



2009 NZCT

NBL

Round 8 (April 29-May 2)

Devon Dynamos Taranaki v Century City Wellington Saints

Youthtown Auckland Stars v Waikato Pistons

McDonalds Manawatu Jets v 0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks

ecojise Nelson Giants v Christchurch Cougars

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# STANDINGS

Team	P	W	L	Win %	GB	Pts
ecogise Nelson Giants	9	7	2	77.8	0	14
Christchurch Cougars	8	6	2	75.0	0.5	12
Century City Saints	8	6	2	75.0	0.5	12
Waikato Pistons	6	5	1	83.3	1.5	10
Easy LPG Bay Hawks	7	4	3	57.1	2	8
Appliance Shed Harbour Heat	8	4	4	50.0	2.5	8
Youthtown Auckland Stars	7	2	5	28.6	4	4
McDonalds Manawatu Jets	9	1	8	11.1	6	2
Devon Dynamos Taranaki	8	0	6	0.0	6.5	0

Win % - Win Percentage, GB – Games Back

## LAST WEEK

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**ecogise Nelson Giants 92** (Phil Jones 21, Chris Reay 17, Tony Rampton 15)  
**Youthtown Auckland Stars 57** (Blagoj Janev 19, Hayden Allen 12, Casey Frank 10)

**Christchurch Cougars 102** (Paora Winitana 40, Tim Behrendorff 16, Trenton Wurtz 12)  
**Devon Dynamos Taranaki 80** (James Paringatai 23, Eric Vierneisel 22, Phillip Gilbert 21)

**Century City Wellington Saints 90** (Mike Efevberha 34, Arthur Trousdell 16, Reece Cassidy 13)  
**0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks 89** (Charles Bailey 26, John Thomas 18, Everard Bartlett 18)

**ecogise Nelson Giants 93** (Phil Jones 25, Darryl Jones 19, Tony Rampton 18)  
**Appliance Shed Harbour Heat 86** (Corey Webster 35, Mychal Green 18, Daniel Munday 10)

**Waikato Pistons 99** (Thomas Abercrombie 26, Michael Fitchett 19, Adam Ballinger 17)  
**Christchurch Cougars 81** (Trenton Wurtz 21, Tim Behrendorff 17, Paora Winitana 14)

# THIS WEEK

## 2009 NBL Round Eight

Wednesday, April 29

**Devon Dynamos Taranaki (0-8) v Century City Saints (6-2)**

*At TSB Stadium, New Plymouth*

Leading Scorers: Dynamos: Eric Vierneisel (23.8 ppg) Saints: Mike Efevberha (32.4 ppg)

Head to Head: Dynamos 2 Saints 2

Referees – *Alan Godden, Colin Dowling, Tony Eldershaw*

Thursday, April 30

**Youthtown Auckland Stars (2-5) v Waikato Pistons (5-1)**

*At ASB Stadium, 7.30pm*

Leading Scorers: Stars: Hayden Allen (24ppg), Pistons: Adam Ballinger (21ppg)

Head to Head: Stars 1 Pistons 4

Referees – *Dallas Pickering, Gavin Whiu, Cheryll Crabbe*

Friday, May 1

**McDonalds Manawatu Jets (1-8) v 0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks**

*At Arena Manawatu, Palmerston North*

Leading Scorers: Jets: Marcel Jones (26.4ppg), Hawks: John Thomas 18.6 (ppg)

Head to Head: Jets 0 Hawks 5

Referees – *Andy Thackray, Sean Cronin, Gareth Teahan*

Saturday, May 2

**ecogise Nelson Giants (7-2) v Christchurch Cougars (6-2)**

*At Trafalgar Centre, Nelson*

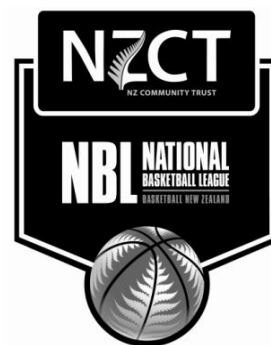
Leading Scorers: Giants: Phil Jones (23.1 ppg) Cougars: Paora Winitana (21 ppg)

Last Meeting: Cougars 77 Giants 76 (Round Two)

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

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# PLAYER OF THE WEEK

## Round Seven

### Paora Winitana (Christchurch Cougars)

40 Points (15/20 FG, 4/5 3pt), 8 Rebounds and 4 Assists in a 102-80 victory over the Devon Dynamos Taranaki.

Winitana was outstanding against the Dynamo scoring 40 points at a field goal percentage of 75% and also shooting 80% from beyond the arc.

The Cougars have a 6 win 2 loss record to putting them currently at second on the ladder thanks to the help of Winitana who leads his team in scoring (21 ppg) which so far is his career best average.

Other top performances of the round was Century Saints import Mike Efevberha and Appliance Shed Harbour Heat Corey Webster who are currently the top two leading scorers of the league respectively.

Efevberha was scored 34 points in a tough 90-89 road victory over the 0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks.

Rookie guard Corey Webster scored 35 points in a 86-93 loss against the Giants.

## PLAYER POWER RANKINGS

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

### The Next 10 . . .

Blagoj Janev (Stars), Paora Winitana (Cougars), Jarryd Loyd (Giants), Adam Ballinger (Pistons), Tony Rampton (Giants), Phil Jones (Giants), Thomas Abercrombie (Pistons), Eric Vierendeis (Dynamos), Damon Thornton (Saints), Charles Bailey (Hawks)

## STAT LEADERS

### Points

Mike Efevberha (Saints)	32.4
Corey Webster (Heat)	30.9
Marcel Jones (Jets)	26.4

### Rebounds

Jamil Terrell (Jets)	12.7
Dillon Boucher (Stars)	12.0
Aaron Bailey-Nowell	10.8

### Assists

Paul Henare (Cougars)	7.0
Luke Martin (Saints)	6.5
Jarryd Loyd	6.4

### Steals

Justin Bailey (Pistons)	3.5
Mychal Green (Heat)	2.9
Dillon Boucher (Saints)	2.8

### Blocks

Thomas Abercrombie (Pistons)	1.7
Damon Thornton (Saints)	1.6
Tim Behrendorff (Cougars)	1.5

### FG % (Min 5 FGA/PG)

Tim Behrendorff (Cougars)	65.5
Aaron Bailey-Nowell (Dynamos)	64.0
James Paringatai (Dynamos)	57.1

### 3pt % (Min 3 3PA/PG)

Luke Martin (Saints)	57.6
Phil Jones (Giants)	53.2
Mychal Green (Heat)	52.7

### FT % (Min 3 FTA/PG)

Justin Bailey (Pistons)	96.2
Phil Jones (Giants)	87.8
Corey Webster (Heat)	87.5

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# NZCT NBL Preview: Round Eight

The first Wednesday night game of the season will be in New Plymouth when the struggling Devon Dynamos Taranaki host the Century City Wellington Saints. The Dynamos could not find an answer to shutting down Christchurch Cougars guard Paora Winitana who scored 40 points in their 102-80 loss last round at home. They will quickly need to find an answer for leading scorer of the league Mike Efevberha who scored 34 points in a 90-89 victory over the Hawks. The Saints will want to work on maintaining their leads after losing a 17 point lead in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter against the Hawks last week.

On Thursday the Waikato Pistons will travel up north to play the Youthtown Auckland Stars who will need to improve on their offence where they scored this season's lowest score of 57. The Stars had no answer for the Giants team being down 29-6 after the first quarter and down 71-32 at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Meanwhile the Pistons offence was rolling last Saturday scoring 99 points against the Cougars which is the most the Cougars have given up all season. The match up of the game will be between Stars import Blagoj Janev and Pistons Pero Cameron who played his first game of the season last round coming back from an ankle injury. Both players have very similar games being able to shoot from the perimeter and bang bodies from the inside.

After nearly coming back from a 17 point deficit against the Saints last week the 0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks travel to Palmerston North to play the McDonalds Manawatu Jets who had a bye last round. The Hawks will be happy with the recent play of import Charles "Chuck" Bailey who had his best game of the season against the Saints scoring 26 points and grabbing 9 rebounds. The match up between Bailey and Jets import Marcel Jones will be one to keep an eye on with Jones currently 3<sup>rd</sup> in scoring (26.4 ppg) and also top five in rebounding (10.4 rpg). The Jets will want to improve from the last time the two teams meet back in round two when the Hawks routed the Jets 106-75.

Round Eight ends on Saturday night when the top of the table ecogise Nelson Giants host the previous leaders the Christchurch Cougars. The Giants have just come back from a successful double up north thrashing the Stars 92-57 and defeating the Heat 93-86. The Cougars meanwhile finally lost their 6 game winning streak against the Pistons, so they will be looking to return back to the top if they secure a win on Saturday. Two players that will know each other well are Tall Black teammates Phil Jones and Paora Winitana, both having strong seasons being named Player of the Week this season. Jones scored 21 against the Stars and 25 versus the Heat, while Paora Winitana scored 40 points in a 102-80 rout of the Dynamos