



2010 Bartercard

NBL

Round 13 (May 28-30)

Taranaki Mountain Airs v McDonalds Manawatu Jets

Fico Finance Nelson Giants v Waikato Pistons

0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks v OceanaGold Nuggets

Zerofees Southland Sharks v Harbour Heat

Exodus Saints v Waikato Pistons

OceanaGold Nuggets v Harbour Heat

Taranaki Mountain Airs v Exodus Saints

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STANDINGS

Team	P	W	L	Win %	GB	Pts
Waikato Pistons	14	12	2	85.7	0	24
Fico Finance Nelson Giants	14	10	4	71.4	2	20
Exodus Saints	13	9	4	69.2	2.5	18
Harbour Heat	13	8	5	61.5	3.5	16
0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks	14	8	6	57.1	4	16
Christchurch Cougars	16	7	9	43.8	6	14
Zerofees Southland Sharks	13	6	7	46.2	5.5	12
Taranaki Mountainairs	12	5	7	41.7	6	10
McDonalds Manawatu Jets	11	1	10	9.1	10.5	2
OceanaGold Nuggets	12	0	12	0.0	11	0

Win % - Win Percentage, GB – Games Back

LAST WEEK

Bartercard NBL - Round 12

Friday, May 21

At North Shore Events Centre, North Shore

Harbour Heat 97 (Corey Webster 40, Rick Rickert 20, Beny Anthony 13)

0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks 102 (Josh Pace 38, Chris Daniel 22, Ben Hill 14)

At TSB Arena, Wellington

Exodus Saints 65 (Casey Frank 14, Leon Henry 11, Nick Horvath 11)

Fico Finance Nelson Giants 80 (Phill Jones 24, Darryl Jones 13, Tony Rampton 12, Mike Fitchett 12)

At Southland Stadium, Invercargill

Zerofees Southland Sharks 89 (Rene Rougeau 25, Mike Helms 18, Arthur Trousdell 14)

McDonalds Manawatu Jets 59 (Five Tied 10)

Saturday, May 22

At Cowles Stadium, Christchurch

Christchurch Cougars 74 (Jeremy Kench 22, Tim Behrendorff 15, Trent Wurtz 12)

Fico Finance Nelson Giants 63 (Phill Jones 17, Tony Rampton 15, Mika Vukona 14)

At Edgar Centre, Dunedin

OceanaGold Nuggets 68 (James Ross 18, Sam To'omata 13, Tyler Amaya 11, John Barber 11)

McDonalds Manawatu Jets 89 (Richard Jeter 34, Darryl Hudson 20, Chris Reay 12)

At TSB Stadium, New Plymouth

Taranaki Mountain Airs 85 (Jack Leasure 23, Jeremiah Trueman 18, Demarshay Johnson 18, Aaron Bailey Nowell 16)

Waikato Pistons 79 (Hayden Allen 19, Thomas Abercrombie 18, Alex Pledger 13, Tony Ronaldson 13)

NBL Trivia of the Week

Name the two teams who have the longest active streak in playoff appearances?

(Answer at the end of Media Guide)

THIS WEEK

2010 NBL Round 13

Friday, May 28

Taranaki Mountain Airs (5-7) v McDonalds Manawatu Jets (1-10), 7pm

At TSB Stadium, New Plymouth

Referees – Gavin Whiu, Gareth Tehan, Kieran Udy

Head to Head Wins*: Airs 2 Jets 5

Last Meeting: Jets 110-90 (Round 14: 13/06/2009)



Projected Starting Five

	Airs	Jets
Point Guard	Tyrone Davey	Darryl Hudson
Shooting Guard	Jack Leasure	Matt Te Huna
Small Forward	Aaron Bailey-Nowell	Kaine Hokianga
Power Forward	Jeremiah Trueman	Richard Jeter
Center	Demarshay Johnson	Chris Reay

Leading Scorers (Points per game)

Airs	Jets
Jack Leasure (21.3)	Darryl Hudson (23.1)
Demarshay Johnson (14.9)	Richard Jeter (19.3)
Aaron Bailey-Nowell (13.3)	Matt Te Huna (10.7)

Team Leaders in Other Categories (Per game)

	Airs	Jets
Rebounds	Aaron Bailey-Nowell (7.5)	Chris Reay (7.3)
Assists	Tyrone Davey (2.9)	Darryl Hudson (3.3)
Steals	Jack Leasure (2.0)	Matt Te Huna (2.3)
Blocks	Demarshay Johnson (1.0)	Chris Reay (0.6)

Notes

Taranaki Mountain Airs arguably had one of their biggest wins in their franchise history against the Waikato Pistons last week 75-69. They will have to bring that same level of intensity this week when they host the McDonalds Manawatu Jets on Friday for their first match up of the season. The Jets meanwhile had their first win in 2010 beating the OceanaGold Nuggets 89-68. The Airs can ill afford a loss against the Jets if they wish to stay in the race for a playoff spot, currently behind the Christchurch Cougars and Southland Sharks. Mathematically the Jets can still make the playoffs but with 10 losses already the odds are slim. After going scoreless against the Sharks, Richard Jeter had scored a season high 34 in the win against the Nuggets coming off the bench. Jeter matches up against the physical Aaron Bailey Nowell who had 16 points and 5 steals in the Waikato game. Airs will have the size advantage over the Jets with Demarshay Johnson and Jeremiah Trueman.

Fico Finance Nelson Giants (10-4) v Waikato Pistons (12-2), 7pm

At Trafalgar Centre, Nelson

Referees – Tim Brown, Dallas Pickering, Yalla Edwards

Head to Head Wins*: Giants 4 Pistons 5

Last Meeting: Pistons 92-73 (Round One: 04/03/2010)

Projected Starting Fives

	Giants	Pistons
Point Guard	Mike Fitchett	Rashad Tucker
Shooting Guard	Phill Jones	Hayden Allen
Small Forward	Mika Vukona	Thomas Abercrombie
Power Forward	Michael Harrison	Tony Ronaldson
Center	Tony Rampton	Alex Pledger

Leading Scorers (Points per game)

Giants	Pistons
Phill Jones (20.8)	Thomas Abercrombie (20.6)
Michael Harrison (15.4)	Hayden Allen (14.9)
Tony Rampton (11.8)	Tony Ronaldson (13.5)

Team Leaders in Other Categories (Per game)

	Giants	Pistons
Rebounds	Mika Vukona (10.1)	Alex Pledger (12.7)
Assists	Phill Jones (4.3)	Thomas Abercrombie (2.6)
Steals	Phill Jones (1.8)	Thomas Abercrombie (1.9)
Blocks	Michael Harrison (1.9)	Alex Pledger (2.2)

Notes

In what will be an important game for both teams the Fico Finance Nelson Giants will host the Waikato Pistons at arguably the hardest arena to get a road win. Both teams come off shock losses in Round 12 which might come back to hurt them when it comes to hosting a home semi final. Giants will be relieved that the Pistons will not have Eric Devendorf who scored a league high 49 points in the 19 point win over the Giants in Round One. Since 2007 the series between the two teams has been tight, Pistons with 5 wins and Giants with 4. After losing their import Carl Krauser through injury the Pistons has signed former Melbourne Tigers import Rashad Tucker who is a big 6'6 guard that can play all three perimeter positions. Tucker has not played since the 2008 season with the Sendai 89ers in the Japanese League, only managing to score four points in the loss to the Taranaki Mountain Airs. With the addition of Tucker the Pistons will have one of the tallest starting five's in the league. In his last five games Phill Jones has been averaging 22 points a game, which is similar to Pistons Thomas Abercrombie who is averaging a just under 24 points in his last six games. Giants will need to keep the Pistons off the boards, where they lead the league in offensive rebounds 15.8 per game and second effort points at 14.3 points per game.

0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks (8-6) v OceanaGold Nuggets (0-12), 7pm

At Pettigrew Green Arena, Taradale

Last Meeting: Hawks 86-78 (17/05/2008)

Head to Head Wins*: Hawks 4 Nuggets 0

Referees – Andy Thackray, Shane Nikora, Wayne Start

Projected Starting Fives

	Hawks	Nuggets
Point Guard	Josh Pace	Sam To'omata
Shooting Guard	Everard Bartlett	Riki Buckrell
Small Forward	Chris Daniel	Tom Rowe
Power Forward	Dave Langrell	John Barber
Center	Jon Rogers	Tyler Amaya

Leading Scorers (Points per game)

Hawks	Nuggets
Josh Pace (22.3)	Tyler Amaya (20.6)
Everard Bartlett (13.4)	John Barber (11.5)
Chris Daniel (12.6)	Sam To'omata (10.2)

Team Leaders in Other Categories (Per game)

	Hawks	Nuggets
Rebounds	Jon Rogers (6.2)	John Barber (8.0)
Assists	Josh Pace (4.0)	Tyler Amaya (3.2)
Steals	Everard Bartlett (1.6)	John Barber (1.5)
Blocks	Jon Rogers (2.4)	John Barber (1.0)

Notes

The 0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks have put themselves in a good position to make a push for a home semi final after defeating the Harbour Heat in North Shore last week. Out of the teams pushing for a playoff spot, the Hawks have the easiest road home playing the OceanaGold Nuggets twice and Manawatu Jets once in their last four games. The Nuggets have really struggled losing at home to the previously winless Jets by 20 points. Offensively the Nuggets are really struggling this season scoring under 70 points six times this season, last in the league in points per game at 70. Hawks have been the opposite averaging 97 points in the last three games. Hawks import Jon Rogers will be hungry for decent minutes after fouling out in less than nine minutes against the Heat. Thankfully for the Hawks Josh Pace was outstanding scoring 38 points only missing one field goal. The Nuggets who are already eliminated from playoff contention, will have a difficult schedule coming up playing four of their remaining six games on the road. What makes it even tougher for the Nuggets is after they play the Hawks they return home to host the Harbour Heat which will be a tough ask. The Nuggets have not beaten the Hawks since 2003 and have lost 15 of the last 16 games against them.

Zerofees Southland Sharks (6-7) v Harbour Heat (8-5), 7pm

At Southland Stadium, Invercargill

Referees – Melony Wealleans, Hayden Pipe, Bevan Maslin

Head to Head*: Sharks 0 Heat 1

Last Meeting: Heat 96-82 (Round Two: 14/03/2010)

Projected Starting Fives

	Sharks	Heat
Point Guard	Luke Martin	Corey Webster
Shooting Guard	Mike Helms	Kavossy Franklin
Small Forward	Rene Rougeau	Dillon Boucher
Power Forward	Gareth Dawson	Beny Anthony
Center	Martin Iti	Rick Rickert

Leading Scorers (Points per game)

Sharks	Heat
Mike Helms (19.4)	Corey Webster (24.2)
Rene Rougeau (16.7)	Rick Rickert (17.8)
Arthur Trousdell (11.3)	Kavossy Franklin (16.3)

Team Leaders in Other Categories (Per game)

	Sharks	Heat
Rebounds	Rene Rougeau (7.7)	Rick Rickert (9.5)
Assists	Luke Martin (4.0)	Dillon Boucher (5.5)
Steals	Rene Rougeau (3.8)	Corey Webster (3.2)
Blocks	Rene Rougeau (1.2)	Rick Rickert (1.2)

Notes

Southland Sharks got off their two game losing streak to thrash the Manawatu Jets by 30. Defense was the key for the Sharks holding the Jets import Richard Jeter scoreless and the second leading scorer in the league Darryl Hudson to ten points from 1/10 shooting. Rene Rougeau was close to a triple double with 25 points, 10 rebounds and 7 steals. Heat meanwhile have really struggled of late currently on a four game losing streak and losing five of their last six games. Two wins down south can still put them in the hunt for a top two spot though. Two high scoring guards Corey Webster and Mike Helms will face each other for the first time this season. Webster is coming off a 40 point game, which puts him second in the league in scoring. Helms is yet to have a break out game but has still put up solid numbers averaging just under 20 points per game. Bench scoring had been an issue for the Sharks, but Arthur Trousdell scored 14 last week and is averaging 11.3 points per game since joining the Sharks. Sharks will have the luxury a lot of bigs to throw at the Heats second leading scorer and leading rebounder Rick Rickert who has scored twenty or more in four of his last five games. Heat lead the league in points in the paint at 32.8 points, followed by the Sharks who score 28.2 inside.

Saturday, May 29

Exodus Saints (9-4) v Waikato Pistons (12-2), 7pm

At TSB Arena, Wellington

Referees – Tim Brown, Dallas Pickering, Yalla Edwards

Head to Head: Saints 3 Pistons 5

Last Meeting: Pistons 76-63 (06/06/2009)

Projected Starting Five

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

Leading Scorers (Points per game)

Saints	Pistons
Eric Devendorf (25.6)	Thomas Abercrombie (20.6)
Lindsay Tait (14.7)	Hayden Allen (14.9)
Nick Horvath (13.5)	Tony Ronaldson (13.5)

Team Leaders in Other Categories (Per game)

	Saints	Pistons
Rebounds	Casey Frank (7.8)	Alex Pledger (12.7)
Assists	Lindsay Tait (6.4)	Thomas Abercrombie (2.6)
Steals	Eric Devendorf (2.2)	Thomas Abercrombie (1.9)
Blocks	Nick Horvath (0.8)	Alex Pledger (2.2)

Notes

Waikato Pistons play the second game of the traditionally tough Nelson/Wellington double and it will be the first time Coach Pero Cameron faces the team he won four championships with in the 2000's. The rivalry between the two sides has been strong in the last ten years meeting each other in the finals three times since 2001. This year will be no different after the Pistons dropped their leading scorer Eric Devendorf who has gone on to flourish winning his first five games since joining the Exodus Saints. Last week though Devendorf injured his right ankle in the second quarter against the Giants in the loss. It is unlikely he will play in Round 13 which could severely damage the Saints hopes of hosting a home semi final. After a shock loss to the Taranaki Mountain Airs, the Waikato Pistons will be looking to win both their road games which will be likely to clench a home semi. Saints will need to find other ways to score without their leading scorer Devendorf, scoring a season low 65 points in the Giants loss.

OceanaGold Nuggets (0-12) v Harbour Heat (8-5), 7pm

At Edgar Centre, Dunedin

Referees –Melony Wealleans, Hayden Pipe, Matt Bathurst

Head to Head Wins*: Nuggets 0 Heat 4

Last Meeting: Heat 99-82 (Round One: 06/03/2010)

Projected Starting Five

	Nuggets	Heat
Point Guard	Sam To'omata	Corey Webster
Shooting Guard	Riki Buckrell	Kavossy Franklin
Small Forward	Tom Rowe	Dillon Boucher
Power Forward	Tyler Amaya	Beny Anthony
Center	John Barber	Rick Rickert

Leading Scorers (Points per game)

Nuggets	Heat
Tyler Amaya (20.6)	Corey Webster (24.2)
John Barber (11.5)	Rick Rickert (17.8)
Sam To'omata (10.2)	Kavossy Franklin (16.3)

Team Leaders in Other Categories (Per game)

	Nuggets	Heat
Rebounds	John Barber (8.0)	Rick Rickert (9.5)
Assists	Tyler Amaya (3.2)	Dillon Boucher (5.5)
Steals	John Barber (1.5)	Corey Webster (3.2)
Blocks	John Barber (1.0)	Rick Rickert (1.2)

Notes

Harbour Heat has beaten the Nuggets in all four of their last meetings, but in the past both teams have split their meetings from 2003-06. But again for the Nuggets it will be a David against Goliath matchup, in particular the back court of Corey Webster and Kavossy Franklin who average a combined 40 points per game compared to the young back court of Sam To'omata and Riki Buckrell who average only a combined 15 points per game. Nuggets will need better production from their import John Barber who has struggled in his last two games averaging less than ten points per game. Same can be said of Tyler Amaya who is averaging 11 points in the last two games shooting a combined 7/27 from the field and 2/16 from beyond the arc. The last time the two teams met was back in the opening round when the Heat won 89-72. Corey Webster scored 34 points in the win, while the Nuggets Antoine Tisby who left the team because of injury had 32 points and 19 rebounds.

Sunday, May 30

Taranaki Mountain Airs (4-7) v Exodus Saints (9-4), 2.30pm

At TSB Stadium, New Plymouth

Referees – Gavin Whiu, Gareth Tehan, Kieran Udy

Head to Head Wins*: Airs 2 Saints 4

Last Meeting: Saints 98-71 (Round Six: 09/04/2010)

Projected Starting Five

	Airs	Saints
Point Guard	Tyrone Davey	Lindsay Tait
Shooting Guard	Jack Leasure	Troy McLean
Small Forward	Aaron Bailey-Nowell	Leon Henry
Power Forward	Jeremiah Trueman	Casey Frank
Center	Demarshay Johnson	Nick Horvath

Leading Scorers (Points per game)

Airs	Saints
Jack Leasure (21.3)	Eric Devendorf (25.6)
Demarshay Johnson (14.9)	Lindsay Tait (14.7)
Aaron Bailey-Nowell (13.3)	Nick Horvath (13.5)

Team Leaders in Other Categories (Per game)

	Airs	Saints
Rebounds	Aaron Bailey-Nowell (7.5)	Casey Frank (7.8)
Assists	Tyrone Davey (2.9)	Lindsay Tait (6.4)
Steals	Jack Leasure (2.0)	Eric Devendorf (2.2)
Blocks	Demarshay Johnson (1.0)	Nick Horvath (0.8)

Notes

If all goes well for the Taranaki Mountain Airs they can return to .500 if they win both of their games. If they lose both games their playoff aspirations will severely take a hit, most probably needing to win the rest of their games to have a chance. Airs played well in three quarters when they played the Saints, but the Saints won the fourth by twenty which led to the 27 point loss. In that loss the Airs were without Jeremiah Trueman who had 18 points and 8 rebounds in the win against the Pistons. Saints will want better production from their import Erron Maxey who struggled in the loss against the Giants shooting 2/9 for only four points. Maxey won Round Six Player of the Week honors for his 23 points and 13 rebounds against the Mountain Airs. Airs Jack Leasure is averaging 21.3 points this season, but was held to only 10 points against the Saints. But if there was an opportunity to beat the Saints it would be now, without their leading scorer Eric Devendorf who was averaging over thirty points for the Saints before the Nelson Giants loss. Airs big frontcourt of Aaron Bailey-Nowell, Demarshay Johnson and Trueman bring a physical presence to the Airs lineup and it should be a physical encounter against the likes of Casey Frank and Nick Horvath.

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

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PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Round 12

Rene Rougeau (Zerofees Southland Sharks)

25 points (8/13 FG, 2/3 3pt, 7/9 FT), 10 rebounds, 7 steals in the 89-59 win over the McDonalds Manawatu Jets.

Sharks swingman Rene Rougeau wins his second POW for his near triple double against the Jets. Rougeau won his first POW back in Round Seven when he had 24 points and 13 rebounds in the win over the Nuggets. Rougeau leads the league in steals at 3.8 and has got seven steals two times this year. The double double Rougeau got against the Jets is his fourth of the season.

One player who is extremely unlucky not to win POW honors is Josh Pace who had 38 points, 6 assists and 6 rebounds in the 102-97 win over the Harbour Heat. Pace enters the top 10 overall rankings for the first time this season and is averaging 34 points in his last two games.

Pace's team mate Chris Daniel had 22 points shooting 5/6 points from the three point line.

In that loss to the Hawks, Corey Webster had a season high 40 points which puts him second in the league in scoring at 24.2 points per game. Webster is also second in steals at 3.2 per game.

Other strong performances in Round 12 were from Jets imports Darryl Hudson who had 20 points, 7 rebounds and 7 assists and Richard Jeter who had 34 points in their first win over the Nuggets.

Cougars Jeremy Kench kept his teams playoff hopes alive with 22 points and 10 rebounds in the win over the Fico Finance Nelson Giants.

Giants Phill Jones stepped up big against the Exodus Saints scoring 24 points in the road win.

PLAYER POWER RANKINGS

1. **Thomas Abercrombie (Waikato Pistons)**
2. **Eric Devendorf (Exodus Saints)**
3. **Rene Rougeau (Zerofees Southland Sharks)**
4. **Alex Pledger (Waikato Pistons)**
5. **Corey Webster (Harbour Heat)**
6. **Darryl Hudson (McDonalds Manawatu Jets)**
7. **Rick Rickert (Harbour Heat)**
8. **Josh Pace (0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks)**
9. **Phil Jones (Fico Finance Giants)**
10. **Jeremy Kench (Christchurch Cougars)**

The Next 10 . . .

Mika Vukona (Giants), Dillon Boucher (Heat), Mike Helms (Sharks), Lindsay Tait (Saints), Michael Harrison (Giants), Jack Leasure (Airs), Tyler Amaya (Nuggets), Tim Behrendorff (Cougars), Aaron Bailey-Nowell (Airs), Paora Winitana (Cougars)

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Note: *Denotes Team Records since 2000

STAT LEADERS

Points (Min 100 points)

Eric Devendorf (Pistons)	25.6
Corey Webster (Heat)	24.2
Darryl Hudson (Jets)	23.1

Rebounds (Min 50 Reb)

Alex Pledger (Pistons)	12.7
Mika Vukona (Giants)	10.1
Rick Rickert (Heat)	9.5

Assists

Lindsay Tait (Saints)	6.4
Dillon Boucher (Heat)	5.5
Two Tied	4.3

Steals

Rene Rougeau (Sharks)	3.8
Corey Webster (Heat)	3.2
Mike Helms (Sharks)	2.8

Blocks

Jon Rogers (Hawks)	2.4
Alex Pledger (Pistons)	2.3
Two Tied	1.9

FG % (Min 30 Attempts)

Jeremiah Trueman (Airs)	59.7
Nick Horvath (Saints)	59.6
Dillon Boucher (Heat)	58.9

3pt % (Min 15 Attempts)

Eric Devendorf (Saints)	59.6
Dave Langrell (Hawks)	51.2
Trent Wurtz (Cougars)	48.1

FT % (Min 10 Attempts)

Mike Helms (Sharks)	87.5
Phill Jones (Giants)	87.2
Kavossy Franklin (Heat)	86.9

NBL Trivia of the Week

Name the two teams who have the longest active streak in playoff appearances?

Answer: Nelson Giants & Bay Hawks

Both teams have made the playoffs in every year since 2004. In that span the Giants has finished runners up twice and won a championship in 2007, Hawks have also finished runners up twice and won a championship in 2006.

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