



2009 NZCT

NBL

Round 11 (May 21 - May 23)

Appliance Shed Harbour Heat v Youthtown Auckland Stars
Devon Dynamos Taranaki v Waikato Pistons
0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks v Bartercard Christchurch Cougars
ecogise Nelson Giants v Century City Saints

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STANDINGS

Team	P	W	L	Win %	GB	Pts
ecogise Nelson Giants	12	10	2	83.3	0	20
Waikato Pistons	10	9	1	90.0	1	18
Century City Saints	11	9	2	81.8	0.5	18
Christchurch Cougars	12	8	4	66.7	2	16
Appliance Shed Harbour Heat	11	6	5	54.5	3.5	12
Easy LPG Bay Hawks	10	4	6	40.0	5	8
McDonalds Manawatu Jets	13	3	10	23.1	7.5	6
Youthtown Auckland Stars	11	2	9	18.2	7.5	4
Devon Dynamos Taranaki	12	0	12	0.0	10	0

Win % - Win Percentage, GB – Games Back

LAST WEEK

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McDonalds Manawatu Jets 83 (Marcel Jones 34, Aidan Daly 16, Jamil Terrell 16)
Youthtown Auckland Stars 81 (Casey Frank 27, Hayden Allen 16, Dylan Perfect-Tait 15)

Appliance Shed Harbour Heat 122 (Corey Webster 32, Mychal Green 30, Mike Bell 18)
McDonalds Manawatu Jets 71 (Marcel Jones 36, Kaine Hokianga 12, Aidan Daly 11)

Century City Saints 77 (Mike Efevberha 22, Reece Cassidy 20, Lindsay Tait 15)
Bartercard Christchurch Cougars 68 (Tim Behrendorff 22, Paul Henare 10, Gerard Bowden 7)

ecogise Nelson Giants 77 (Phil Jones 24, Jarryd Loyd 14, John Barber 11)
Youthtown Auckland Stars 75 (Hayden Allen 28, Blagoj Janev 18, Casey Frank 12)

Waikato Pistons 77 (Adam Ballinger 18, Michael Fitchett 14, Thomas Abercrombie 13)
0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks 73 (Charles Bailey 14, Everard Bartlett 13, Chris Daniel 11)

Appliance Shed Harbour Heat 84 (Mike Bell 22, Corey Webster 20, Daniel Munday 12)
Devon Dynamos Taranaki 76 (Phillip Gilbert 26 Aaron Bailey-Nowell 19, Eric Vierneisel 15)

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Thursday, May 21

Appliance Shed Harbour Heat (6-5) v Youthtown Auckland Stars (2-9)

At North Shore Event Centre, 7pm

Leading Scorers: Heat: Corey Webster (29.0 ppg) Stars: Hayden Allen (21.5 ppg)

Head to Head: Heat 3 Stars 3

Referees – *Tim Brown, Gavin Whiu, Kieran Udy*

Friday, May 22

Devon Dynamos Taranaki (0-12) v Waikato Pistons (9-1)

At TSB Stadium, New Plymouth

Leading Scorers: Dynamos: Phillip Gilbert (21.3 ppg) Pistons: Adam Ballinger (20.8 ppg)

Head to Head: Dynamos 1 Pistons 4

Referees – *Dallas Pickering, Colin Dowling, Tony Eldershaw*

0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks (4-6) v Bartercard Christchurch Cougars (8-4)

At Pettigrew Green Arena, Taradale

Leading Scorers: Hawks: Charles Bailey (15.7) Cougars: Paora Winitana (21.0 ppg)

Referees – *Andy Thackray, Apai Apai, Wayne Start*

Saturday, May 23

ecogise Nelson Giants (10-2) v Century City Saints (9-2)

At Trafalgar Centre, Nelson, 7pm

Leading Scorers: Giants: Phil Jones (23.8) Saints: Mike Efeberha (28.9 ppg)

Head to Head: Giants 3 Saints 3

Referees – *Alan Godden, James Champion, Brendan Hodgson*

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

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PLAYER OF THE WEEK

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Mychal Green (Appliance Shed Harbour Heat)

30 points (12/17 FG), 8 rebounds, 4 steals and 2 blocks in the 122-71 rout of the McDonalds Manawatu Jets

Green showed his all round game with his performance against the Jets. In 11 games Green is averaging 18.8 points and 7.8 rebounds per game. Green also is second in the league in steals at 3 per game.

Casey Frank had a very strong game, but it just was not enough as the Stars lost two close games over the weekend. Frank had 27 points and 15 rebounds in the 83-81 loss against the McDonalds Manawatu Jets.

Jets Marcel Jones continued his scoring form with 34 in the win against the Stars and 36 points in the loss against the Heat.

PLAYER POWER RANKINGS

1. Mike Efevberha (Century City Wellington Saints)
2. Marcel Jones (McDonalds Manawatu Jets)
3. Mychal Green (Appliance Shed Harbour Heat)
4. Dillon Boucher* (Youthtown Auckland Stars)
5. Corey Webster*(Appliance Shed Harbour Heat)
6. Aaron Bailey-Nowell* (Devon Dynamos Taranaki)
7. Adam Ballinger (Waikato Pistons)
8. Tim Behrendorff (Bartercard Christchurch Cougars)
9. Justin Bailey (Waikato Pistons)
10. Casey Frank* (Youthtown Auckland Stars)

The Next 10 . . .

Jamil Terrell (Jets), Phil Jones* (Giants), Paora Winitana* (Cougars), Blagoj Janev (Stars), Mike Bell (Heat), Damon Thornton (Saints), Tony Rampton* (Giants), Jarryd Loyd (Giants), Thomas Abercrombie* (Pistons), Paul Henare* (Cougars)

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STAT LEADERS

Points

Corey Webster (Heat)	29.0
Mike Efevberha (Saints)	28.9
Marcel Jones (Jets)	28.2

Rebounds

Jamil Terrell (Jets)	11.4
Mike Bell (Heat)	10.7
Dillon Boucher (Stars)	10.0

Assists

Paul Henare (Cougars)	6.4
Jarryd Loyd (Giants)	6.1
Luke Martin (Saints)	5.7

Steals

Dillon Boucher (Saints)	3.2
Mychal Green (Heat)	3.0
Justin Bailey (Pistons)	2.8

Blocks

Damon Thornton (Saints)	1.8
Adam Ballinger (Pistons)	1.7
Two Tied	1.5

FG % (Min 30 Attempts)

Calum McLeod (Saints)	73.5
Miles Pearce (Hawks)	67.4
Tim Behrendorff (Cougars)	64.7

3pt % (Min 20 Attempts)

Phil Jones (Giants)	55.1
Luke Martin (Saints)	51.5
Darryl Jones (Giants)	47.7

FT % (Min 20 Attempts)

Michael Fitchett (Pistons)	95.2
Corey Webster (Heat)	90.1
Mike Efevberha (Saints)	90.0

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NZCT NBL Preview: Round Eleven

Round Eleven of the NZCT National Basketball League will be the return home for Paul Henare and Paora Winitana when the Bartercard Christchurch Cougars head to Pettigrew Green Arena to take on the 0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks.

The game will be full of emotion with both Henare and Winitana together amassing 269 games for the Hawks club which included a championship back in the 2006 season. Hopefully the Cougars will have Winitana back after he broke his wrist in round seven. Cougars sorely missed the offence of Winitana in the 77-68 loss against the Century City Saints last week.

Both Winitana and Henare have given the Cougars leadership both on and off the court leading the franchise to an 8-4 record and a playoff berth in their debut season. Cougars will be eyeing to move into home semi final advantage with the easiest draw heading into the playoffs which includes three of four at home.

The Hawks will be desperate for a win having lost four on the trot, but showed a gutsy display last week just falling short on the road to the Waikato Pistons 77-73. The Hawks only played with one import against the Pistons after the release of John Thomas early last week, but that spot should be filled for the Cougars game.

A six game winning streak will be on the line when the ecogise Nelson Giants host the Century City Saints Saturday night. The Giants are still unbeaten at home after surviving a 77-75 win against the slumping Youthtown Auckland Stars, but this will be the toughest home game yet for the Giants with the Saints boasting an unbeaten record on the road.

Head to Head may play a pivotal role when it comes to a home semi final and at present the Giants hold a five point lead after defeating the Saints 98-93 back in round two. In that game the Giants were without Tony Rampton who has been rock solid for the Giants averaging 16.5 points and 9 rebounds per game.

The Saints have a new look side since that game with the additions of Lindsay Tait, Leon Henry and Brendon Polyblank who will be looking to return back on the court after suffering tendonitis in the knee.

Round Eleven will begin with cross town rivals the Appliance Shed Harbour Heat and the Youthtown Auckland Stars going head to head at the Furnace on Thursday night.

The Heat is coming off a two game winning streak which included a 51 point thrashing of the McDonalds Manawatu Jets at home. Unfortunately for the Stars they did have the same result the night before losing 83-81 to the Jets.

The two teams met back in the opening round and it was the Heat who beat the Stars 93-81. This game will be pivotal for the Stars if they have any chance of making the top six and they will need to find a way to stop leading scorer of the league Corey Webster who scored 33 points in their first meeting.

New import for the Heat Mike Bell has made an instant impact for his team averaging 19.3 points and 10.7 rebounds in three games. Also Ben Anthony Jnr has started to play well averaging 10 points and seven rebounds giving the Heat much needed offence off the bench.

On Friday the Waikato Pistons will travel down to New Plymouth to play the winless Devon Dynamos Taranaki who played well last round against the Heat, but just coming up short 76-84.

Pistons had a little scare in the game against the Hawks but this season they have shown dominance in 9 wins beating their opponents on average by 15.8 points. The Dynamos have been opposite on the spectrum losing 12 games by an average of 18.1 points.