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Round Two Media Guide

*Photo of Hawks Dion Prewster and Sharks Orlando Coleman by
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2018 Sal's National Basketball League Round One Review

2018 Sal's NBL Regular Season Standings

Team	P	W	L	H	A	For	Ag	Pts
Mike Pero Nelson Giants	1	1	0	1-0	0-0	117	68	2
Augusta Taranaki Mountainairs	1	1	0	0-0	1-0	95	69	2
Taylor Hawks	1	1	0	1-0	0-0	92	84	2
The Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams	1	1	0	1-0	0-0	100	95	2
SIT Zerofees Southland Sharks	2	1	1	0-0	1-1	197	200	2
Cigna Saints	1	0	1	0-1	0-0	108	113	0
Go Media Jets	1	0	1	0-1	0-0	69	95	0
2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers	2	0	2	0-0	0-2	163	217	0

Results

Thursday, April 26

At Pettigrew Green Arena

Taylor Hawks 92 (Dion Prewster 23, Ethan Rusbatch 17, Jarrod Kenny 16)

SIT Zerofees Sharks 84 (Jarrad Weeks 19, Alex Pledger 14, Derone Raukawa 13, Orlando Coleman 13)

Friday, May 27th

At TSB Bank Arena, Wellington

Wellington Saints 108 (Shea Ili 32, Jordan Ngatai 24, LJ Peak 17)

SIT Zerofees Sharks 113 (Jarrad Weeks 26, Orlando Coleman 16, Derone Raukawa 16)

At Cowles Stadium, Christchurch

The Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams 100 (Winston Shepard III 27, Xavier Thames 21, Julian Williams-Washburn 14)

2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers 95 (Clay Wilson 21, Lindsay Tait 19, Okesene Ale 18)

Saturday, April 24th

At Trafalgar Centre, Nelson

Mike Pero Nelson Giants 117 (Damon Heuir 25, Jerry Evans Jr 16, Finn Delany 15)

2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers 68 (Clay Wilson 18, Brook Ruscoe 11, Dominique Kelman-Poto 10)

Sunday, April 29

At Ballroom Arena, Manawatu

Go Media Jets 69 (Daishon Knight 19, Theo Johnson 12)

Augusta Mountainairs 95 (Javonte Douglas 28, Xavier Smith 18, Roger Woods 14)

Individual Highs

Points	32	Shea Ili (Cigna Saints) v SIT Zerofees Southland Sharks
Rebounds	20	Javonte Douglas (Augusta Mountainairs) v Go Media Jets
Assists	10	Shea Ili (Cigna Saints) v SIT Zerofees Southland Sharks
Steals	4	Jarrod Kenny (Taylor Hawks) v SIT Zerofees Southland Sharks
Blocks	4	Maxwell Darling (The Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams) v 2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers

Player of the Week (POW)

Round One: Javonte Douglas (Augusta Mountainairs)

American forward, **Javonte Douglas**, earns the first player of the week, leading the Airs to a 95-69 win over the Go Media Jets. Douglas grabbed a massive double-double of 28 points and 20 rebounds. Douglas' team mate **Xavier Smith** added 18 points.

The Canterbury Rams secured a 100-95 win over the Rangers thanks to **Winston Shepard III**, who tallied 27 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists.

Cairns Taipans guard and now a Nelson Giants, **Damon Heuir**, had 25 points and nine assists in their 117-68 win over the Rangers. Nelson forward, **Sam Dempster**, chipped in with 12 points and 14 rebounds, and Fin Delany added 15 points, seven rebounds and five assists.

Last year's runners up, SIT Zerofees Southland Sharks, got revenge over defending champion Cigna Saints with a 113-108 win. Point guard, **Jarrad Weeks** had 26 points and six assists in the win.

The Sharks did suffer a tough loss to the much improved Taylor Hawks. Hawks were led by shooting guard **Dion Prewster** who had 23 points, converting on all four three point attempts.

Other notable performances albeit in losses were from Saints guard **Shea Ili** (32 points, 10 assists), **Lindsay Tait** (19 points, nine assists), Weeks (19 points versus Hawks).

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Player	Team	Opposing Team	Score
1 Javonte Douglas	Augusta Taranaki Mountainairs	Go Media Jets	45
2 Winston Shepard III	The Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams	2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers	41
3 Damon Heuir	Mike Pero Nelson Giants	2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers	38
4 Shea Ili	Cigna Saints	SIT Zerofees Southland Sharks	36
5 Lindsay Tait	2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers	The Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams	35
6 Jarrad Weeks	SIT Zerofees Southland Sharks	Cigna Saints	33
7 Dion Prewster	Taylor Hawks	SIT Zerofees Southland Sharks	29
8 Xavier Smith	Augusta Taranaki Mountainairs	Go Media Jets	28
9 Okesene Ale	2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers	The Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams	26
10 Sam Dempster	Mike Pero Nelson Giants	2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers	25

Round Two Preview

Go Media Jets (0-1) v Taylor Hawks (1-0)

When: Thursday, May 3, 7pm (Live Streamed)
Where: Ballroom Arena, Manawatu
Referees: Sean Cronin, Yalla Edwards, Hayden Pipe

Notes

The Go Media Jets will play their second home game of the season after suffering a 26 point loss to the Airs. Two things the Jets will need to improve on if they want to compete with the Hawks, the first is offense which they scored 69 points on 28% from the field, and the second is rebounding which they were outrebounded by 25. Hawks were efficient from three last week making 13 three's at 41%. The Hawks Australian import, Angus Brandt, fouled out in 15 minutes last weekend. Brandt will match up against young up and coming centre, Callum McRae, who had an impressive debut with a couple of nice hook shots, ending the game with eight points and eight rebounds. From 2013-15, the Hawks struggled against the Jets who won five of the last six.

The Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams (1-0) v SIT Zerofees Sharks (1-1)

When: Friday, May 4, 7pm (Live Streamed)
Where: Cowles Stadium, Christchurch
Referees: Dallas Pickering, Matt Bathurst, Marty Davison

Notes

The Rams host the Sharks who play their third straight road game, after going 1-1 last week. The Sharks showed their offensive firepower, scoring 113 points against the Saints, despite missing one of their imports, Conor Morgan. Morgan was one of the star players for the Canadian national team in the commonwealth games, and is a versatile forward who can play inside and spread the floor with his three point shooting. Morgan will probably match up against Winston Shepard III, who nearly tallied a triple-double with 27 points, 11 rebounds, and eight assists. Another intriguing match will be between points guards Jarrad Weeks and Xavier Thames. Weeks had 26 points and six assists against the Saints and Thames had 21 points.

Augusta Mountainairs (1-0) v Taylor Hawks (1-0)

When: Friday, May 4, 7pm
Where: TSB Stadium, New Plymouth
Referees: Melony Wealleans, Ryan Jones, Sam Pan

Notes

The Airs play their first home game of the season, but it will be a challenge against a Hawks team that is coming off a win over the Sharks. Taranaki have had a good record against the Hawks, winning five of the last six. In the last meeting between the two teams, the Hawks did win 85-73 at TSB Stadium. Hawks will be playing on the second night of a back to back, but the Hawks have arguably one of the strongest benches in the competition, coach Zico Coronel using a nine man rotation last week. The Hawks have to keep Airs import trio off the boards, Javonte Douglas grabbed 18 rebounds Xavier Smith had nine and Roger Woods eight.

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Mike Pero Nelson Giants (1-0) v SIT Zerofees Sharks (1-1)

When: Saturday, May 5, 7pm
Where: Trafalgar Centre, Nelson
Referees: Sean Cronin, Gavin Zimmerman, Hayden Pipe

Notes

The Giants opened their season with impressive win over the Rangers, and like the week before they will be hosting a Sharks team that is on the second night of a back to back. But that shouldn't phase the Sharks who did get a win over the defending champion Saints off the back to back last week. Nelson were great offensively, scoring a league high 117 points which was higher than any output from last season when the team only averaged 80 points per game. Southland are also coming off a 113 point game, so potentially it could be another high scoring affair. Former team mates at Cairns Taipans Jarrard Weeks and Damon Heuir will look to bring much the same form from last week, both scoring team highs in their wins. Heuir 7/11 from the field for 25 points and also dished out nine assists. It was been a one sided series in the last few seasons between the two teams, Sharks winning seven of the last nine, including all three last season.

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

When: Sunday, May 6, 3pm (Live Streamed)
Where: Trusts Arena, Auckland
Referees: Dallas Pickering, Ryan Jones, Marty Davison

Notes

Both the Rangers and Saints suffered losses last week, and for the Rangers they will be desperate to avoid three straight defeats to start the season. The Saints will be disappointed with the defensive effort last week, allowing 113 points in the loss to the Sharks. Wellington scored 108 points despite shooting only 3/17 from the three. The Rangers also allowed far too many points last weekend, 100 against the Rams and 117 against the Giants. The Rangers were solid at home last season with a 6-3 record, but have struggled against the Saints in the two seasons, losing all seven attempts. Match up of the game will be between points guards Lindsay Tait and Shea Ili. Tait notched up 19 points and nine assists against the Rams, and Ili had a season high 32 points and 10 assists.