



2009 NZCT
NBL

Quarterfinals

Tuesday, June 16
Century City Wellington Saints v 0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks

Wednesday, June 17
Bartercard Christchurch Cougars v Appliance Shed Harbour Heat



STANDINGS

Team	P	W	L	Win %	GB	Pts
&-Waikato Pistons	16	14	2	87.5	0	28
z-ecogise Nelson Giants	16	12	4	75.0	2	24
y-Century City Saints	16	12	4	75.0	2	24
y-Christchurch Cougars	16	10	6	62.5	4	20
x-Appliance Shed Harbour Heat	16	9	7	56.3	5	18
x-Easy LPG Bay Hawks	16	7	9	43.8	7	14
e-Youthtown Auckland Stars	16	4	12	25.0	10	8
e-McDonalds Manawatu Jets	16	4	12	25.0	10	8
e-Devon Dynamos Taranaki	16	0	16	0.0	14	0

Win % - Win Percentage, GB – Games Back

&- clinched regular season
 z- home semifinal
 y- home quarterfinal
 x- clinched playoff berth
 e- eliminated

LAST WEEK

2009 NBL - Round 14

Waikato Pistons 108 (Justin Bailey 26, Puke Lendon 26, Thomas Abercrombie 14, Muka Silver 14)
Youthtown Auckland Stars 70 (Blagoj Janev 19, Hayden Allen 17, Casey Frank 16)

Appliance Shed Harbour Heat 76 (Corey Webster 19, Mike Bell 19, Mychal Green 15)
ecogise Nelson Giants 75 (Phil Jones 22, Tony Rampton 19, John Barber 11)

0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks 92 (Charles Bailey 17, Jeremy Kench 16, 10 Multiple)
Devon Dynamos Taranaki 64 (Phillip Gilbert 13, James Paringatai 13, Aaron Bailey-Nowell 13)

Youthtown Auckland Stars 101 (Janev Blagoj 37, Casey Frank 22, Hayden Allen 20)
Bartercard Christchurch Cougars 91 (Tim Behrendorff 18, Gerard Bowden 15, Poara Winitana 15)

Century City Saints 84 (Mike Efevberha 31, Damon Thornton 19, Brendon Polyblank 14)
Appliance Shed Harbour Heat 80 (Mike Bell 22, Mychal Green 19, Corey Webster 18)

McDonalds Manawatu Jets 110 (Marcel Jones 31, Jamil Terrell 18, Aidan Daly 16)
Devon Dynamos Taranaki 90 (Eric Vierniesel 14, Aaron Baily-Nowell 18, Philip Gilbert 23)

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Round Fourteen

Mike Efevberha (Century City Saints)

32 Points (12/19 FG, 5/10 3pt), 7 rebounds, 5 steals, 5 blocks in the 84-80 win over the Appliance Shed Harbour Heat

Saints import Mike Efevberha has won his fourth POW in the come from behind victory against the Harbour Heat.

Efevberha won the regular season scoring title averaging 27.8 points per game just beating Manawatu Jets import Marcel Jones (27.3) and Harbour Heat rookie Corey Webster (26.1). He also finished the regular season 8th in blocks (1 per game) and fourth in steals (2.2).

Jets Marcel Jones finished his season strong tallying 31 points, 11 rebounds and 4 steals in the 110-90 win over the Dynamos. That also meant Jones finished on top of the cumulative player power rankings just edging out Efevberha.

PLAYER POWER RANKINGS

1. Marcel Jones (McDonalds Manawatu Jets)
2. Mike Efevberha (Century City Wellington Saints)
3. Mychal Green (Appliance Shed Harbour Heat)
4. Dillon Boucher* (Youthtown Auckland Stars)
5. Corey Webster* (Appliance Shed Harbour Heat)
6. Tim Behrendorff (Bartercard Christchurch Cougars)
7. Justin Bailey (Waikato Pistons)
8. Phil Jones* (ecogise Nelson Giants)
9. Casey Frank* (Youthtown Auckland Stars)
10. Mike Bell (Appliance Shed Harbour Heat)

The Next 10 . . .

Jamil Terrell (Jets), Aaron Bailey-Nowell (Dynamos), Tony Rampton* (Giants), Adam Ballinger (Pistons), Jarryd Loyd (Giants), Blagoj Janev (Stars), Damon Thornton (Saints), Thomas Abercrombie* (Pistons), Paul Henare* (Cougars), Paora Winitana* (Cougars)*

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STAT LEADERS

Points

Mike Efevberha (Saints)	27.8
Marcel Jones (Jets)	27.3
Corey Webster (Heat)	26.1

Rebounds

Jamil Terrell (Jets)	10.3
Mike Bell (Heat)	10.0
Tony Rampton (Giants)	9.9

Assists

Paul Henare (Cougars)	6.5
Jarryd Loyd (Giants)	5.5
Luke Martin (Saints)	5.2

Steals

Mychal Green (Heat)	3.2
Dillon Boucher (Saints)	3.1
Justin Bailey (Pistons)	2.7

Blocks

Damon Thornton (Saints)	1.9
Mike Bell (Heat)	1.6
Two Tied	1.6

FG % (Min 30 Attempts)

Calum McLeod (Saints)	72.2
Miles Pearce (Hawks)	64.9
Tim Behrendorff (Cougars)	61.5

3pt % (Min 20 Attempts)

Phil Jones (Giants)	50.3
Luke Martin (Saints)	46.5
Darryl Jones (Giants)	46.2

FT % (Min 20 Attempts)

Michael Fitchett (Pistons)	96.0
Corey Webster (Heat)	88.7
Phil Jones (Giants)	88.1

NZCT NBL Quarterfinals Preview

Tuesday, June 16

Century City Saints (12-4) v 0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks (7-9), 7pm

At TSB Bank Arena, Wellington

Live on Sky Sport 3

Referees – Andy Thackray, Tim Brown, Raewyn Willocks

Rosters

No.	Saints	Games Played
4	Lindsay Tait	145
6	Reece Cassidy	142
8	Brendon Polyblank	106
11	Luke Martin	102
20	Leon Henry	50
24	Mike Efevberha*	16
33	Damon Thornton*	14
34	Calum McLeod	20
42	Arthur Trousdell	96
55	Troy McLean	219

No.	Hawks	Games Played
4	Jarrold Kenny	95
5	Everard Bartlett	69
6	Miles Pearce	130
7	David Cooper*	56
8	Jeremy Kench	119
10	Mark Morrison	87
12	Chris Daniel	95
14	Ben Hill	159
15	Rangi Kennedy	17
22	Charles Bailey	14

Projected Starting Fives

	Saints	Hawks
Point Guard	Lindsay Tait	Jarrold Kenny
Shooting Guard	Troy McLean	Everard Bartlett
Small Forward	Mike Efevberha	Chris Daniel
Power Forward	Brendon Polyblank	Chuck Bailey
Center	Damon Thornton	David Cooper

Leading Scorers (Points per game)

Saints	Hawks
Mike Efevberha (27.8)	Chuck Bailey (16.3)
Arthur Trousdell (12.5)	Chris Daniel (13.4)
Damon Thornton (12.4)	Ben Hill (10.4)

Team Leaders in Other Categories (Per game)

	Saints	Hawks
Rebounds	Damon Thornton (8.0)	Chuck Bailey (8.0)
Assists	Luke Martin (5.2)	Jeremy Kench (3.2)
Steals	Mike Efevberha (2.3)	Chris Daniel (1.6)
Blocks	Damon Thornton (1.9)	Chuck Bailey (0.6)

Team Stats (Per game) & (NBL Rank)

	Saints	Hawks
Scoring	92.1 (1 st)	83.6 (7 th)
Rebounds	42.7 (3 rd)	42.8 (2 nd)
Assists	15.4 (2 nd)	14.0 (5 th)
FG%	48.7% (2 nd)	44.3% (5 th)
FT%	77.4% (1 st)	62.7 (9 th)
3pt%	34.5 (4 th)	33.2% (5 th)

Head to Head

Round Seven

At Pettigrew Green Arena, Taradale

Century City Saints 90 (Mike Efevberha 34, Arthur Trousdell 16, Reece Cassidy 13)
0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks 89 (Charles Bailey 26, John Thomas 18, Everard Bartlett 18)

Round 13

At Te Rauparaha Arena, Porirua

Century City Saints 85 (Mike Efevberha 29, Arthur Trousdell 17, Reece Cassidy 9)
0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks 84 (Chris Daniel 16, David Cooper 14, Ben Hill 14)

Preview

Even though Saints won both games in the regular season they were very close, by a combined margin of two points.

In Round 13 Hawks were without Chuck Bailey and the Saints did not have Brendon Polyblank.

The Hawks lead the league in bench scoring at 24.7, while the Saints are second at 22.6 points per game. Saints lead the league in 2nd effort points at 13.8 closely followed by the Hawks at 13.6. Both teams are in the top 3 in total rebounds and Hawks lead the league in offensive rebounds.

Saints come into the game with a six game home winning streak with their last loss at home on April 4 against the Christchurch Cougars. Hawks are the only team in the playoffs to have a losing record (7-9) but have won two in a row. It is the first time since 2003 that they have finished the regular season with a losing record and also under head coach Shawn Dennis.

Saints Mike Efevberha leads the league in scoring (27.8) which is the first time since 1999 that a Saints player has lead the lead in scoring (Terrence Lewis), 4th in steals (2.2), 8th blocks (1.0). Damon Thornton leads the lead in blocks 1.9 per game. Luke Martin is third the league in assists (5.2), Lindsay Tait is 5th (3.7). Luke Martin is second in 3pt% at 46.5%.

Hawks leading scorer Chuck Bailey is 19th in the league in scoring per game (16.3), also 10th in the league in rebounding per game (8.1), Miles Pearce is second in field goal percentage at 64.9%. Jeremy Kench is 9th in league in assists per game (3.2).

Both teams have a former NBL Most Valuable Player, Saints Lindsay Tait (2005) & Hawks David Cooper (2003).

Saints Coach Gordie McLeod coached the team back in 2006 where they lost to Auckland in the semi final.

Mike Efevberha has been named player of the week four times (Rounds 1, 5, 12, 14)

Since 2006 the series is even with each team winning 4 games.

Tuesday, June 16

**Bartercard Christchurch Cougars (10-6) v Appliance Shed Harbour Heat (7-9),
7pm**

At Cowles Stadium, Christchurch

Live on Sky Sport 3

Referees – Gavin Whiu, Melony Wealleans, Gavin Zimmerman

Rosters

No.	Cougars	Games Played
5	Marty Davison	18
8	Paora Winitana	206
9	Adrian Taylor	16
12	Trenton Wurtz*	15
13	Lionel Hopgood	12
15	Sam Toomata	26
24	Luke Ruscoe	81
25	Gerard Bowden	33
32	Paul Henare	233
34	Tim Behrendorff*	54

No.	Heat	Games Played
4	Mychal Green*	34
9	Corey Webster	16
10	Karl Noyer	25
12	Daniel Barritt	87
14	Mike Townsend	67
15	Daniel Munday	16
20	Ben Anthony	26
22	Prem Krishna	237
30	Mike Bell	8
33	Darryl Cartwright	250

Projected Starting Fives

	Cougars	Heat
Point Guard	Paul Henare	Corey Webster
Shooting Guard	Paora Winitana	Daniel Munday
Small Forward	Gerard Bowden	Mychal Green
Power Forward	Trenton Wurtz	Mike Bell
Center	Tim Behrendorff	Darryl Cartwright

Leading Scorers (Points per game)

Cougars	Heat
Paora Winitana (18.4)	Corey Webster (26.1)
Tim Behrendorff (18.0)	Mike Bell (18.8)
Gerard Bowden (15.8)	Mychal Green (17.9)

Team Leaders in Other Categories (Per game)

	Cougars	Heat
Rebounds	Tim Behrendorff (8.2)	Mike Bell (10.0)
Assists	Paul Henare (6.5)	Corey Webster (3.1)
Steals	Paul Henare (1.9)	Mychal Green (3.2)
Blocks	Tim Behrendorff (1.3)	Mike Bell (1.6)

Team Stats (Per game) & (NBL Rank)

	Cougars	Heat
Scoring	83.6 (6 th)	89.3 (2 nd)
Rebounds	39.8 (7 th)	42.5 (4 th)
Assists	15.4 (3 rd)	11.8 (7 th)
FG%	46.9% (3 rd)	44.4% (4 th)
FT%	69.4% (7 th)	72.3% (5 th)
3pt%	31.1% (8 th)	35.9% (3 rd)

Head to Head

At Cowles Stadium, Christchurch

Christchurch Cougars 91 (Tim Behrendorff 27, Paora Winitana 18, Gerard Bowden 14)
Appliance Shed Harbour Heat 86 (Corey Webster 30, Chaz Spicer 23, Darryl Cartwright 10)

At North Shore Event Centre, North Shore

Bartercard Christchurch Cougars 75 (Gerard Bowden 30, Tim Behrendorff 17)
Appliance Shed Harbour Heat 73 (Cory Webster 20, Mike Bell 18, Daryl Cartwright 12)

Preview

In their first year in the league the Christchurch made the playoffs with a record of 10 wins and 6 losses. This is the first time since 2002 that a team from the Canterbury region has made the playoffs.

After a great start the Cougars have struggled of late losing 3 of their last five games and two straight at home where they finished with four wins and four losses.

The Heat has played well winning five of their last seven games which included a big road win against the Nelson Giants last week winning 76-75.

Cougars lead the league in points in the paint at 23 points per game, second in assists (15.4) and 3rd in field goal percentage (46.9%). Point Guard Paul Henare led the regular season in assists at 6.5 per game which is the 5th time he has led the league in assists. This season he brought up his 1000th career assist, Henare is also 9th in the league in steals at 1.9. Paora Winitana is 11th in scoring at 18.4 per game. Tim Behrendorff is 13th in scoring at 18 per game, 8th in rebounding (8.2), 6th in blocks (1.3) and 3rd in field goal percentage (61.5%).

Harbour Heat is second in the league in scoring (89.3) and steals (9.9) per game. Rookie Corey Webster is third in the league in scoring (26.1 points), he also got a league season high of 43 points against the Manawatu Jets in Round Two. Webster is also second in free throw percentage (88.7), 6th equal in steals (1.9) and 10th in assists (3.1). Mychal Green leads the league in steals per game at 3.2 and fellow import Mike Bell is 2nd in the league in rebounding (10.0) and second in blocks (1.6) per game.