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## Sal's NBL Media Guide (Round 12)

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# 2018 Sal's National Basketball League Round 11 Review

## 2018 Sal's NBL Regular Season Standings

Team	P	W	L	For	Ag	H	A	Pts
Cigna Saints	15	13	2	1412	1311	6-1	7-1	26
Mike Pero Nelson Giants	14	11	3	1347	1195	6-2	5-1	22
SIT Zerofees Southland Sharks	13	10	3	1330	1174	6-1	4-2	20
Taylor Hawks	13	7	6	1132	1130	3-2	4-4	14
The Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams	14	7	7	1313	1279	3-4	4-3	14
Augusta Taranaki Mountainairs	13	3	10	1068	1144	1-5	2-5	6
Go Media Jets	14	2	12	1190	1393	1-6	1-6	4
2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers	14	2	12	1272	1438	1-7	1-5	4

## Results

### Thursday, July 5

*At Trusts Arena, Auckland*

2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers 104 (Clay Wilson 27, Marcel Jones 26, Dominique Kelman-Poto 19)

**SIT Zerofees Sharks 116 (Conor Morgan 28, Jarrad Weeks 23, Orlando Coleman 16)**

### Friday, July 6

*At Trafalgar Centre, Nelson*

Mike Pero Nelson Giants 95 (Kyle Adnam 27, Finn Delany 22, Jerry Evans Jr 15)

**SIT Zerofees Sharks 103 (Jarrad Weeks 18, Alex Pledger 18, Orlando Coleman 17)**

### Saturday, July 7

*At Cowles Stadium, Christchurch*

The Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams 91 (Ray Cowells 19, Michael Karena 17, Winston Shepard III 15)

**Mike Pero Nelson Giants 102 (Finn Delany 30, Jerry Evans Jr 24, Kyle Adnam 18)**

*At Springvale Arena, Whanganui*

Go Media Jets 93 (Kuran Iverson 30, Daishon Knight 30, Troy Temara 14)

**Cigna Saints 113 (LJ Peak 38, Shea Ili 23, Leon Henry 18)**

*At Trusts Arena, Auckland*

2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers 86 (Dominique Kelman-Poto 19, Marcel Jones 17, Clay Wilson 16)

**Taylor Hawks 113 (Dion Prewster 25, Ethan Rusbatch 23, Angus Brandt 18)**

### Sunday, July 8

*At TSB Stadium, New Plymouth*

Augusta Mountainairs 74 (Roger Woods 19, Javonte Douglas 18)

**Cigna Saints 77 (Majok Majok 18, Shaun Bruce 18, Shea Ili 18)**

## Individual Highs

<b>Points</b>	38	LJ Peak (Cigna Saints) v Go Media Jets
<b>Rebounds</b>	15	Marcel Jones (2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers) & Majok Majok (Cigna Saints)
<b>Assists</b>	10	Jarrad Weeks (SIT Zerofees Sharks) v 2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers
<b>Steals</b>	4	Three tied
<b>Blocks</b>	3	Alex Pledger (SIT Zerofees Sharks) & Max Darling (The Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams)

# Player of the Week (POW)

## Round 11: Finn Delany (Mike Pero Nelson Giants)

**Mike Pero Nelson Giants** forward, **Finn Delany**, is Round 11 player of the week for leading his side to a 102-91 win over the **Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams**. Delany tallied 30 points (11-13 FG), 14 rebounds and five assists. Delany has a great track record at Cowles Stadium, last season scoring 40 points.

The **Cigna Saints** maintained their position on the top of the table with three wins last week. **LJ Peak** scored a season high 38 points in the 113-93 win over the **Go Media Jets**. Centre, **Majok Majok**, grabbed a double-double of 24 points and 15 rebounds in the 94-82 win over the Rams.

The **Taylor Hawks** moved into the top four with a convincing 113-86 win over the **2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers**. **Dion Prewster** scored 25 points, and eight assists and five rebounds.

The **SIT Zerofees Sharks** went 2-0 on the road thanks to play of their point guard **Jarrad Weeks** who had 23 points and 10 assists against the Rangers, and 18 points and nine assists against the Giants.

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## Index of Success Scores

Player	Team	Opposing Team	Score
1 Finn Delany	Mike Pero Nelson Giants	The Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams	45
2 LJ Peak	Cigna Saints	Go Media Jets	39
3 Majok Majok	Cigna Saints	The Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams	35
3 Jarrad Weeks	SIT Zerofees Southland Sharks	2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers	35
5 Dion Prewster	Taylor Hawks	2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers	34
6 Julian Williams-Washburn	The Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams	Cigna Saints	32
6 Kyle Adnam	Mike Pero Nelson Giants	SIT Zerofees Southland Sharks	32
8 Jerry Evans Jr	Mike Pero Nelson Giants	The Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams	29
8 Marcel Jones	2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers	SIT Zerofees Southland Sharks	29
8 Shea Ili	Cigna Saints	Go Media Jets	29

## Top 10 Overall Index of Success Leaders

Player	Team	Games	Total	Avg
1 Shea Ili	Cigna Saints	14	415	29.6
2 Winston Shepard III	The Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams	14	362	25.9
3 Finn Delany	Mike Pero Nelson Giants	12	308	25.7
4 Kuran Iverson	Go Media Jets	14	354	25.3
5 Javonte Douglas	Augusta Mountainairs	13	322	24.8
6 Kyle Adnam	Mike Pero Nelson Giants	13	322	24.8
7 Jarrad Weeks	SIT Zerofees Sharks	13	318	24.5
8 Majok Majok	Cigna Saints	15	360	24.0
9 Daishon Knight	Go Media Jets	14	324	23.1
10 Marcel Jones	2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers	11	239	21.7



## Round 12 Preview

### Taylor Hawks (7-6) v The Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams (7-7)

**When:** Thursday, 12 July, 7pm  
**Where:** Pettigrew Green Arena, Napier  
**Referees:** Dallas Pickering, Sam Pan, Rhys Hmlton

#### Notes

The Hawks will try to further their position in the top four when they play the fifth placed Rams, who will be desperate for the win if they have playoff aspirations. The Hawks beat the Rams 91-76 in Round Six, so a win here would mean they hold the tiebreaker. A win for the Rams could potentially set up a elimination game between the two teams in Round 14 which will be played in Christchurch. Former Ram, Ethan Rusbatch, was player of the Week for his effort against the Rams, tallying 22 points and nine assists. Canterbury have won six of the last seven meetings between the two teams, but are currently riding a three game losing streak. Last week the Rams were without their leading scorer, Xavier Thames, who will be out for this weeks road trip. Thames replacement is former Nelson Giant point guard, Ray Cowels, who scored 19 last week against his former team. Cowles is a notable scorer, leading the league in 2016 averaging 25.7 points per game.

### Augusta Mountainairs (3-10) v SIT Zerofees Sharks (10-3)

**When:** Thursday, 12 July, 7pm  
**Where:** TSB Stadium, New Plymouth  
**Referees:** Melony Wealleans, Hayden Pipe, Tayla Ammunson

#### Notes

The Mountainairs have lost seven of their last eight and will host a Sharks team that has won nine of their last ten. Sharks have won 11 of the last 13 meetings between the two teams, but in the last game at TSB Stadium it was the Airs who upset the Sharks 64-61 on 31st March, 2017. This will be the first of two meetings in New Plymouth, the next game will be in the final round of the season. The Sharks currently lead the league in points per game at 102.3 while the Airs are last at 82.2 per game. In the last meeting between the two teams the Sharks won 92-71. Javonte Douglas had one of his best games in an Airs uniform with 27 points and 19 rebounds. Airs were missing their centre, Xavier Smith, in the loss to the Sharks with an ankle injury. Smith is currently third in the league in blocks at 1.5 per game, and will go head to head with Alex Pledger who is fourth at 1.2.

### The Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams (7-7) v Go Media Jets (2-12)

**When:** Friday, 13 July, 7pm  
**Where:** Cowles Stadium, Christchurch  
**Referees:** Yalla Edwards, Marty Davison, Duran Whiu

#### Notes

The Rams will play the Jets for the third time this season, the Rams winning the first encounter 118-88 in Round Nine, and then the following week the Jets upset the Rams 95-94 in overtime. It was only the second time out seven games the Jets have beaten the Rams. One player the Rams will want to do a better job of containing is point guard, Daishon Knight, who in the two games is averaging 33.5 points per game. Knight leads the league in scoring at 26.7 per game, and his team mate, Kuran Iverson is second at 24.4 per game. Iverson grabbed 19 rebounds in the win over the Rams, and is averaging 10.1 per game. Jets are currently 2-12 which if they finish without a further win would be the second worst finish in franchise history, in 1987 they went 1-17. Rams forward Winston Shepard, has been relatively quiet in his last four games averaging 16 points per game at 38% from the field. But Shepard is currently second in the league in assists at 7.1 per game.

# Round 12 Preview

## Cigna Saints (13-2) v Augusta Mountainairs (3-10)

**When:** Saturday, 14 July, 7pm  
**Where:** TSB Bank Arena, Wellington  
**Referees:** Sean Cronin, Ryan Jones, Gavin Zimmerman

### Notes

The Cigna Saints will play the Airs for the second time in six days, having to hold off them off for a 77-74 win. The Airs trailed by as many as 17 points to start the fourth quarter, but outscored the Saints 31-17. Taranaki will be disappointed with the second quarter, being held to a season low 3 points. Majok Majok had 18 points and seven rebounds in the win over the Airs. Majok presented issues for Xavier Smith who struggled with foul trouble, playing only 12 minutes. Majok leads the league in rebounds at 11.3 per game and has grabbed eight double-doubles. In the last meeting in Wellington, the Saints won 98-89, but the Airs did lead by as many as 14, they lost the fourth quarter 32-13. Javonte Douglas scored 25 points while Shea Ili had 28. Ili is currently third in the league in most three pointers made at 31. The league leader in three point makes is Alonzo Burton at 39. Burton struggled from the three against the Saints last Sunday, shooting 1-9.

## Go Media Jets (2-12) v SIT Zerofees Sharks (10-3)

**When:** Sunday, 15 July, 1pm  
**Where:** Ballroom Arena, Manawatu  
**Referees:** Ryan Jones, Sam Pan, Sherhon Martin

### Notes

The Jets will play the Sharks for the third time, but the first at home. In the previous two meetings, the Sharks have won by an average margin of 28.5 points. The Jets have not beaten the Sharks since 2012, and since 2010 have only won 2 of 11. This will be the fourth straight road game for the Sharks who finish the regular season with two of their last at home. Both teams leading scorers are point guards, Daishon Knight is averaging 26.7 points and 4.9 assists for the Jets, and Jarrad Weeks is averaging 18.5 points and 5.6 assists. The Sharks final schedule sees them play the second places Nelson Giants, a win there would mean they hold the tie break against both them and top placed Saints, so if they all finish with the same record then will finish top.

## 2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers (2-12) v Mike Pero Nelson Giants (11-3)

**When:** Sunday, 16 July, 3pm  
**Where:** Trusts Arena, Auckland  
**Referees:** Dallas Pickering, Gavin Zimmerman, Rhys Hamilton

### Notes

The Rangers will play their fourth straight home game which will be the final of the season as they play their next three on the road. The Rangers have struggled defensively in their last two game, allowing 114.5 points per game. Earlier in the year the Giants gave the Rangers their worst loss of the season of 49 points. The Rangers did improve in the second meeting at Te Awamutu, losing by 15, but struggled to contain Finn Delany who scored 33. Delany is currently leading the Giants in scoring (20.2 points per game) and rebounds (8.3 per game), and is shooting 60.3% from the field. Delany will match up against the Rangers leading scorer Marcel Jones who is fourth in the league in both scoring (22.8) and rebounds (9.8). In his last NBL season, Lindsay Tait, is set to win the assists title, currently averaging 8.1 per game. This would be the fourth time that he was won the title, winning it in 2010, 2013 & 2015.