



2009 NZCT

NBL

Round 12 (May 28 - May 30)

Youthtown Auckland Stars v 0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks

Century City Wellington Saints v Waikato Pistons

ecogise Nelson Giants v Waikato Pistons

Appliance Shed Harbour Heat v 0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks

Bartercard Christchurch Cougars v McDonalds Manawatu Jets

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STANDINGS

Team	P	W	L	Win %	GB	Pts
ecogise Nelson Giants	13	11	2	84.6	0	22
Waikato Pistons	10	9	1	90.0	0.5	18
Century City Saints	12	9	3	75.0	1.5	18
Christchurch Cougars	13	9	4	69.2	2	18
Appliance Shed Harbour Heat	12	7	5	58.3	3.5	14
Easy LPG Bay Hawks	11	4	7	36.4	6	8
McDonalds Manawatu Jets	13	3	10	23.1	8	6
Youthtown Auckland Stars	12	2	10	16.7	8.5	4
Devon Dynamos Taranaki	13	0	13	0.0	13	0

Win % - Win Percentage, GB – Games Back

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Appliance Shed Harbour Heat 88 (Corey Webster 25, Mike Bell 22, Mychal Green 13)
Youthtown Auckland Stars 71 (Casey Frank 19, Dillon Boucher 12, Hayden Allen 11)

Waikato Pistons 94 (Adam Ballinger 22, Justin Bailey 11, Puke Lendon 11)
Devon Dynamos Taranaki 60 (Eric Vierneisel 16, Aaron Bailey-Nowell 14, Phillip Gilbert 13)

Bartercard Christchurch Cougars 83 (Tim Behrendorff 27, Gerard Bowden 18, Paora Winitana 16)
0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks 74 (Ben Hill 16, Chris Daniel 15, Charles Bailey 10)

ecogise Nelson Giants 79 (Jarryd Loyd 24, Phil Jones 21, Darryl Jones 13, Tony Rampton 13)
Century City Saints 70 (Lindsay Tait 19, Mike Efevberha 12, Leon Henry 11)

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Thursday, May 28

Youthtown Auckland Stars (2-10) v 0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks (4-7)

At ASB Stadium Auckland, 7.30pm

Leading Scorers: Stars: Hayden Allen (20.5 ppg) Hawks: Charles Bailey (15.2 ppg)

Head to Head: Stars 0 Hawks 5

Referees – *Gavin Whiu, Tim Brown, Cheryl Crabbe*

Friday, May 29

Century City Saints (9-3) v Waikato Pistons (10-1)

At TSB Bank Arena, Wellington, 7pm

Leading Scorers: Saints: Mike Efevberha (27.5 ppg) Pistons: Adam Ballinger (20.9 ppg)

Head to Head: Saints 2 Pistons 4

Referees – *Andy Thackray, Yalla Edwards, Joe Hemi*

Saturday, May 30

ecogise Nelson Giants (11-2) v Waikato Pistons (10-1)

At Trafalgar Centre, Nelson, 7pm

Leading Scorers: Giants: Phil Jones (23.5 ppg) Pistons: Adam Ballinger (20.9 ppg)

Head to Head: Giants 4 Pistons 2

Referees – *Alan Godden, James Campion, Scott Harris*

Appliance Shed Harbour Heat (7-5) v 0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks (4-7)

At North Shore Event Centre, 7pm

Leading Scorers: Heat: Corey Webster (28.7 ppg) Hawks: Charles Bailey (15.2 ppg)

Head to Head: Heat 4 Hawks 2

Referees – *Dallas Pickering, Kieran Udy, Bo Wills-Choat*

Bartercard Christchurch Cougars (9-4) v McDonalds Manawatu Jets (3-10)

At Cowles Stadium, Christchurch, 7pm

Leading Scorers: Cougars: Paora Winitana (20.3 ppg) Jets: Marcel Jones (28.2)

Last Meeting: Cougars won 88-82 (Round Four)

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

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PLAYER OF THE WEEK

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Tim Behrendorff (Christchurch Cougars)

27 points (11-18 FG), 8 rebounds, 3 steals in the 83-74 win over the 0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks

Behrendorff has had a strong season in 2009 playing 13 games averaging 18.5 points, 8 rebounds, 1.3 blocks per game. Behrendorff is also third in the league in field goal percentage at 64.3%.

This will be the third season in a row that Behrendorff will at least make a playoff appearance, making the playoffs in 2007 and 2008 with the Appliance Shed Harbour Heat.

Leading scorer of the League Corey Webster was unlucky not to win POW honors scoring 25 points and grabbing four steals in the 88-71 win over the Youthtown Auckland Stars.

Stars Dillon Boucher had 12 points, 13 rebounds and 4 steals in that same game.

PLAYER POWER RANKINGS

1. Marcel Jones (McDonalds Manawatu Jets)
2. Mike Efevberha (Century City Wellington Saints)
3. Dillon Boucher* (Youthtown Auckland Stars)
4. Corey Webster*(Appliance Shed Harbour Heat)
5. Mychal Green (Appliance Shed Harbour Heat)
6. Tim Behrendorff (Bartercard Christchurch Cougars)
7. Adam Ballinger (Waikato Pistons)
8. Justin Bailey (Waikato Pistons)
9. Casey Frank* (Youthtown Auckland Stars)
10. Jamil Terrell (McDonalds Manawatu Jets)

The Next 10 . . .

Phil Jones* (Giants), Aaron Bailey-Nowell* (Dynamos), Mike Bell (Heat), Jarryd Loyd (Giants), Tony Rampton (Giants), Damon Thornton (Saints), Blagoj Janev (Stars), Paora Winitana* (Cougars), Paul Henare* (Cougars), Thomas Abercrombie* (Pistons)

STAT LEADERS

Points

Corey Webster (Heat)	28.7
Marcel Jones (Jets)	28.2
Mike Efevberha (Saints)	27.5

Rebounds

Jamil Terrell (Jets)	11.4
Dillon Boucher (Stars)	10.3
Marcel Jones (Jets)	9.9

Assists

Paul Henare (Cougars)	6.5
Jarryd Loyd (Giants)	5.9
Luke Martin (Saints)	5.3

Steals

Dillon Boucher (Saints)	3.3
Mychal Green (Heat)	3.0
Justin Bailey (Pistons)	2.9

Blocks

Damon Thornton (Saints)	1.8
Adam Ballinger (Pistons)	1.5
Two Tied	1.4

FG % (Min 30 Attempts)

Calum McLeod (Saints)	73.5
Miles Pearce (Hawks)	68.1
Tim Behrendorff (Cougars)	64.3

3pt % (Min 20 Attempts)

Phil Jones (Giants)	54.2
Luke Martin (Saints)	50.0
Ray Cameron (Pistons)	48.0

FT % (Min 20 Attempts)

Michael Fitchett (Pistons)	95.2
Corey Webster (Heat)	89.5
Mike Efevberha (Saints)	88.8

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NZCT NBL Preview: Round 12

With only three rounds left in the NZCT National Basketball League regular season, the race to the top will become very interesting in Round 12 when the Waikato Pistons travel to play a couple of difficult road games.

On Friday night the Pistons will be in Wellington to take on the third placed Century City Saints in a rematch of the 2008 Finals. Tall Black Pero Cameron will play his 300th NBL game and will have very fond memories of TSB Bank Arena where his Pistons side won the Championship last year defeating the Saints 84-79.

The Saints will want to improve on composure which was lacking in the fourth quarter against the Giants last week where they were leading by as many as 8 only to lose the lead and the game 79-70.

Pistons have been cruising of late winning seven in a row by an average margin of 21 points and destroyed the bottom placed Devon Dynamos Taranaki 94-60 last week in New Plymouth. They will face stiffer competition when they play the Saints and then travel down to the Trafalgar Centre to play the ecogise Nelson Giants in a top of the table clash.

The ecogise Nelson Giants boast the only unbeaten record at home at 6-0, while the Pistons are the only team in the league to not lose on the road with five wins. Pistons have been playing catch up all season having played fewer games than teams such as the Giants, but they have an opportunity to become top of the table if they are able to secure two wins this round. It could be the first time the Pistons have been in first spot since Round Three.

On Thursday the Youthtown Auckland Stars will host the 0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks in game which will most probably decide who will get the final playoff spot. If the Hawks win then they will have the head to head over the Stars which eliminate the Stars from the playoffs. If the Stars win over the Hawks then the playoff chances are still alive, albeit slim as they will more than likely need to win their remaining games.

Hawks will then cross the bridge to play the Appliance Shed Harbour Heat who have been on a roll of late winning three in a row and clinching a playoff spot last week. New import Mike Bell has been a good pick up for the Heat averaging 20 points and 9.5 rebounds in 4 games. Hawks have also signed a new import former NBL Most Valuable Player David Cooper who played his first game for the Hawks scoring 9 points in the 83-74 loss against the Bartercard Christchurch Cougars.

Cougars will host the struggling McDonalds Manawatu Jets who will need to win to keep their slim playoff chances alive. It was a successful homecoming for former Hawks Paora Winitana and Paul Henare with the win last week. The Cougars will be happy to be back at their new home Cowles Stadium where they will be playing the remainder of their regular season games against teams with losing records. The Jets don't have such a favorable draw playing the Cougars and Giants in two of their last three games.