



NBL Playoff Race (Round 15)



Waikato Pistons

Record: 13-4

Remaining Games: Wellington (Home)

Outlook: Simple equation for the Pistons and that is beat Exodus Saints and then they win their fifth regular season. Lose then they finish second.



Fico Finance Nelson Giants

Record: 11-6

Remaining Games: Southland (Home)

Outlook: Two losses in a row at home have cost the Giants a home semi final. If they lose to the Southland Sharks and the Harbour Heat beat the Taranaki Mountain Ais then they will also miss out in a home quarter final. The best the Giants can finish is third, but will have to win and then the Hawks will have to lose to the Jets



Exodus Saints

Record: 13-4

Remaining Games: Waikato (Away)

Outlook: Same scenario as the Pistons, if they win then they win their fourth regular season.



Harbour Heat

Record: 10-7

Remaining Games: Taranaki (Home)

Outlook: Heat will be relieved they have clinched a playoff berth. But can look to move in on a home quarterfinal if either the Hawks or Giants lose and they beat Taranaki. It's a long shot but if they win and the Hawks and the Giants lose then they can finish third.



0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks

Record: 11-6

Remaining Games: Manawatu (Home)

Outlook: If Hawks beat the Jets then they finish third. But if they lose and both the Giants and Heat win then they could miss out in a home quarterfinal finishing fifth. If Hawks lose and Giants lose then the Hawks will finish above them. If Heat, Giants and Hawks all finish with the same record then Heat will finish third, Hawks fourth and Giants fifth.



Zero Fees Southland Sharks

Record: 8-8

Remaining Games: Nelson (Away)
Manawatu (Away)

Outlook: Win one more game and the Sharks make the six, but lose both and the Cougars make the playoffs. Highest they can finish is sixth.



Christchurch Cougars

Record: 9-9

Remaining Games: None

Outlook: Great finish to the season, but now rely on the Sharks to lose both remaining games to make the playoffs