



2010 Bartercard

NBL

Round 8 (April 22-24)

Waikato Pistons v Harbour Heat
0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks v Christchurch Cougars
McDonalds Manawatu Jets v Christchurch Cougars
Taranaki Mountain Airs v Harbour Heat
Zero fees Southland Sharks v OceanaGold Nuggets

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STANDINGS

Team	P	W	L	Win %	GB	Pts
Harbour Heat	7	7	0	100.0	0	14
Waikato Pistons	7	6	1	85.7	1	12
Fico Finance Nelson Giants	8	6	2	75.0	1.5	12
Exodus Saints	8	5	3	62.5	2.5	10
Taranaki Mountainairs	7	4	3	57.1	3	8
0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks	8	4	4	50.0	3.5	8
Zerofees Southland Sharks	9	4	5	44.4	4	8
Christchurch Cougars	10	3	7	30.0	5.5	6
McDonalds Manawatu Jets	6	0	6	0.0	6.5	0
Oceanagold Otago Nuggets	8	0	8	0.0	7.5	0

Win % - Win Percentage, GB - Games Back

LAST WEEK

Bartercard NBL - Round Seven

Friday, April 16

At TSB Bank Arena, Wellington

Exodus Saints 97 (Eric Devendorf 31, Lindsay Tait 14, Troy McLean 13)

Christchurch Cougars 73 (Trenton Wurtz 19, Paora Winitana 19, Jeremy Kench 16)

At Pettigrew Green Arena, Taradale

0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks 82 (Josh Pace 18, Dave Langrell 16, Everard Bartlett 13)

Harbour Heat 94 (Corey Webster 24, Kavossy Franklin 20, Rick Rickert 17)

Saturday, April 17

At Edgar Centre, Dunedin

OceanaGold Nuggets 76 (Tyler Amaya 27, Sam To'omata 17)

Zerofees Southland Sharks 82 (Rene Rougeau 24, Mike Helms 19)

At Arena Manawatu, Palmerston North

McDonalds Manawatu Jets 120 (Darryl Hudson 44, Calum MacLeod 18, Richard Jeter 16)

Harbour Heat 123 (Corey Webster 34, Kavossy Franklin 21, Beny Anthony 19) OT(2)

At Trafalgar Centre, Nelson

Fico Finance Nelson Giants 92 (Tony Rampton 24, Phill Jones 16)

Christchurch Cougars 81 (Tim Behrendorff 30, Paora Winitana 20)

NBL Trivia of the Week

Name the two franchises currently playing in the 2010 season to have over 300 wins in their tenure?

(Answer at the end of Media Guide)



THIS WEEK

2010 NBL Round Eight

Thursday, April 22

Waikato Pistons (6-1) v Harbour Heat (7-0), 7pm

At Hamilton Boys High School, Hamilton
Referees – Gavin Whiu, Jamie Hickey, Kelly McLeod
Head to Head*: Pistons 5 Heat 1
Last Meeting: Pistons 75-69 (June 4th, 2009)

Projected Starting Five

	Pistons	Heat
Point Guard	Carl Krauser	Kavossy Franklin
Shooting Guard	Hayden Allen	Corey Webster
Small Forward	Thomas Abercrombie	Dillon Boucher
Power Forward	Tony Ronaldson	Beny Anthony
Center	Alex Pledger	Rick Rickert

Leading Scorers (Points per game)

Pistons	Heat
Thomas Abercrombie (17.6)	Corey Webster (25.4)
Hayden Allen (14.9)	Kavossy Franklin (18.5)
Tony Ronaldson (12.4)	Rick Rickert (18.1)

Team Leaders in Other Categories (Per game)

	Pistons	Heat
Rebounds	Alex Pledger (13.1)	Rick Rickert (11.1)
Assists	Hayden Allen (2.3)	Dillon Boucher (5.7)
Steals	Hayden Allen (1.9)	Corey Webster (4.1)
Blocks	Thomas Abercrombie (2.3)	Rick Rickert (1.0)

Notes

Harbour Heat is on another double road trip after successfully winning both their games in Round Seven which was against the Bay Hawks and the Manawatu Jets. But the Heat did show some cracks in their armor nearly going down to the Jets last Saturday winning in double overtime by three. Heat have four more games on the road before they play at home and if they can win all four then they will be heavy favorites to win the regular season title which would be the third time they have won it (2000,07). Waikato Pistons will be the toughest opponent the Heat has faced this season and history has been favorable to the home side winning five of their last six meetings against them. The Pistons had a week off last week and will have to integrate their new import, former star at Pittsburgh University Carl Krauser who will play the point guard position after the shock dropping of Eric Devendorf. Injuries to veterans Mike Homik and Puke Lendon have hindered the Pistons dept this season being last in bench scoring with only 10.7 points per game. The Pistons will need their bench to be more productive against the likes of the Heat who are the only team to average over 100 points a game (102). The Heat also lead the league in points in the paint (42.9 points) which is 17 points better than the next best team (Southland Sharks 25.1). After a 34 point performance against the Jets, Corey Webster now leads the league in scoring at 25.4 points per game. Webster will go up against arguably one of the best guard defenders in the league Hayden Allen who has also stepped up his game offensively averaging 19 points in his last four games. Battle of the top two rebounders in the league and also team mates at the New Zealand Breakers, Rick Rickert and Alex Pledger match up against each other for the first time. Rickert is second in rebounding at 11.1 which is 2 rebounds behind Pledger at 13.1.

Friday, April 23

0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks (4-4) v Christchurch Cougars (3-7), 7.10pm

At Pettigrew Green Arena, Taradale

Referees – Dallas Pickering, Shane Nikora, Wayne Start

Head to Head*: Hawks 1 Cougars 2

Last Meeting: Cougars 75-72 (Round One: 4th March 2010)

Projected Starting Fives

	Hawks	Cougars
Point Guard	Josh Pace	Jeremy Kench
Shooting Guard	Everard Bartlett	Paora Winitana
Small Forward	Chris Daniel	Mark Morrison
Power Forward	Dave Langrell	Trent Wurtz
Center	Jamil Terrell	Tim Behrendorff

Leading Scorers (Points per game)

Hawks	Cougars
Josh Pace (19.0)	Paora Winitana (19.9)
Everard Bartlett (15.4)	Tim Behrendorff (16.8)
Chris Daniel (12.8)	Jeremy Kench (13.1)

Team Leaders in Other Categories (Per game)

	Hawks	Cougars
Rebounds	Jamil Terrell (10.4)	Mark Morrison (6.4)
Assists	Josh Pace (4.5)	Jeremy Kench (4.7)
Steals	Everard Bartlett (1.8)	Jeremy Kench (2.6)
Blocks	Jamil Terrell (1.5)	Tim Behrendorff (0.8)

Notes

After two tough losses on the road in Round Seven the Christchurch Cougars have to travel to the traditionally tough Pettigrew Arena to play the 0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks and then play the Jets the next day. The two teams met in the opening round down in Christchurch in which the Cougars took the Hawks down 75-72. Hawks will not have fond memories of that game giving up a twenty point lead. Former Hawk Paora Winitana scored 27 in that win. But that win has been the only high for this season for the Cougars who have lost seven of their last nine games. Hawks meanwhile have had mixed results at home this season beating the Saints and Pistons, but losing against the Sharks and Heat. Both teams have played musical chairs with each other for the past two seasons with Jeremy Kench and Mark Morrison playing for the Hawks last year and Paul Henare who is apparently not far from coming back, playing for the Cougars last season. Hawks coach Shawn Dennis will be pleased to have so much depth in the point guard position which wasn't the case in the Round One loss with no Josh Pace and Jarrod Kenny. Dennis will now probably have too much depth to choose from in that position when Paul Henare returns.

Saturday, April 24

McDonalds Manawatu Jets (0-6) v Christchurch Cougars (3-7), 6pm

At Arena Manawatu, Palmerston North

Referees – Andy Thackray, Sean Cronin, Gareth Tehan

Head to Head*: Jets 0 Cougars 3

Last Meeting: Cougars 85-68 (Round Five: April 1 2009)

Projected Starting Fives

	Jets	Cougars
Point Guard	Darryl Hudson	Jeremy Kench
Shooting Guard	Matt Te Huna	Paora Winitana
Small Forward	Richard Jeter	Mark Morrison
Power Forward	Chris Reay	Trent Wurtz
Center	Calum MacLeod	Tim Behrendorff

Leading Scorers (Points per game)

Jets	Cougars
Richard Jeter (23.3)	Paora Winitana (19.9)
Darryl Hudson (23.3)	Tim Behrendorff (16.8)
Kaine Hokianga (11.2)	Jeremy Kench (13.1)

Team Leaders in Other Categories (Per game)

	Jets	Cougars
Rebounds	Chris Reay (5.5)	Mark Morrison (6.4)
Assists	Darryl Hudson (2.8)	Jeremy Kench (4.7)
Steals	Matt Te Huna (3.3)	Jeremy Kench (2.6)
Blocks	Adrian Torrie (0.7)	Tim Behrendorff (0.8)

Notes

The Jets have proven they will be no easy beats from now on after their courageous performance against the unbeaten Heat. Both teams will be extremely desperate for a win if they have any chance of making the top six. Jets have never beaten the Cougars franchise, but their new signing Darryl Hudson was terrific when he played against them with the Saints back in Round Two. Hudson scored 33 points in the Saints thirteen point win at Cowles Stadium. Hudson has given the Jets more stability in the point guard position and also brings size to that position being able to post up smaller guards. Big man Calum MacLeod had his best game of the year against one of the best centres to play in the league Rick Rickert. MacLeod had 18 points and nine rebounds in the loss and will be looking to match that effort against another big man in Tim Behrendorff who scored 30 in the loss against the Giants last Saturday. A former Jet last season Aidan Daly now returns in a Cougars uniform. Daly's numbers have been down on last season from 15.4 points to 4.3 points this season. The two teams met in Round Five in which the Jets lost 85-68, which was not helped by a disastrous second quarter in which they lost 27-4.

Taranaki Mountain Airs (4-3) v Harbour Heat (7-0), 7pm

At TSB Stadium, New Plymouth

Referees – Melony Wealleans, Miguel Gallardo, Kieran Udy

Head to Head: Airs 1 Heat 5

Last Meeting: Heat 105-73 (26th March 2010)

Projected Starting Fives

	Airs	Heat
Point Guard	Tyrone Davey	Kavossy Franklin
Shooting Guard	Jack Leasure	Corey Webster
Small Forward	Alex Wastney	Dillon Boucher
Power Forward	Aaron Bailey Nowell	Beny Anthony
Center	Demarshay Johnson	Rick Rickert

Leading Scorers (Points per game)

Airs	Heat
Jack Leasure (22.6)	Corey Webster (25.4)
Demarshay Johnson (16.1)	Kavossy Franklin (18.5)
Aaron Bailey Nowell (12.1)	Rick Rickert (18.1)

Team Leaders in Other Categories (Per game)

	Airs	Heat
Rebounds	Demarshay Johnson (8.1)	Rick Rickert (11.1)
Assists	Tyrone Davey (3.0)	Dillon Boucher (5.7)
Steals	Jack Leasure (2.3)	Corey Webster (4.1)
Blocks	Jeremiah Trueman (1.2)	Rick Rickert (1.0)

Notes

Heat has had recent dominance over the Airs winning 8 of last 10 games. Airs would have had a couple of weeks off since their last game and will have their big man Jeremiah Trueman back after missing the loss against the Saints back on April 9th. Airs are currently 5th in league at present with four wins and three losses, but this will certainly be a tough stretch coming up for them having to play Heat, Hawks and Pistons in the next few weeks. Jack Leasure will be looking to make amends after a season low 10 points in the loss against the Saints. Leasure and team mate Tyrone Davey will go up against the high scoring back court duo of Corey Webster and Kavossy Franklin who average a combined 43 points a game.

Zerofees Southland Sharks (4-5) v OceanaGold Nuggets (0-8), 7pm

At Southland Stadium, Invercargill

Referees – Raewyn Willocks, Matt Bathurst, Bevan Maslin

Head to Head*: Sharks 1 Nuggets 0

Last Meeting: Sharks 82-76 (Round Seven: April 17 2009)

Projected Starting Fives

	Sharks	Nuggets
Point Guard	Luke Martin	Sam To'omata
Shooting Guard	Mike Helms	Riki Buckrell
Small Forward	Rene Rougeau	Matt Trueman
Power Forward	James Paringatai	Tyler Amaya
Center	Martin Iti	Antoine Tisby

Leading Scorers (Points per game)

Sharks	Nuggets
Mike Helms (19.0)	Antoine Tisby (23.5)
Rene Rougeau (17.0)	Tyler Amaya (21.3)
Luke Martin (10.9)	Sam To'omata (8.4)

Team Leaders in Other Categories (Per game)

	Sharks	Nuggets
Rebounds	Rene Rougeau (7.4)	Antoine Tisby (10.3)
Assists	Luke Martin (5.0)	Tyler Amaya (3.5)
Steals	Rene Rougeau (3.2)	Tyler Amaya (1.3)
Blocks	Rene Rougeau (1.44)	Antoine Tisby (0.7)

Notes

Southland Sharks and the OceanaGold Nuggets go head to head for the second time in one week, after playing each other in Dunedin last Saturday. Sharks won 82-76, but it was a far from pleasing performance for the Sharks who were full strength against a Nuggets team who were without their best player Antoine Tisby who has missed the Nuggets last two games to a foot injury. Nuggets will desperately need the services of Tisby who is averaging 23.5 points and 10.3 rebounds in six games. His import duo Tyler Amaya showed a lot of heart playing after suffering from a street attack earlier in the week to score 27 points. Sharks star import signing Mike Helms scored 19 on debut, but shot 7/18 from the field and 20% beyond the arc. Helms is a prolific scorer so it will not take long for him to find his shooting touch, hopefully it will not be on Saturday for the Nuggets sake.

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

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PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Round Seven

Rene Rougeau (Southland Sharks)

24 points (8/14 FG, 1/2 3pt, 7/10 FT), 13 rebounds, 4 steals in the 82-76 win over the OceanaGold Nuggets.

Versatile guard/forward Rene Rougeau has had another outstanding all round game with his above stat line in the close win against the Nuggets. The effort against the Nuggets puts Rougeau to second in the overall player rankings.

Rougeau has been compared to with the likes of former Tall Black great Dillon Boucher who had two solid performances in the Harbour Heat's two wins. Boucher's teammate Corey Webster now leads the league in scoring after 34 points in the win against the McDonalds Manawatu Jets. Webster is averaging 25.4 points in the seven wins,

In that same game new Jets signing Darryl Hudson was impressive and would of won the POW honors had the Jets beat the Harbour Heat. Unfortunately they would come up just short losing in double overtime 123-120.

Hudson scored 44 points which is a Jets franchise record (since 2000) beating the previous record of 42 points scored by Keith Davis against the Canterbury Rams in 2008.

Hudson was five points shy of the league high scored by the overall league leader in the player rankings Eric Devendorf who starred in his first game in a Exodus Saints uniform scoring 30 points and grabbing 10 rebounds in their win over the Christchurch Cougars.

Fico Finance Nelson Giants Mika Vukona continued his recent form with 11 points, 10 rebounds and 4 steals. His team mate Tony Rampton had his best offensive game this season scoring 24 which was matched by his opposition in that game Tim Behrendorff who also had his best offensive game scoring 30 points.

PLAYER POWER RANKINGS

1. **Eric Devendorf (Exodus Saints)**
2. **Rene Rougeau (Zerofees Southland Sharks)**
3. **Thomas Abercrombie (Waikato Pistons)**
4. **Antoine Tisby (OceanaGold Nuggets)**
5. **Dillon Boucher (Harbour Heat)**
6. **Corey Webster (Harbour Heat)**
7. **Rick Rickert (Harbour Heat)**
8. **Phil Jones (Fico Finance Giants)**
9. **Alex Pledger (Waikato Pistons)**
10. **Jack Leasure (Taranaki Mountain Airs)**

The Next 10 . . .

Michael Harrison (Giants), Jeremy Kench (Cougars), David Gruber (Pistons), Mika Vukona (Giants), Darryl Hudson (Jets), Lindsay Tait (Saints), Tim Behrendorff (Cougars), Tyler Amaya (Nuggets), Erron Maxey (Saints), Demarshay Johnson (Airs)

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Note: *Denotes Team Records since 2000

STAT LEADERS

Points

Corey Webster (Heat)	25.4
Eric Devendorf (Pistons)	25.1
Antoine Tisby (Nuggets)	23.5

Rebounds

Alex Pledger (Pistons)	13.1
Rick Rickert (Heat)	11.1
Jamil Terrell (Hawks)	10.4

Assists

Dillon Boucher (Heat)	5.7
Luke Martin (Sharks)	5.0
Jeremy Kench (Cougars)	4.7

Steals

Corey Webster (Heat)	4.1
Matt Te Huna (Jets)	3.3
Rene Rougeau (Sharks)	3.2

Blocks

Thomas Abercrombie (Pistons)	2.3
Alex Pledger (Pistons)	1.9
Michael Harrison (Giants)	1.9

FG % (Min 30 Attempts)

Casey Frank (Saints)	63.3
Tim Behrendorff (Cougars)	62.5
Rick Rickert (Heat)	61.6

3pt % (Min 15 Attempts)

Eric Devendorf (Saints)	58.6
Dave Langrell (Hawks)	58.3
Ben Hill (Hawks)	51.0

FT % (Min 20 Attempts)

Troy McLean (Saints)	90.9
Daniel Munday (Sharks)	90.0
Hayden Allen (Pistons)	88.8

NBL Trivia of the Week

Name the two franchises currently playing in the 2010 season to have over 300 wins in their tenure?



Answer: Nelson Giants and Wellington Saints

Nelson Giants have been in the league since 1982 and have amassed over 335 wins in 29 seasons. The Giants have won three titles (94,98, 2007) and have been runners up seven times. Their overall winning percentage is 59.5%.

The Saints began its tenure back in 1983, winning 328 games with a overall win percentage of 59.9%. The Saints have won five championships and also been runners up five times.

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