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Round Six Media Guide

Cigna Saints Shea Ili is Round Five Player of the Week

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2018 Sal's National Basketball League Round Five Review

2018 Sal's NBL Regular Season Standings

Team	P	W	L	H	A	For	Ag	Pts
Mike Pero Nelson Giants	8	6	2	3-1	3-1	767	680	12
Cigna Saints	6	5	1	4-1	1-0	596	560	10
The Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams	6	5	1	2-1	3-0	581	545	10
SIT Zerofees Southland Sharks	7	5	2	3-0	2-2	726	638	10
Taylor Hawks	7	4	3	2-0	2-3	596	607	8
Augusta Taranaki Mountainairs	7	2	5	1-3	1-2	574	597	4
Go Media Jets	7	1	6	0-3	1-3	602	685	2
2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers	8	0	8	0-4	0-4	724	854	0

Results

Thursday, May 24

At *ILT Stadium, Invercargill*

SIT Zerofees Sharks 108 (Orlando Coleman 29, Conor Morgan 22, Jarrad Weeks 13)

2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers 87 (Devon Scott 17, Junior Ale 17, Marcel Jones 16)

Friday, May 25

At *Trafalgar Centre, Nelson*

Mike Pero Nelson Giants 91 (Kyle Adnam 22, Damon Heuir 18, Finn Delany 18)

Augusta Mountainairs 58 (Xavier Smith 17, Alonzo Burton 12)

At *TSB Bank Arena, Wellington*

Cigna Saints 108 (Shea Ili 31, Majok Majok 26, LJ Peak 14)

Go Media Jets 101 (Kuran Iverson 24, Daishon Knight 22, Brandon Lucas 22)

Saturday, May 26

At *Cowles Stadium, Christchurch*

The Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams 80 (Winton Shepard III 19, Julian Williams-Washburn 16, Xavier Thames 15)

Augusta Mountainairs 72 (Javonte Douglas 22, Alonzo Burton 20)

Sunday, May 27

At *TSB Bank Arena, Wellington*

Cigna Saints 80 (Shea Ili 27, LJ Peak 19, Majok Majok 13)

Taylor Hawks 77 (Angus Brandt 19, Ethan Rusbatch 18, Jarrod Kenny 14)

At *Te Awamutu Events Centre, Te Awamutu*

2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers 86 (Devon Scott 22, Clay Wilson 14, Marcel Jones 14)

Mike Pero Nelson Giants 101 (Finn Delany 33, Kyle Adnam 20, Damon Heuir 20)

Individual Highs

Points 33 Finn Delany (Mike Pero Nelson Giants) v 2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers

Rebounds 15 Majok Majok (Cigna Saints) v Taylor Hawks

Assists 10 Daishon Knight (Go Media Jets) v Cigna Saints

Steals 5 Sam Dempster (Mike Pero Nelson Giants) v Augusta Mountainairs

Blocks 5 Devon Scott (2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers) v Mike Pero Nelson Giants

Player of the Week (POW)

Round Five: Shea Ili (Cigna Saints)

Cigna Saints point guard, **Shea Ili**, is Round Five player of the week after leading his side to two wins, pushing their record to 5-1. Ili, who currently leads the league in scoring at 27.8 points per game, tallied 31 points (11-18 FG), nine assists and six rebounds against the **Go Media Jets**, and then 27 points against the **Taylor Hawks**.

Saints centre, **Majok Majok**, grabbed double-doubles in both wins, collecting 26 points and 10 rebounds against the Jets, and 13 points and 15 rebounds versus the Hawks.

The **Mike Pero Nelson Giants** continued their great start to season with two more wins to move to the top of the table with a 6-2 record. Forward, **Finn Delany**, scored a season high 33 points against the **2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers**, and also had 18 points and 13 rebounds against the **Augusta Airs**. **Kyle Adnam** chipped in with 20 points and nine assists against the Rangers, and 22 points and six assists versus the Airs.

The **SIT Zerofees Sharks** had their third straight win at home, and were led by athletic forward, **Orlando Coleman**, who had 29 points and 10 rebounds against the Rangers. Canadian, **Conor Morgan**, added 22 points and nine rebounds.

Notable performances but from losing efforts were from Jets forward, **Kuran Iverson** (25 points, six rebounds, five assists), Rangers centre, **Devon Scott** (22 points, seven rebounds, five blocks), and Hawks centre, **Angus Brandt** (19 points & 13 rebounds).

Lindsay Tait continues to lead the league in assists at 8.5 per game, his team mate Scott leads the league in blocks at two per game.

The **Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams** forward **Winston Shepard III** leads the league in rebounding (11.2 per game). The current leader in field goal percentage is Rangers rookie, **Dominique Kelman-Poto** (65.6%) and three point percentage is Sharks **Jarrad Weeks** (51.5%).

Index of Success Scores

Player	Team	Opposing Team	Score
1 Shea Ili	Cigna Saints	Go Media Jets	45
2 Finn Delany	Mike Pero Nelson Giants	2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers	38
3 Devon Scott	2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers	Mike Pero Nelson Giants	37
4 Majok Majok	Cigna Saints	Go Media Jets	35
5 Orlando Coleman	SIT Zerofees Southland Sharks	2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers	33
6 Shea Ili	Cigna Saints	Taylor Hawks	30
7 Kuran Iverson	Go Media Jets	Cigna Saints	29
8 Kyle Adnam	Mike Pero Nelson Giants	Augusta Taranaki Mountainairs	28
9 Angus Brandt	Taylor Hawks	Cigna Saints	27
10 Finn Delany	Mike Pero Nelson Giants	Augusta Taranaki Mountainairs	26
10 Conor Morgan	SIT Zerofees Southland Sharks	2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers	26

Top 5 Overall Index of Success Leaders

Player	Team	Games	Total	Avg
1 Shea Ili	Cigna Saints	6	213	35.5
2 Winston Shepard III	The Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams	6	200	33.3
3 Kyle Adnam	Mike Pero Nelson Giants	8	213	26.6
4 Kuran Iverson	Go Media Jets	7	176	25.1
5 Jarrad Weeks	SIT Zerofees Southland Sharks	7	175	25.0

Round Six Preview

2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers (0-8) v Cigna Saints (5-1)

When: Thursday, May 31, 7pm (Live Streamed)
Where: Trusts Arena, Auckland
Referees: Dallas Pickering, Ryan Jones, Sherhon Martin

Notes

The Rangers will play the Saints for the third and final time in the regular season, and will try to avoid a 11th straight loss to the Saints, the last win was on 18th May, 2015, 126-118. In the last meeting between the two teams, Wellington only beat the Rangers 98-93, the difference was the third quarter which the Saints outscored them 35-10. Marcel Jones scored 28 in the loss, and will be looking to repeat that performance after averaging 15 points in his last two outings. Saints are coming off arguably their best defensive performance of the season, holding the Hawks to 77 points. One player the Rangers will need to contain is the league leading scorer, Shea Ili, who has scored 23 points or more in all six games, shooting 53% from the field. Ili's opposition, Lindsay Tait, continues to lead the league in assists at 8.5 per game, Ili is second at 7.5. Tait will be playing his 299th career NBL game. Last week the Rangers allowed both the Sharks and Giants to score over 100 points, making it six out of eight games they have allowed 100 or more.

The Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams (5-1) v Taylor Hawks (4-3)

When: Friday, June 1, 7pm (Live Streamed)
Where: Cowles Stadium, Christchurch
Referees: Sean Cronin, Hayden Pipe, Sam Pan

Notes

The Rams are on a four game winning streak, but will be hosting a desperate Hawks side that has lost two straight and three of their last four. The Hawks have had a tough schedule losing both road games to the Sharks and Saints (both in the top four), and now face two more road games against the other two teams that round out the four. This is the first meeting between the two teams, and in the past it has been the Rams who have dominated the match ups between the two teams winning the last six meetings, the Hawks last beating the Rams on June 21, 2015, 83-74. The Rams are coming off a tricky win over the Airs, and they were again led by Winston Shepard III who tallied 19 points, nine rebounds and nine assists. Shepard is currently leading the league in rebounds (11.2 per game) and is fourth in points (22.3), and fifth in assists (6.8). Shepard will go up against Hawks forward, Jamie Skeen, who has struggled of late scoring only two points against the Saints last week, and four points against the Sharks the week before.

SIT Zerofees Sharks (5-2) v Augusta Mountainairs (2-5)

When: Friday, June 1, 7pm
Where: ILT Stadium, Invercargill
Referees: Matt Bathurst, Yalla Edwards, Gavin Zimmerman

Notes

The Sharks are on a three game winning streak, and have won by an average margin of 27 points. The Airs meanwhile have lost four of their last five. Injuries have hampered the Airs, with import Roger Woods, out for the last two games and then centre, Xavier Smith, injuring his ankle in the first quarter against the Rams. Taranaki currently leads the league in opposition field goal percentage at 42%, the next best team is the Sharks who hold opponents to 44%. The difference between the two teams is that the Airs average a league low 82 points per game while the Sharks average a league high 103.7 points per game. Match up of the game will be between small forwards Javonte Douglas and Orlando Coleman. Douglas is averaging 20.4 points and 10.6 rebounds per game, Coleman is averaging 16.8 points and 8.5 rebounds. Sharks have won 10 of the last 12 between the two, the last time the Airs have won in Southland was on 27th April, 2012, 91-77. This is the only time that they have won in Invercargill.

Mike Pero Nelson Giants (6-2) v Taylor Hawks (4-3)

When: Saturday, June 2, 7pm (Live Streamed)
Where: Trafalgar Centre, Nelson
Referees: Yalla Edwards, Sean Cronin, Sherhon Martin

Notes

The top of the table Giants will play the Hawks for the second time, the Hawks winning 89-85 back in Round Three. In the last meeting it was a battle between the shooting guards Damon Heuir (27 points) and Dion Prewster (22 points). Prewster has been relatively quiet in his last two games, averaging 4.5 points. Finn Delany did not play against the Hawks, which should make a difference as he is coming off a season high 33 points. Since 2016, it has been an even series between the two teams, each winning 3 apiece. A key match up will be between the point guard Jarrod Kenny and Kyle Adnam. Adnam has scored 20 or more points in six of his last seven games. Kenny has increased his offensive production of late averaging 16 points in his last two games, but last seasons assist champion has only dished a combined four assists in those contests