler Amaya (OceanaGold Nuggets)**
8. **Rick Rickert (Harbour Heat)**
9. **Mika Vukona (Fico Finance Nelson Giants)**
10. **Phill Jones (Fico Finance Nelson Giants)**

The Next 10 . . .

Jeremy Kench (Christchurch Cougars), Corey Webster (Heat), Mike Helms (Sharks), Josh Pace (Hawks), Dillon Boucher (Heat), Jack Leasure (Airs), Aaron Bailey-Nowell (Airs), Michael Harrison (Giants), Tim Behrendorff (Cougars), Casey Frank (Saints)

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Note: *Denotes Team Records since 2000

STAT LEADERS

Points (Min 100 points)

Eric Devendorf (Pistons)	25.6
Tyler Amaya (Nuggets)	22.9
Corey Webster (Heat)	22.8

Rebounds (Min 50 Reb)

Alex Pledger (Pistons)	12.6
Mika Vukona (Giants)	9.8
Rick Rickert (Heat)	9.3

Assists

Lindsay Tait (Saints)	7.2
Dillon Boucher (Heat)	5.2
Luke Martin (Sharks)	4.5

Steals

Rene Rougeau (Sharks)	3.9
Corey Webster (Heat)	2.9
Mike Helms (Sharks)	2.4

Blocks

Jon Rogers (Hawks)	2.1
Thomas Abercrombie (Pistons)	2.0
Alex Pledger (Pistons)	1.9

FG % (Min 30 Attempts)

Casey Frank (Saints)	58.7
Miles Pearce (Hawks)	58.4
Tim Behrendorff (Cougars)	57.5

3pt % (Min 20 Attempts)

Eric Devendorf (Saints)	59.6
Trent Wurtz (Cougars)	50.8
Dave Langrell (Hawks)	46.9

FT % (Min 20 Attempts)

Phill Jones (Giants)	87.2
Troy McLean (Saints)	86.3
Mike Fitchett (Giants)	86.3

NBL Trivia of the Week

Name the NBL player who has won the most assist titles and how many has he won?

Answer: Paul Henare (Bay Hawks) 5 times, 2001 (Auckland), 2004, 2005, 2007 (Hawks), 2009 (Christchurch)

In 240 NBL games Paul Henare has amassed over 1100 assists and has averaged over five assists for season eight times. In 2005 Henare averaged a career best 6.7 assists per game.

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