



2010 Bartercard NBL

Round 14 (June 3-7)

Harbour Heat v Christchurch Cougars
McDonalds Manawatu Jets v OceanaGold Nuggets
Exodus Saints v OceanaGold Nuggets
Fico Finance Nelson Giants v McDonalds Manawatu Jets
McDonalds Manawatu Jets v Taranaki Mountain Airs

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STANDINGS

Team	P	W	L	Win %	GB	Pts
x-Waikato Pistons	16	12	4	75.0	0	24
x-Fico Finance Nelson Giants	15	11	4	73.3	0.5	22
x-Exodus Saints	15	11	4	73.3	0.5	22
Harbour Heat	15	9	6	60.0	2.5	18
0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks	15	9	6	60.0	2.5	18
Zerokees Southland Sharks	14	7	7	50.0	5	14
Christchurch Cougars	16	7	9	43.8	4	14
Taranaki Mountainairs	14	6	8	42.9	5	12
e-McDonalds Manawatu Jets	12	1	11	8.3	9	2
e-OceanaGold Nuggets	14	0	14	0.0	11	0

Win % - Win Percentage, GB – Games Back

&- clinched regular season

z- home semifinal

y- home quarterfinal

x- clinched playoff berth

e- eliminated

LAST WEEK

Bartercard NBL - Round 13

Friday, May 28

At TSB Stadium, New Plymouth

Taranaki Mountain Airs 108 (Jack Leasure 32, Demarshay Johnson 21, Aaron Bailey-Nowell 17)

McDonalds Manawatu Jets 78 (Darryl Hudson 26, Richard Jeter 17, Chris Reay 14)

At Trafalgar Centre, Nelson

Fico Finance Nelson Giants 76 (Mika Vukona 21, Phill Jones 15, Darryl Jones 15)

Waikato Pistons 71 (Thomas Abercrombie 24, Hayden Allen 20, Alex Pledger 11)

Pettigrew Green Arena, Taradale

0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks 102 (Jon Rogers 26, Chris Daniels 24, Everard Bartlet 18)

OceanaGold Nuggets 67 (Tyler Amaya 24, John Barber 17, Sam Toomata 12)

At Southland Stadium, Invercargill

Zerokees Southland Sharks 88 (Mike Helms 30, Arthur Trousdell 17)

Harbour Heat 79 (Anthony 16, Rick Rickert 14)

Saturday, May 29

At TSB Arena, Wellington

Exodus Saints 103 (Troy McLean 27, Lindsay Tait 19, Leon Henry 14)

Waikato Pistons 84 (Thomas Abercrombie 21, Tony Ronaldson 14, Hayden Allen 14)

At Edgar Centre, Christchurch

OceanaGold Nuggets 84 (Tyler Amaya 23, John Barber 20, Sam To'omata 14)

Harbour Heat 106 (Beny Anthony 25, Kavossy Franklin 24, Corey Webster 21)

Sunday, May 30

At TSB Stadium, Christchurch

Taranaki Mountain Airs 73 (Jeremiah Trueman 21, Jack Leasure 18)

Exodus Saints 84 (Lindsay Tait 25, Casey Frank 22, Leon Henry 15)

NBL Trivia of the Week

Name the Kiwi guard who brought up his 200th game in this season's NBL on Round 12.

(Answer at the end of Media Guide)

THIS WEEK

2010 NBL Round 14

Thursday, June 3

McDonalds Manawatu Jets (1-11) v OceanaGold Nuggets (0-14) 6pm



At Arena Manawatu, Palmerston North
Referees – Andy Thackray, Shane Nikora, Wayne Start
Head to Head Wins*: Jets 2 Nuggets 3
Last Meeting: Jets 89-68 (Round 12: 22/05/2010)

Projected Starting Five

	Jets	Nuggets
Point Guard	Darryl Hudson	Sam To'omata
Shooting Guard	Logan Funnell	Riki Buckrell
Small Forward	Kaine Hokianga	Tom Rowe
Power Forward	Matt Te Huna	John Barber
Center	Chris Reay	Tyler Amaya

Leading Scorers (Points per game)

Jets	Nuggets
Darryl Hudson (23.3)	Tyler Amaya (21.0)
Richard Jeter (19.1)	John Barber (13.8)
Chris Reay (10.7)	Sam To'omata (10.6)

Team Leaders in Other Categories (Per game)

	Jets	Nuggets
Rebounds	Chris Reay (7.2)	John Barber (7.7)
Assists	Darryl Hudson (3.1)	Tyler Amaya (3.5)
Steals	Matt Te Huna (2.3)	John Barber (1.3)
Blocks	Chris Reay (0.6)	John Barber (0.8)

Notes

OceanaGold Nuggets had a tough trip in Round 13 having to travel to Napier to play the Bay Hawks and travel back home to play the Harbour Heat the next night. This week won't be much easier for the Nuggets as they play the McDonalds Manawatu Jets on Thursday and then the Exodus Saints on Friday. For the Jets their schedule is hectic playing three games in the next five days. Both teams are eliminated from playoff contention, but will want to finish the season on a high note. Nuggets in particular will not want to go through a season without a win which has been only done twice before in the NBL. Both teams have been starting with smallish lineups, in particular the Jets who have started four guards all under six foot four. Coach Ryan Weisenberg using import Richard Jeter off the bench to bring in some instant offense. It worked in the win against the Nuggets in Round 12 when Jeter scored a season high 34. Nuggets are really struggling to put points on the board only averaging 70 points a game which is 10 points below the second worst team the Christchurch Cougars. Nuggets imports Tyler Amaya and John Barber were both held to 11 points each in the loss against the Jets.

Harbour Heat (9-6) v Christchurch Cougars (7-9), 7pm

At AUT, North Shore

Referees – Dallas Pickering, Kelly McLeod, Cherryl Crabbe

Head to Head Wins*: Heat 0 Cougars 4

Last Meeting: Cougars 91-82 (Round Nine: 30/04/2010)

Projected Starting Five

	Heat	Cougars
Point Guard	Corey Webster	Jeremy Kench
Shooting Guard	Kavossy Franklin	Paora Winitana
Small Forward	Dillon Boucher	Mark Morrison
Power Forward	Beny Anthony	Trent Wurtz
Center	Rick Rickert	Tim Behrendorff

Leading Scorers (Points per game)

Heat	Cougars
Corey Webster (23.5)	Paora Winitana (19.9)
Rick Rickert (17.6)	Jeremy Kench (15.9)
Kavossy Franklin (16.7)	Tim Behrendorff (15.9)

Team Leaders in Other Categories (Per game)

	Heat	Cougars
Rebounds	Rick Rickert (9.3)	Tim Behrendorff (6.4)
Assists	Dillon Boucher (5.2)	Jeremy Kench (4.3)
Steals	Corey Webster (3.0)	Jeremy Kench (2.3)
Blocks	Rick Rickert (1.1)	Tim Behrendorff (1.0)

Notes

Harbour Heat has finally got off their five game losing streak, but the win was against the winless Nuggets. Heat has never beaten the Cougars franchise in four attempts, including Round Nine when the Heat lost in Christchurch 91-82. In that game Beny Anthony fouled out in 12 minutes, while his opposition Trent Wurtz scored 30 points shooting 4/5 beyond the arc. If the Heat want to make a run at the championship then they need to improve defensively where they give up 90 points a game. It is the opposite for the Cougars who are second to last in points scored at 80.1 per game. If the Cougars lose one more game and the Sharks win in Round 15 then they will be eliminated from making the playoffs. Therefore Cougars need to finish the season with nine wins to better their chances. Harbour is currently placed fourth, but if they can win remainder of their games then they have a chance of hosting a home quarterfinal. Other Results will have to go their way if they wish to make the top two.

Friday, June 4

Exodus Saints (11-4) v OceanaGold Nuggets (0-14), 7pm

At TSB Arena, Wellington

Referees – Tim Brown, Hayden Pipe, James Campion

Head to Head Wins*: Saints 5 Nuggets 0

Last Meeting: Saints 94-80 (Round 10: 07/05/2010)

Projected Starting Five

	Saints	Nuggets
Point Guard	Lindsay Tait	Sam To'omata
Shooting Guard	Troy McLean	Riki Buckrell
Small Forward	Leon Henry	Tom Rowe
Power Forward	Casey Frank	John Barber
Center	Nick Horvath	Tyler Amaya

Leading Scorers (Points per game)

Saints	Nuggets
Eric Devendorf (25.6)	Tyler Amaya (21.0)
Lindsay Tait (15.9)	John Barber (13.8)
Two Tied (12.9)	Sam To'omata (10.6)

Team Leaders in Other Categories (Per game)

	Saints	Nuggets
Rebounds	Casey Frank (8.1)	John Barber (7.7)
Assists	Lindsay Tait (6.8)	Tyler Amaya (3.5)
Steals	Eric Devendorf (2.2)	John Barber (1.3)
Blocks	Nick Horvath (0.9)	John Barber (0.8)

Notes

Exodus Saints had a tough schedule in Round 13 having to play on Saturday night in Wellington then on Sunday afternoon in New Plymouth. But winning both games means they have put themselves in a good position to earn a home semifinal. For the Nuggets their playoff hopes have ended, but they can still effect where teams are placed which could make them dangerous if teams take them too lightly. Saints nearly found this out first hand when they played them in Dunedin in Round 10. Nuggets had a huge third quarter taking a lead heading into the fourth. Saints did regain their composure to win, but will want to put the pressure on the Nuggets in the early stages. Nuggets have not defeated the Saints since 2006 and have only beaten them 3 out of 19 attempts since 2000. John Barber and Tyler Amaya combined for 55 points in the loss against the Saints. Amaya had a season high 31, while Barber also had a season high in points (24) and rebounds (12). But if they want to keep up with the Saints they will need more offense from their local players, whom the only player to average double figures this year for the Nuggets is Sam To'omata (10.6). Saints has six players that average over double figures in points per game and nearly seven with Leon Henry who is averaging 9.6 a game.

Saturday, June 5

Fico Finance Nelson Giants (11-4) v McDonalds Manawatu Jets (1-11), 7pm

At Trafalgar Centre, Nelson

Referees – Raewyn Willocks, Yalla Edwards, Brendan Hodgson

Head to Head: Giants 5 Jets 2

Last Meeting: Giants 106-86 (Round 10: 06/05/2010)

Projected Starting Five

	Giants	Jets
Point Guard	Mike Fitchett	Darryl Hudson
Shooting Guard	Phill Jones	Logan Funnell
Small Forward	Mika Vukona	Kaine Hokianga
Power Forward	Michael Harrison	Matt Te Huna
Center	Tony Rampton	Chris Reay

Leading Scorers (Points per game)

Giants	Jets
Phill Jones (20.4)	Darryl Hudson (23.3)
Michael Harrison (14.6)	Richard Jeter (19.1)
Mika Vukona (12.2)	Chris Reay (10.7)

Team Leaders in Other Categories (Per game)

	Giants	Jets
Rebounds	Mika Vukona (9.9)	Chris Reay (7.2)
Assists	Phill Jones (4.2)	Darryl Hudson (3.1)
Steals	Phil Jones (1.8)	Matt Te Huna (2.3)
Blocks	Michael Harrison (1.8)	Chris Reay (0.6)

Notes

Fico Finance Nelson Giants has beaten the Pistons and the Saints in the last two weeks, which should give them a lot of confidence heading into the playoffs. Giants play the remainder of their games at home, so more than likely will host a home semifinal which will be very important to them considering they have not lost there in 2010. Over the past five years the Giants have dominated the Jets beating them 9 of the last 11 games played. But in 2008 the Jets did defeat the Giants at Trafalgar Centre 80-75. The two teams met in Round 10, Giants cruising to a twenty point win. Phill Jones scored 34 points only missing four field goals, while Mika Vukona grabbed 18 rebounds and 7 assists. Hopefully for the Jets they will be heading into the game with a win against the Nuggets on Thursday. Both teams are even in points scored per game, Giants at 81 and Jets at 82. But the difference between the two teams is the points allowed where the Giants allow a league low 74 points compared to the Jets who allow a league high 100 points per game.

Monday, June 7

McDonalds Manawatu Jets (1-11) v Taranaki Mountain Airs (6-8), 7pm

At Arena Manawatu, Palmerston North

Referees – Melony Wealleans, Sean Cronin, Yalla Edwards

Head to Head Wins*: Jets 4 Airs 3

Last Meeting: Airs 108-78 (Round 13: 28/05/2010)

Projected Starting Five

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

Leading Scorers (Points per game)

Jets	Airs
Darryl Hudson (23.3)	Jack Leasure (21.8)
Richard Jeter (19.1)	Demarshay Johnson (14.9)
Chris Reay (10.7)	Aaron Bailey-Nowell (13.3)

Team Leaders in Other Categories (Per game)

	Jets	Airs
Rebounds	Chris Reay (7.2)	Aaron Bailey-Nowell (7.8)
Assists	Darryl Hudson (3.1)	Tyrone Davey (3.1)
Steals	Matt Te Huna (2.3)	Jack Leasure (2.1)
Blocks	Chris Reay (0.6)	Demarshay Johnson (1.0)

Notes

Jets and Airs meet each other for the second time in eleven days. Airs will want to take advantage of the fact that the Jets will be playing their third game in five days. In their last match up the Jets will want to forget their second half in which they lost by 26 points. Rebounding was a struggle for the Jets who were outrebounded 57-29. Jets need to do a better job defensively on shooting guard Jack Leasure who scored 32 points scoring 24 of them beyond the arc. Airs are currently with six wins so will need this win to keep in the hunt for a top six position. Jeremiah Trueman has been a standout of late averaging over double figures in points and rebounds in his last three games.

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

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PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Round 13

Lindsay Tait (Exodus Saints)

19 points (5/8 FG, 1/1 3pt, 8/10 FT), 5 rebounds, 15 assists in the 103-84 win over the Waikato Pistons.

Exodus Saints point guard Lindsay Tait earns his first player of the week of 2010 for his league high 15 assists in the win against the Pistons. Tait also added 19 points to his tally and backed it up with 25 points in the 84-73 win over the Taranaki Mountain Ais.

The Tall Black leads the league in assists at nearly seven a game and has entered the top ten overall player rankings this season.

Airs forward Jeremiah Trueman continued his form with 21 points and 15 rebounds against the Saints, while his team mate Jack Leasure had a big game in the Airs 30 point romp over the McDonalds Manawatu Jets with 32 points and four steals.

Trueman was evenly matched against Casey Frank who had his best game of the season with 22 points and 14 rebounds.

Another big that impressed was Bay Hawks import Jon Rogers who was unstoppable against the OceanaGold Nuggets collecting 26 points, 12 rebounds and 3 blocks in the 102-67 win.

Nuggets did get good production from import Tyler Amaya who played out of his skin in the loss against the Heat going for 23 points, 11 rebounds, 7 assists and 4 steals.

The Heat had too much firepower though led by Kavossy Franklin who had 24 points and 7 rebounds in the 106-84 win.

Zerofees Southland Sharks import Mike Helms had a season high 30 points in the 88-79 win over the Heat, which keeps the Sharks in the top six.

PLAYER POWER RANKINGS

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

The Next 10 . . .

Corey Webster (Heat), Mike Helms (Sharks), Phill Jones (Giants), Dillon Boucher (Heat), Tyler Amaya (Nuggets), Jack Leasure (Airs), Michael Harrison (Giants), Jon Rogers (Hawks), Tim Behrendorff (Cougars), Aaron Bailey-Nowell (Airs)

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Note: *Denotes Team Records since 2000

STAT LEADERS

Points (Min 100 points)

Eric Devendorf (Pistons)	25.6
Corey Webster (Heat)	23.5
Darryl Hudson (Jets)	23.3

Rebounds (Min 50 Reb)

Alex Pledger (Pistons)	12.4
Mika Vukona (Giants)	9.8
Rick Rickert (Heat)	9.3

Assists

Lindsay Tait (Saints)	6.8
Dillon Boucher (Heat)	5.2
Josh Pace (Hawks)	4.4

Steals

Rene Rougeau (Sharks)	3.8
Corey Webster (Heat)	3.0
Mike Helms (Sharks)	2.7

Blocks

Jon Rogers (Hawks)	2.5
Alex Pledger (Pistons)	2.1
Thomas Abercrombie (Pistons)	1.9

FG % (Min 30 Attempts)

Jeremiah Trueman (Airs)	59.6
Casey Frank (Saints)	57.7
Nick Horvath (Saints)	57.4

3pt % (Min 20 Attempts)

Eric Devendorf (Saints)	59.6
Dave Langrell (Hawks)	48.8
Trent Wurtz (Cougars)	48.1

FT % (Min 20 Attempts)

Phill Jones (Giants)	87.0
Troy McLean (Saints)	86.3
Hayden Allen (Pistons)	85.4

NBL Trivia of the Week

Name the Kiwi guard who brought up his 200th game this season's NBL in Round 12.

Answer: Hayden Allen (Waikato Pistons) against the Taranaki Mountain Airs.

Allen began his career with Otago Nuggets from 1998-2001.
In 2002 Allen won a championship for the Waikato Titans.

He then returned to the Nuggets from 2003 and 2004.

In 2005 he joined the Harbour Heat playing with them till 2009 when he went cross-town to play for the Auckland Stars.

Allen is only 52 points away from 3000 career points. During his career he has averaged 20 or more points a game in a season three times.

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