



2010 Bartercard

**NBL**

Round 6 (April 8-10)

McDonalds Manawatu Jets v Waikato Pistons

0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks v Waikato Pistons

Zerofees Southland Sharks v Fico Finance Nelson Giants

Exodus Saints v Taranaki Mountain Airs

OceanaGold Nuggets v Fico Finance Nelson Giants

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# STANDINGS

| Team                       | P | W | L | Win % | GB  | Pts |
|----------------------------|---|---|---|-------|-----|-----|
| Waikato Pistons            | 5 | 5 | 0 | 100.0 | 0   | 10  |
| Harbour Heat               | 5 | 5 | 0 | 100.0 | 0   | 10  |
| Taranaki Mountainairs      | 6 | 4 | 2 | 66.7  | 1.5 | 8   |
| Fico Finance Nelson Giants | 5 | 3 | 2 | 60.0  | 2   | 6   |
| 0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks    | 6 | 3 | 3 | 50.0  | 2.5 | 6   |
| Wellington Saints          | 6 | 3 | 3 | 50.0  | 2.5 | 6   |
| Zerofees Southland Sharks  | 7 | 3 | 4 | 42.9  | 3   | 6   |
| Christchurch Cougars       | 8 | 3 | 5 | 37.5  | 3.5 | 6   |
| McDonalds Manawatu Jets    | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0.0   | 4.5 | 0   |
| Oceanagold Otago Nuggets   | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0.0   | 5.5 | 0   |

Win % - Win Percentage, GB – Games Back

## LAST WEEK

### Bartercard NBL - Round Five

#### Thursday, April 1

*At North Shore Events Centre, North Shore*

**Harbour Heat 83** (Beny Anthony 16, Corey Webster 16, Rick Rickert 15, Kavossy Franklin 15)

**Fico Finance Nelson Giants 79** (Phill Jones 25, Mika Vukona 19, Michael Harrison 16) Final

[Heat v Giants Boxscore](#) (24 KB html)

*At Pettigrew Green Arena, Taradale*

**0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks 92** (George Golden 17, Everard Bartlett 14, Chris Daniel 13 )

**Exodus Saints 72** (Erron Maxey 23, Darryl Hudson 14, Lindsay Tait 12) Final

[Bay Hawks v Saints Boxscore](#) (24 KB html)

*At Cowles Stadium, Christchurch*

**Christchurch Cougars 85** (Paora Winitana 17, Jeremy Kench 15, Adrian Taylor 15)

**McDonalds Manawatu Jets 68** (Richard Jeter 29, Kaine Hokianga 13) Final

[Cougars v Jets Boxscore](#) (24 KB html)

*At Southland Stadium, Invercargill*

**Zerofees Southland Sharks 81** (Mike Rose 24, Martin Iti 20, Rene Rougeau 12)

**Taranaki Mountain Airs 82** (Jack Leasure 30, Demarshay 15, Jeremiah Trueman 11) Final

[Sharks v Airs Boxscore](#) (24 KB html)

### Saturday, April 3

*At Southland Stadium, Invercargill*

**Zerofees Southland Sharks 85** (Mike Rose 24, Rene Rougeau 22, Gareth Dawson 12)

**Christchurch Cougars 79** (Paora Winitana 26, Tim Behrendorff 23, Jeremy Kench 14) Final

[Sharks v Cougars Boxscore](#) (24 KB html)

*At Timaru*

**OceanaGold Nuggets 61** (Antoine Tisby 23, Tyler Amaya 12)

**Taranaki Mountain Airs 82** (Aaron Bailey-Nowell 24, Jack Leasure 17, Tim Cleaver 14) Final

[Nuggets v Airs Boxscore](#) (24 KB html)

### Sunday, April 4

*At Rotorua*

**Waikato Pistons 82** (Thomas Abercrombie 22, Hayden Allen 15, Eric Devendorf 13, Gerard 13)

**0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks 79** (Chris Daniel 20, Everard Bartlett 15, Nat Connell 15) Final OT

[Pistons v Hawks Boxscore](#) (24 KB html)

## NBL Trivia of the Week

Which NBL Player brought up his 3000<sup>th</sup> point in this year's NBL season?

(Answer at the end of Media Guide)



# THIS WEEK

## 2010 NBL Round Six

Thursday, April 8



## McDonalds Manawatu Jets (0-4) v Waikato Pistons (5-0), 6pm

At Arena Manawatu, Palmerston North

Referees – Melony Wealleans, Sean Cronin, Yalla Edwards

Head to Head\*: Jets 0 Pistons 6

Last Meeting: Pistons 104-67 (10<sup>th</sup> May 2009)

### Projected Starting Fives

|                       | Jets           | Pistons            |
|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| <b>Point Guard</b>    | Paul Bristol   | Eric Devendorf     |
| <b>Shooting Guard</b> | Kaine Hokianga | Gerard Bowden      |
| <b>Small Forward</b>  | Matt Te Huna   | Hayden Allen       |
| <b>Power Forward</b>  | Richard Jeter  | Thomas Abercrombie |
| <b>Center</b>         | Chris Reay     | Alex Pledger       |

### Leading Scorers (Points per game)

| Jets                  | Pistons                   |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Richard Jeter (24.8)  | Eric Devendorf (27.4)     |
| Kaine Hokianga (12.5) | Thomas Abercrombie (21.4) |
| Matt Te Huna (8.3)    | Hayden Allen (11.6)       |

### Team Leaders in Other Categories (Per game)

|                 | Jets                | Pistons                  |
|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Rebounds</b> | Paul Bristol (4.5)  | Alex Pledger (14.2)      |
| <b>Assists</b>  | Matt Te Huna (3.0)  | Eric Devendorf (4.4)     |
| <b>Steals</b>   | Matt Te Huna (3.3)  | Eric Devendorf (2.4)     |
| <b>Blocks</b>   | Adrian Torrie (0.7) | Thomas Abercrombie (2.2) |

### Notes

If there was an opportunity for the Jets to beat the Pistons it would be now with the Pistons without Tony Ronaldson who will be away in Australia this week and also injuries to Mike Homik and Puke Lendon. History has not been favorable for the Jets losing to the Pistons nine of the last ten games (Last time Jets beat the Pistons was in 2006). Pistons will have former Wollongong Hawks big David Gruber who should help on the inside, but it is uncertain how many minutes he will be playing. Jets had a strong first quarter against the Cougars last week winning it 30-21, but a horror second quarter was what let the Jets down only managing to score four points losing the quarter by 23. In the four games this year the Jets have lost by an average margin of 31 points, whereas the Pistons have won all there five games by a margin of nearly 21 points. The one bright spot for the Jets team this season is their bench which is averaging 21.3 points a game compared to the Pistons who are only averaging 11 points. The Jets will need to shoot at least in the high forties to early fifties from the field if they have a chance of victory, currently shooting 38%.

**Friday, April 9**

**0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks (3-3) v Waikato Pistons (5-0),  
7pm**

*At Pettigrew Green Arena, Taradale*

*Referees – Gavin Whiu, Shane Nikora, Wayne Start*

Head to Head\*: Hawks 2 Pistons 4

Last Meeting: Pistons 77-73 (16<sup>th</sup> May 2009)

**Projected Starting Five**

|                       | <b>Hawks</b>     | <b>Pistons</b>     |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Point Guard</b>    | Jarrold Kenny    | Eric Devendorf     |
| <b>Shooting Guard</b> | Everard Bartlett | Gerard Bowden      |
| <b>Small Forward</b>  | Chris Daniel     | Hayden Allen       |
| <b>Power Forward</b>  | Dave Langrell    | Thomas Abercrombie |
| <b>Center</b>         | Jamil Terrell    | Alex Pledger       |

**Leading Scorers (Points per game)**

| <b>Hawks</b>            | <b>Pistons</b>            |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Everard Bartlett (15.0) | Eric Devendorf (27.4)     |
| Nat Connell (14.2)      | Thomas Abercrombie (21.4) |
| Chris Daniel (14.0)     | Hayden Allen (11.6)       |

**Team Leaders in Other Categories (Per game)**

|                 | <b>Hawks</b>           | <b>Pistons</b>           |
|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Rebounds</b> | Jamil Terrell (11.2)   | Alex Pledger (14.2)      |
| <b>Assists</b>  | Everard Bartlett (3.7) | Eric Devendorf (4.4)     |
| <b>Steals</b>   | Everard Bartlett (2.2) | Eric Devendorf (2.4)     |
| <b>Blocks</b>   | Jamil Terrell (1.7)    | Thomas Abercrombie (2.2) |

**Notes**

The two teams met last week and it was the Pistons toughest test yet winning in overtime 82-79. Hawks did a brilliant job on league leading scorer Eric Devendorf who fouled out in 22 minutes with a season low 13 points. Hawks were without star import Josh Pace who should be back from the US to play his first game in the NBL since 2007. Both Pace and Devendorf played their collegiate career at Syracuse University, so this match up will be one to watch out for. In that same game Alex Pledger also fouled out playing only 20 minutes, but he will not afford to foul out this week with no Tony Ronaldson and Mike Homik. Hawks proved they are extremely tough at home upsetting the Exodus Saints last week 92-72. Hawks welcomed back point guard Jarrold Kenny who played limited minutes with an ongoing back injury. Hawks will nearly have their full squad on hand for this game apart from point guard Paul Henare. Pistons have won their last four meeting against the Hawks and are currently on a 12 game winning streak (Last loss was on 25/05/2009 against the Saints).

# Zerofees Southland Sharks (3-4) v Fico Finance Nelson Giants (4-2), 7pm

At Southland Stadium, Invercargill

Referees – Andy Thackray, Bevan Maslin, James Campion

## Projected Starting Fives

|                       | <b>Sharks</b>    | <b>Giants</b>    |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Point Guard</b>    | Luke Martin      | Michael Fitchett |
| <b>Shooting Guard</b> | Daniel Munday    | Phill Jones      |
| <b>Small Forward</b>  | Rene Rougeau     | Mika Vukona      |
| <b>Power Forward</b>  | James Paringatai | Michael Harrison |
| <b>Center</b>         | Martin Iti       | Tony Rampton     |

## Leading Scorers (Points per game)

| <b>Sharks</b>           | <b>Giants</b>           |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Rene Rougeau (15.7)     | Phill Jones (25.2)      |
| Luke Martin (10.6)      | Michael Harrison (18.8) |
| James Paringatai (10.0) | Mika Vukona (13.3)      |

## Team Leaders in Other Categories (Per game)

|                 | <b>Sharks</b>      | <b>Giants</b>     |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Rebounds</b> | Rene Rougeau (6.1) | Mika Vukona (7.3) |
| <b>Assists</b>  | Luke Martin (4.4)  | Phill Jones (3.4) |
| <b>Steals</b>   | Rene Rougeau (3.1) | Phill Jones (2.2) |
| <b>Blocks</b>   | Rene Rougeau (1.9) | Mika Vukona (2.3) |

## Notes

It was a mixed weekend for the Sharks in Round Five losing a nail biter against the Airs, but beating the Cougars for their first ever win at home. Friday's game will be very tough for the Sharks who lose their leading scorer Mike Rose who proved to be a very good short term signing for the Sharks averaging nearly 23 points a game. The Sharks have made a coup though signing former college and Australian league star Mike Helms who will bring a lot of scoring for the Sharks. Unfortunately Helms will not be available for this game so the Sharks will be undermanned against a Nelson side that should have their full squad available. Giants Darryl Jones returned last week from a knee injury and was put in the starting lineup after Tony Rampton was a late withdrawal with a migraine. Giants nearly upset the Heat last week thanks to Mika Vukona who had his best game so far in the season with 19 points and 5 blocks.

## Exodus Saints (3-3) v Taranaki Mountain Airs (4-2), 7pm

At TSB Bank Arena, Wellington

Referees – Dallas Pickering, Yalla Edwards, Gareth Tehan

Head to Head\*: Saints 4 Airs 2

Last Meeting: Saints 107-59 (7<sup>th</sup> May 2009)

### Projected Starting Fives

|                       | Saints        | Airs                |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| <b>Point Guard</b>    | Lindsay Tait  | Tyrone Davey        |
| <b>Shooting Guard</b> | Darryl Hudson | Jack Leasure        |
| <b>Small Forward</b>  | Troy McLean   | Alex Wastney        |
| <b>Power Forward</b>  | Leon Henry    | Aaron Bailey-Nowell |
| <b>Center</b>         | Nick Horvath  | Demarshay Johnson   |

### Leading Scorers (Points per game)

| Saints               | Airs                       |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Darryl Hudson (20.7) | Jack Leasure (24.7)        |
| Erron Maxey (17.4)   | Demarshay Johnson (15.3)   |
| Lindsay Tait (13.7)  | Aaron Bailey-Nowell (12.0) |

### Team Leaders in Other Categories (Per game)

|                 | Saints             | Airs                    |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Rebounds</b> | Nick Horvath (8.3) | Demarshay Johnson (8.0) |
| <b>Assists</b>  | Lindsay Tait (5.0) | Tyrone Davey (3.0)      |
| <b>Steals</b>   | Lindsay Tait (2.7) | Jack Leasure (2.2)      |
| <b>Blocks</b>   | Nick Horvath (1.0) | Jeremiah Trueman (1.2)  |

### Notes

The Airs look to win their fifth straight and a third in a row on the road when they play the struggling Exodus Saints who lost by twenty on the road against the Bay Hawks last week. The Airs are one of the top teams when it comes to field goal percentage at 48% holding their opponents to 44%. Saints will be a test for the Airs defensively, currently second in the league in scoring averaging nearly 95 points per game. Last time the two teams met at TSB Arena the Saints romped Taranaki Dynamos by 48 points, but this is a totally new Taranaki outfit. Match up of the game will be of the shooting guards Jack Leasure from the Airs and Saints Darryl Hudson, both of them leading their respective teams in scoring. Saints may be without big man Nick Horvath who suffered an ankle sprain in this week's training so is questionable for the game.

**Saturday, April 10**

## **OceanaGold Nuggets (0-6) v Fico Finance Nelson Giants (3-2), 7pm**

*At Edgar Centre, Dunedin*

*Referees –Andy Thackray, Matt Bathurst, James Champion*

Head to Head: Nuggets 0 Giants 5

Last Meeting: Giants 92-60 (Round Three)

### **Projected Starting Fives**

|                       | <b>Nuggets</b> | <b>Giants</b>    |
|-----------------------|----------------|------------------|
| <b>Point Guard</b>    | Sam To'omata   | Michael Fitchett |
| <b>Shooting Guard</b> | Riki Buckrell  | Phill Jones      |
| <b>Small Forward</b>  | Matt Trueman   | Mika Vukona      |
| <b>Power Forward</b>  | Tyler Amaya    | Michael Harrison |
| <b>Center</b>         | Antoine Tisby  | Tony Rampton     |

### **Leading Scorers (Points per game)**

| <b>Nuggets</b>       | <b>Giants</b>           |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Antoine Tisby (23.5) | Phil Jones (25.2)       |
| Tyler Amaya (20.0)   | Michael Harrison (18.8) |
| Sam To'omata (6.3)   | Mika Vukona (13.3)      |

### **Team Leaders in Other Categories (Per game)**

|                 | <b>Nuggets</b>       | <b>Giants</b>     |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Rebounds</b> | Antoine Tisby (10.3) | Mika Vukona (7.3) |
| <b>Assists</b>  | Tyler Amaya (3.8)    | Phill Jones (3.4) |
| <b>Steals</b>   | Antoine Tisby (1.5)  | Phill Jones (2.2) |
| <b>Blocks</b>   | Antoine Tisby (0.7)  | Mika Vukona (2.3) |

### **Notes**

The OceanaGold Nuggets look to avoid their seventh straight loss when they host the Fico Finance Giants who are playing their fourth road game of the season. The two teams met back in Round Three with the Giants extending their winning streak over the Nuggets to 13 with a comprehensive 92-60 win. In that game the Giants had five players score in double figures whereas the Nuggets managed to have two players score in double figures, the rest of the team combining to score only 16 points making a measly five field goals. Phill Jones is continuing his current form currently second in the league in scoring 25.2 points per game and will surely be a strong candidate for Most Valuable Player this season. Nuggets Antoine Tisby has been the one bright spot for the Nuggets being one of four players in the league to average a double double in points and rebounds at 23.5 points and 10.3 rebounds per game (Note: Rick Rickert, Alex Pledger and Jamil Terrell the three other players to average a double double).

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

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# PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Round Five

**Jeremy Kench (Christchurch Cougars)**

*15 points (4/7 FG, 3/4 3pt, 4/4 FT), 4 rebounds, 8 assists and 7 steals in the 85-68 win over the Manawatu Jets.*

What a difference a week makes for Cougars point guard Jeremy Kench who averaged only 2.5 points in the two previous losses. Kench has bounced back with 15 points and 7 steals against the struggling Jets who are still without a win this season. The Cougars guard is currently second in the league in assists averaging 5.3 per game.

Kench edged Fico Finance Giants Mika Vukona for this week's POW honors. Vukona had a tremendous game against the Harbour Heat with 19 points, 9 rebounds and 5 blocks. His team mate Phill Jones also had a strong game with a double double of 25 points and 11 rebounds. But it would not be enough as the Heat remained unbeaten winning 83-79.

Heat big man Rick Rickert now goes to the top of the overall rankings knocking off Pistons Eric Devendorf for the first time this season. Rickert has been very consistent in the Heat five wins averaging 20 points and 12.4 rebounds per game.

Southland Sharks Mike Rose has been very good in his short term contract with the franchise averaging nearly 23 points per game. Rose guided the Sharks to their second win against the Christchurch Cougars with 24 points and 5 steals in the 85-79 win.

Waikato Pistons Thomas Abercrombie goes to third in the overall rankings behind his team mate Eric Devendorf. Abercrombie had 22 points, 5 rebounds and 5 steals in the overtime victory against the Bay Hawks in Rotorua. The Pistons sophomore is currently in the top 10 in the league in points (8<sup>th</sup>), rebounds (8<sup>th</sup>), blocks (2<sup>nd</sup>) and steals (10<sup>th</sup>).

## PLAYER POWER RANKINGS

1. **Rick Rickert (Harbour Heat)**
2. **Eric Devendorf (Waikato Pistons)**
3. **Thomas Abercrombie (Waikato Pistons)**
4. **Phil Jones (Fico Finance Giants)**
5. **Corey Webster (Harbour Heat)**
6. **Dillon Boucher (Harbour Heat)**
7. **Michael Harrison (Fico Finance Giants)**
8. **Antoine Tisby (OceanaGold Nuggets)**
9. **Mike Rose (Zerofees Southland Sharks)**
10. **Rene Rougeau (Zerofees Southland Sharks)**

*The Next 10 . . .*

*Jack Leasure (Airs), Mika Vukona (Giants), Alex Pledger, Jeremy Kench (Cougars), Jamil Terrell (Hawks), Richard Jeter (Jets), Lindsay Tait (Saints), Erron Maxey (Saints), Everard Bartlett (Hawks), Tyler Amaya (Nuggets)*

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**Note: \*Denotes Team Records since 2000**

## STAT LEADERS

### Points

|                          |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| Eric Devendorf (Pistons) | 27.4 |
| Phill Jones (Giants)     | 25.2 |
| Richard Jeter (Jets)     | 24.8 |

### Rebounds

|                        |      |
|------------------------|------|
| Alex Pledger (Pistons) | 14.2 |
| Rick Rickert (Heat)    | 12.4 |
| Jamil Terrell (Hawks)  | 11.2 |

### Assists

|                        |     |
|------------------------|-----|
| Dillon Boucher (Heat)  | 6.8 |
| Jeremy Kench (Cougars) | 5.3 |
| Lindsay Tait (Saints)  | 5.0 |

### Steals

|                       |     |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Corey Webster (Heat)  | 5.0 |
| Matt Te Huna (Jets)   | 3.2 |
| Rene Rougeau (Sharks) | 3.1 |

### Blocks

|                              |     |
|------------------------------|-----|
| Mika Vukona (Giants)         | 2.3 |
| Thomas Abercrombie (Pistons) | 2.2 |
| Rene Rougeau (Sharks)        | 1.9 |

### FG % (Min 10 Attempts)

|                           |      |
|---------------------------|------|
| Dillon Boucher (Heat)     | 66.6 |
| Tim Behrendorff (Cougars) | 65.6 |
| Rick Rickert (Heat)       | 64.6 |

### 3pt % (Min 10 Attempts)

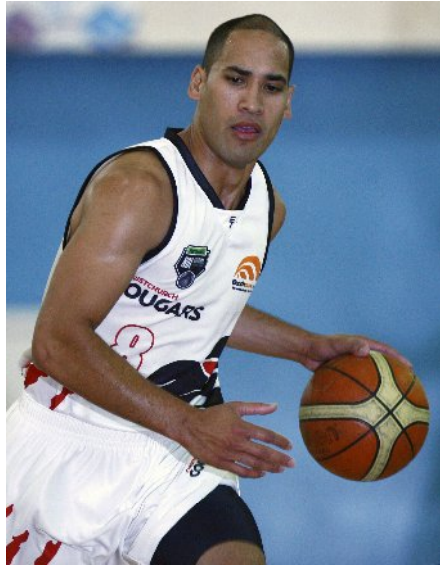
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|--------------------------|------|
| Eric Devendorf (Pistons) | 68.4 |
| Dave Langrell (Hawks)    | 61.5 |
| Kavossy Franklin (Heat)  | 60.0 |

### FT % (Min 10 Attempts)

|                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| Hayden Allen (Pistons)  | 92.3 |
| Gerard Bowden (Pistons) | 91.6 |
| Corey Webster (Heat)    | 88.2 |

## NBL Trivia of the Week

Which NBL Player brought up his 3000<sup>th</sup> point in this year's NBL season?



**Answer: Paora Winitana (Christchurch Cougars) brought up his 3000<sup>th</sup> NBL point against the Southland Sharks in Round Three (March 26<sup>th</sup> 2010)**

Paora Winitana has been a consummate professional throughout his career playing his 13<sup>th</sup> season in National League, beginning his career 1996 with the North Harbour Vikings. Originally from Hawkes Bay, Winitana finally played for his home town in 2001, eventually winning a championship with them in 2006. In 2009 he joined the new Christchurch Cougars franchise leading them to the semi finals in their first season. Currently in his second season with the Cougars Winitana is averaging 20 points in the first eight games. Winitana has played 216 career games with an average of 14.1 points per game.