



## NBL Playoff Race (Round 13)



### Waikato Pistons

**Record:** 12-2

**Remaining Games:** Nelson (Away)  
Wellington (Away)  
Southland (Home)  
Wellington (Home)

**Outlook:** A tough finish for the Pistons playing three of their last four games against top three teams. But if they win both road games in Round 13 then they will clinch a home semi and Regular season title. Pistons will most probably only need to beat Wellington once or Nelson to clinch a home semi.



### Fico Finance Nelson Giants

**Record:** 10-4

**Remaining Games:** Waikato (Home)  
Manawatu (Home)  
Harbour (Home)  
Southland (Home)

**Outlook:** Giants have all their remaining games at home which they are unbeaten this season. If they can beat Waikato then their chances of hosting a semi are greatly improved. If they finish with the same record as the Saints then they will go ahead of them. But if they drop two games and finish with the same record as the Hawks then the Hawks will go ahead. Therefore Giants will need to finish with four or five losses to better their chances of a home semi.



### Exodus Saints

**Record:** 9-4

**Remaining Games:** Waikato (Home)  
Taranaki (Away)  
Otago (Home)  
Manawatu (Home)  
Waikato (Away)

**Outlook:** The loss to Giants last week could hurt Saints chances in hosting a home semi. But if they win rest of games then will finish in top two. It will be difficult though having to play Pistons twice. If results go their way and they beat Pistons once then they still have a chance in hosting a home semi. Can ill afford to drop other games. Saints have head to head over Heat, but do not have it against Giants or Hawks.



### Harbour Heat

**Record:** 8-5

**Remaining Games:** Southland (Away)  
Otago (Away)  
Christchurch (Home)  
Nelson (Away)  
Taranaki (Home)

**Outlook:** Chances of hosting a home semi are slim, but if they can win remainder of games then they have a chance. Will need Saints to finish with six losses because they have head to head advantage. But if they beat Nelson and have the same record then Heat will go ahead. Heat have head to head over Hawks which could be the difference in hosting a home quarter final.



### 0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks

**Record:** 8-6

**Remaining Games:** Otago (Home)  
Taranaki (Home)  
Otago (Away)  
Manawatu (Home)

**Outlook:** Hawks have by far the easiest road home playing three of their final four games at home. Will most likely finish with six losses. They have head to head advantages over the Saints, Giants and Pistons, but do not have the advantage over Harbour. Hawks will want Pistons to keep winning if they have a slim chance of hosting a semi, but could host a home quarter if results go their way.



### Zero Fees Southland Sharks

**Record:** 6-7

**Remaining Games:** Harbour (Home)  
Waikato (Away)  
Taranaki (Away)  
Nelson (Away)  
Manawatu (Away)

**Outlook:** Sharks have a very tough schedule coming up playing four of their last five games on the road. Three of them against teams in the top four. Sharks have head to head advantage over the Cougars so can afford to finish with same record as them, but will need to beat Airs by more than one to win head to head over them. 10 losses still can get them through, but the game against the Airs will prove pivotal.



### Taranaki Mountain Airs

**Record:** 5-7

**Remaining Games:** Manawatu (Home)  
Wellington (Home)  
Manawatu (Away)  
Bay Hawks (Away)  
Southland (Home)  
Harbour (Away)

**Outlook:** If the Airs beat Manawatu twice and Sharks once then they will have the highest chance of going through to top six. But if they drop one of those games then they will have to beat a team in the top five which will be difficult playing away in Hawke's Bay and North Shore. If they beat Sharks then they will have head to head over them and the Cougars which could prove very vital.



### Christchurch Cougars

**Record:** 7-9

**Remaining Games:** Harbour (Away)  
Otago (Home)

**Outlook:** Cougars will need to win both games to solidify their chances, but other results still need to fall their way such as the Airs and the Sharks to finish with a worse record. Should finish with at least 8 wins which still can get them through. If the lose both remaining games and Sharks win one then they are eliminated.



### McDonalds Manawatu Jets

**Record:** 1-10

**Remaining Games:** Taranaki (Away)  
Otago (Home)  
Nelson (Away)  
Taranaki (Home)  
Wellington (Away)  
Hawks (Away)  
Southland (Home)

**Outlook:** The Jets have a mathematical chance, but will need to win remainder of games and hope Cougars lose both theirs. Also will need the Airs and Sharks to keep losing. But will need a miracle.



### OceanaGold Nuggets

**Record:** 0-12

**Remaining Games:** Bay Hawks (Away)  
Harbour (Home)  
Manawatu (away)  
Wellington (Away)  
Christchurch (Away)  
Bay Hawks (Home)

**Outlook:** Already eliminated from playoffs but could be a spoiler to the Cougars and effect playoff seedings. Will want to get at least one win and not join the 1998 Northland Suns and 2009 Taranaki Dynamos to go through an entire season winless.