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SUNDAY 27TH MAY

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2012 Bartercard National Basketball Regular Season Review

Regular Season Standings

Team	P	W	L	H	A	PF	PA	Pts
HBS Bank Hawks	16	13	3	8-0	5-3	1432	1310	26
James Blond Auckland Pirates	16	13	3	8-1	7-2	1568	1369	26
Telecom Business Hub Jets	16	10	6	5-3	5-3	1452	1321	20
Wellington Saints	16	9	7	6-2	3-5	1471	1351	18
The Good Home Taranaki Mountain Airs	16	7	9	4-4	3-5	1329	1378	14
Fico Finance Nelson Giants	16	6	10	4-4	2-6	1359	1436	12
OceanaGold Nuggets	16	6	10	3-5	3-5	1320	1431	12
Zero Fees Southland Sharks	16	5	11	3-5	2-6	1357	1483	10
LZ Harbour Heat	16	3	13	3-5	0-8	1304	1513	6

Round 12 Results

LZ HARBOUR HEAT 90 (Kevin Smith 25, Justin Bailey 21, Marco Alexander 20)

HBS BANK HAWKS 96 (Kareem Johnson 21, Galen Young 17, Paora Winitana 14)

TELECOM BUSINESS HUB JETS 104 (Josh Pace 23, Chris Hagan 19, Zane Meehl 14, Jeremiah Trueman 14)

THE GOOD HOME MOUNTAIN AIRS 77 (Link Abrams 19, Aaron Bailey-Nowell 16, Darryl Hudson 14)

ZERO FEES SHARKS 96 (Larry Abney 28, Craig Bradshaw 25, Dan Peck 20)

LZ HARBOUR HEAT 81 (Zack Atkinson 23, Justin Bailey 22, Kevin Smith 18)

WELLINGTON SAINTS 91 (Jason Crowe 19, Ernest Scott 16, Troy McLean 14)

JAMES BLOND PIRATES 94 (Hayden Allen 26, Lindsay Tait 24, Alex Pledger 17)

FICO FINANCE GIANTS 88 (Michael Harrison 19, Mika Vukona 17, Phill Jones 16)

JAMES BLOND PIRATES 120 (Ron Dorsey 28, Hayden Allen 26, Lindsay Tait 21)

OCEANAGOLD NUGGETS 87 (Akeem Wright 20, Antoine Tisby 20, Sam King 19)

LZ HARBOUR HEAT 71 (Justin Bailey 22, Marco Alexander 14, Charlie Piho 10, Kevin Smith 10)

TELECOM BUSINESS HUB JETS 71 (Marcel Jones 25, Matt Te Huna 13, Jeremiah Trueman 13)

HBS BANK HAWKS 80 (Everard Bartlett 21, Kareem Johnson 20, Galen Young 13)

2012 NBL League Highs

Points: 40 Akeem Wright (Oceana Gold Nuggets) v LZ Harbour Heat (Round One)

Rebounds: 20 Nick Horvath (Telecom Business Hub Jets) v James Blond Pirates (Round Seven)

Assists: 16 Jason Crowe (Wellington Saints) v Fico Finance Giants (Round Seven)

Steals: 8 Jason Crowe (Wellington Saints) v OceanaGold Nuggets (Round 11)

Blocks: 9 Michael Harrison (Fico Finance Giants) v Telecom Business Hub Jets (Round Seven)

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Players of the Week

Round One

Akeem Wright (OceanaGold Nuggets)

Round Two

Jason Crowe (Wellington Saints)

Round Three

Nick Horvath (Telecom Business Hub Jets)

Round Four

Lindsay Tait (James Blond Pirates)

Round Five

Anthony Gurley (Wellington Saints)

Round Six

Antoine Tisby (OceanaGold Nuggets)

Round Seven

Jack Leasure (The Good Home Mountain Airs)

Round Eight

Lindsay Tait (James Blond Pirates)

Round Nine

Darryl Hudson (The Good Home Mountain Airs)

Round 10

Justin Bailey (LZ Harbour Heat)

Round 11

Jason Crowe (Wellington Saints)

Round 12

Larry Abney (Zero Fees Sharks)

Statistical Leaders

Points

Josh Pace* (Jets)	23.0
Akeem Wright* (Nuggets)	22.4
Antoine Tisby* (Nuggets)	22.0

Rebounds

Nick Horvath (Jets)	15.8
Antoine Tisby* (Nuggets)	12.1
Larry Abney* (Nuggets)	10.3

Assists

Jason Crowe* (Saints)	8.7
Lindsay Tait (Pirates)	7.6
Mark Dickel (Nuggets)	6.4

Steals

Kevin Braswell* (Sharks)	3.0
Jason Crowe* (Saints)	2.9
Akeem Wright* (Nuggets)	2.2

Blocks

Michael Harrison* (Giants)	2.1
Antoine Tisby* (Nuggets)	1.6
Zack Atkinson* (Heat)	1.3

Field Goal % (Minimum 50 Attempts)

Kareem Johnson (Hawks)	65.5%
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Three Point % (Minimum 30 Attempts)

Lindsay Tait (Pirates)	47.5%
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Free Throw % (Minimum 30 Attempts)

Hayden Allen (Pirates)	87.5%
Sam Dempster (Giants)	87.5%

Overall Player Rankings

	Player Name	Team Name	Games	IdxSuc	Avg
1	Tisby*, Antoine	OceanaGold Nuggets	16	486	30.4
2	Horvath, Nick	Telecom Business Hub Jets	16	469	29.3
3	Abney*, Larry	Zero Fees Southland Sharks	16	446	27.9
4	Wright*, Akeem	OceanaGold Nuggets	16	446	27.9
5	Tait, Lindsay	James Blond Auckland Pirates	16	432	27.0
6	Pace*, Josh	Telecom Business Hub Jets	15	371	24.7
7	Hagan*, Chris	Telecom Business Hub Jets	4	98	24.5
8	Crowe*, Jason	Wellington Saints	15	364	24.3
9	Hudson*, Darryl	The Good Home Taranaki Mountain Airs	16	383	23.9
10	Jones*, Marcel	Telecom Business Hub Jets	6	138	23.0

For more information on League Leaders [click here](#)

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Tisby on Top of Overall Rankings



OceanaGold Nuggets big man **Antoine Tisby** is top of the Overall Player Rankings for the NBL regular season, edging out **Telecom Business Hub Jets** centre **Nick Horvath**.

Zero Fees Southland Sharks forward **Larry Abney** finished third and also won Round 12 Player of the Week for his game against the **LZ Harbour Heat**.

The 35 year old finished the season with 28 points and 15 rebounds in the 96-81 win over the Heat, which saved the Sharks from the wooden spoon.

Despite a tough season for the Sharks, Abney has been the one consistent player for the Southland Franchise this season averaging 19.6 points and 10.3 rebounds.

After struggling with a foot injury in 2010 which limited him to only six games in a Nuggets uniform, Tisby has played all 16 games for the Otago franchise, averaging 38 minutes per game, finishing third in the league in scoring (22.0), second in rebounds (12.1) and second in blocks (1.6).

Despite the Nuggets not making the playoff, they finished with six wins and ten losses, which makes it their best season since 2003 when they won seven of eighteen.

Horvath has been an absolute monster on the boards this season for the Jets averaging a career high 15.8 rebounds, which makes it the second consecutive season he has won the rebounding title.

The former Duke alumni averaged 20 points per game, also a career high and will be making his fourth semi final appearance, winning a title in 2010 with the **Wellington Saints**.

At fourth was the Nuggets other import **Akeem Wright** who made an instant impression in his debut, scoring a league high 40 points against the Heat in Round One.

The six foot seven small forward could do it all, finishing second in the league in scoring (22.4), fifth in rebounding (9.3), sixth in assists (4.6), third in steals (2.2) and fourth in blocks (1.2).

After returning to his home city after a successful stint with the Saints, point guard **Lindsay Tait** has transformed the **Auckland Pirates** from second to last in the league to second with a 13-3 win/loss record.

The Tall Black led the Pirates in scoring (19.9) was second in the league in assists (7.6) to round out the top five.

The next on the list was the league leading scorer **Josh Pace**, who has helped the Jets make the semi finals for the first time since 2003.

Pace, who won a Most Valuable Player award in 2007, is a proven winner, making at least a semi final in all five of his NBL seasons, which includes a title with the **Nelson Giants** in 2007.

Please note the Regular Season League Awards will be announced on Saturday 26th May at the conclusion of the first Semi Final.

For more information on League Leaders [click here](#)



2012 Bartercard National Basketball Semi Final: Game One

Saturday, May 26 ([Live on Saints TV](#))

James Blond Pirates (13-3) v Telecom Business Hub Jets (10-6), 6pm

At TSB Bank Arena

Referees – Melony Wealleans, Gavin Whiu, Shane Nikora

[Live Stats](#)

Team Roster and Full Stats (Click on Team) :

[Pirates](#)

[Jets](#)

Leaders

	Points	Rebounds	Assists	Blocks	Steals
Pirates	L. Tait (19.9)	I. Muhammad (8.3)	L. Tait (7.6)	I. Muhammad (0.9)	I. Muhammad (1.8)
Jets	J. Pace (23.0)	N. Horvath (15.8)	C. Hagan (9.3)	J. Trueman (0.7)	C. Hagan (3.5)

Preview

The Pirates have had a major transformation from the year before where they finished second to last (5-11).

The additions of last year's Most Valuable player **Alex Pledger**, and the last two season's Finals MVP **Lindsay Tait**, have helped the Pirates finish the regular season with a 13-3 record.

Former **Waikato Pistons** guard **Hayden Allen** also joins the Pirates, to go with **NZ Breakers** veteran **Dillon Boucher**, which arguably forms one of the best kiwi line ups in the NBL history.

Add in two quality imports in **Melbourne Tiger Ron Dorsey** and former **Georgia Tech University** star **Ismail Muhummad** and you have the highest scoring team in the league, that averages nearly 100 points a game.

The Jets have also put together a strong line up with returning players **Nick Horvath** and **Jeremiah Trueman**, and import guard **Chris Hagan**, who has come into the team in the latter part of the season averaging 18.8 points, 9.3 assists and 3.5 steals in four wins.

Probably the Jets biggest acquisition of the season is former league MVP **Josh Pace**, who has had success wherever he has played, making the playoffs with the **Nelson Giants** and the **Bay Hawks**.

Pace has won the NBL scoring title for the first time in his career this season averaging 23 points per game.

Jets also boast the league leading rebounder in Horvath who has averaged nearly 16 rebounds a game.

Pledger and Horvath will be the match up to watch out for as they are the two best centre's in the league.

Despite the Pirates playing their first ever playoff game, the roster is stacked with playoff experience with 16 NBL titles won between the players compared to the Jets who have two.

Team Stat Comparison

	Pirates	Jets
Average Points	98.0 (1st)	90.8 (3rd)
Average Points Allowed	85.6 (4th)	82.6 (2nd)
FG%	48.0 (3rd)	46.8 (4th)
Opposition FG%	45.5 (5th)	43.7 (2nd)
3pt%	36.5 (2nd)	35.0 (4th)
Rebounds	42.8 (2nd)	46.4 (1st)
Offensive Rebounds	15.3 (2nd)	15.5 (1st)
Assists	18.5 (2nd)	14.6 (5th)
Turnovers	14.9 (7th)	15.1 (8th)
Forced Turnovers	17.4 (1st)	13.9 (4th)
Steals	9.6 (2nd)	7.8 (5th)
Bench Points	24.8 (1st)	16.3 (6th)
Current Streak	Won 2	Lost 1
Last Five Games	4-1	4-1
Playoff Record	None	3-7
Titles	None	None

Regular Season Meetings

Round Three (March 16)

At Arena Manawatu, Palmerston North

Jets 90 (J. Pace 27) Pirates 80 (I. Muhammad 26)

[Box Score](#)

Round Seven (April 11)

At ASB Stadium, Auckland

Pirates 96 (R. Dorsey 21) Jets 83 (N. Horvath 16)

[Box Score](#)

Jets will be making their 7th playoff experience and will be attempting to make the final for the second time in franchise history (1992).



2012 Bartercard National Basketball Semi Final: Game Two

Saturday, May 26 ([Live on Saints TV](#))

HBS Bank Hawks (13-3) v Wellington Saints (9-7), 8.30pm

At TSB Bank Arena

Referees – Dallas Pickering, Gavin Zimmerman, Yalla Edwards

[Live Stats](#)

Team Roster and Full Stats (Click on Team) :

[Hawks](#)

[Saints](#)

Leaders

	Points	Rebounds	Assists	Blocks	Steals
Hawks	P. Winitana (18.5)	K. Johnson (8.3)	J. Kenny (4.4)	G. Young (0.3)	J. Kenny (1.4)
Saints	J. Crowe (16.5)	C. Frank (8.7)	J. Crowe (8.7)	A. Trousdell (1.2)	J. Crowe (2.9)

Preview

The **HBS Bank Hawks** have had their best regular season in franchise history with a 13-3 record to finish top in the league.

They will play the **Wellington Saints** for the fourth straight year in the playoffs, and will have plenty of motivation as the Saints have eliminated them three straight times.

Last season the Hawks lost 106-97 in the Grand Finals to the two time defending champs, but were without inspirational leader **Paora Winitana** who does not play on Sundays.

It will be the same situation for the Hawks, should they make the finals, but they will have Winitana for this game.

Hawks have retained the majority of their roster from last season, with the additions of import **Kareem Johnson** who was a member of the Saints last year, and Hawke's Bay local **Everard Bartlett**, who returns after a season with the Pirates.

Under defensive minded coach **Paul Henare**, the Hawks are hold their opponents to the lowest amount in the league (81.9), but they also have the best field goal percentage (48.6) and are the most unselfish team (19.1 assists).

2012 has been an up and down season for the Saints who had to win three of their last four to scrape into the playoffs and keep their hope of a three peat alive.

Auckland Stars are the only team in NBL history to win three consecutive titles (1995-97).

Casey Frank and **Troy McLean** are the only starters left from last year's team, but they have had some handy additions to the squad, such as **Arthur Trousdell** and **Jeremy Kench**.

2008 Most Valuable player **Jason Crowe** has joined the Saints to fill the void missing from the departure of **Lindsay Tait** and has had a solid season leading the league in assists (8.7) and second in steals (2.9).

This season the Saints do not have a flash record

Team Stat Comparison

	Hawks	Saints
Average Points	89.5 (4th)	91.9 (2nd)
Average Points Allowed	81.9 (1st)	84.4 (3rd)
FG%	48.6 (1st)	48.2 (2nd)
Opposition FG%	43.7 (1st)	46.1 (6th)
3pt%	35.8 (3rd)	33.0 (7th)
Rebounds	38.1 (5th)	37.5 (6th)
Offensive Rebounds	9.8 (9th)	11.6 (5th)
Assists	19.1 (1st)	18.3 (3rd)
Turnovers	13.6 (4th)	13.3 (3rd)
Forced Turnovers	13.6 (5th)	15.8 (2nd)
Steals	5.9 (8th)	9.9 (1st)
Bench Points	22.6 (3rd)	21.1 (4th)
Playoff Record	15-17	23-19
Titles	1	7
Current Streak	Won 3	Lost 1
Last Five Games	3-2	4-1

Regular Season Meetings

Round Nine (April 25)

At Pettigrew Green Arena, Taradale

Hawks 97 (E. Bartlett 24) Saints 80 (C. Frank 27)

[Box Score](#)

Round Ten (May 5)

At TSB Bank Arena, Wellington

Saints 88 (C. Frank 23) Hawks 73 (E. Bartlett 15)

[Box Score](#)

against the teams in the top four, with only one win out of six games, which was a 88-73 win over the Hawks.

Hawks have the best record out of the top four with five wins and one loss.