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Week 11 Media Guide
Lindsay Tait is player of the week
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2018 Sal's National Basketball League Week 9 Review

2018 Sal's NBL Regular Season Standings

Team	P	W	L	For	Ag	H	A	Pts
Mike Pero Nelson Giants	12	10	2	1150	1001	6-1	4-1	20
Cigna Saints	12	10	2	1128	1052	5-1	5-1	20
SIT Zerofees Southland Sharks	11	8	3	1111	975	6-1	2-2	16
The Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams	12	7	5	1130	1083	3-3	4-2	14
Taylor Hawks	12	6	6	1019	1044	3-2	3-4	12
Augusta Taranaki Mountainairs	12	3	9	994	1067	1-4	2-5	6
2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers	12	2	10	1082	1209	1-5	1-5	4
Go Media Jets	13	2	11	1097	1280	1-5	1-6	4

Results

Thursday, June 21

At Springvale Sports Stadium, Whanganui

Go Media Jets 71 (Daishon Knight 23, Kuran Iverson 20, Callum McRae 12)

Mike Pero Nelson Giants 90 (Damon Heuir 24, Finn Delany 18, Jerry Evan Jr 14)

Friday, June 22

At ILT Stadium, Invercargill

SIT Zerofees Sharks 98 (Jarrad Weeks 22, Reuben Te Rangi 19, Alex Pledger 16)

Cigna Saints 86 (Shea Ili 26, Leon Henry 22, Jordan Ngatai 19)

Saturday, June 23

At Pettigrew Green Arena, Napier

Taylor Hawks 84 (Dion Prewster 19, Jarrod Kenny 18, Jamie Skeen 18)

Augusta Mountainairs 90 OT (Alonzo Burton 26, Javonte Douglas 26, Roger Woods 16)

At Cowles Stadium, Christchurch

The Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams 118 (Tony Tolovae 27, Julian Williams-Washburn 21, Maxwell Darling 16)

Go Media Jets 88 (Daishon Knight 31, Kuran Iverson 24, Brandon Lucas 18)

Sunday, June 24

At Trusts Arena, Auckland

2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers 103 (Marcel Jones 30, Lindsay Tait 23, Clay Wilson 21)

Augusta Mountainairs 84 (Alonzo Burton 29, Javonte Douglas 23, Roger Woods 12)

Saturday, June 30

At Ballroom Arena, Palmerston North

Go Media Jets 95 (Daishon Knight 36, Kuran Iverson 29, Brandon Lucas 15)

The Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams 94 (Xavier Thames 31, Winston Shepard III 20, Tony Tolovae 14) OT

Individual Highs

Points	36	Daishon Knight (Go Media Jets) v Mike Pero Nelson Giants
Rebounds	19	Kuran Iverson (Go Media Jets) v Mike Pero Nelson Giants
Assists	14	Winston Shepard III (The Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams) v Go Media Jets
Steals	4	Dillon Boucher (Rangers) & Winston Shepard III (Rams)
Blocks	4	Xavier Smith (Augusta Mountainairs) v 2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers

Player of the Week (POW)

Round Nine: Lindsay Tait (2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers)

2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers point guard, **Lindsay Tait**, tallied 23 points (10-12 FG), and 13 assists in the 103-84 win over the **Augusta Mountainairs** to claim player of the week. In what is his final season in the NBL, Tait, is leading the league in assists at 8.3 per game, and is averaging 14.6 points at 54.4% from the field

Marcel Jones also got in on the action against the Airs with 30 points and 14 rebounds. Jones is currently fourth in the league in scoring (23.1) and fifth in rebounds (9.2)

The Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams and the **Go Media Jets** faced each other in consecutive weeks, but with different results. In the first meeting **Tony Tolovae** had 26 points, and **Julian Williams-Washburn** had 21 points and eight rebounds in the Rams 118-88 win. Then the week after the Jets would upset the Rams 95-94 in overtime thanks to the play of **Kuran Iverson** (29 points and 19 rebounds) and **Daishon Knight** (36 points)

The **SIT Zerofees Sharks** ended the **Cigna Saints** ten game winning streak thanks to 22 points from **Jarrad Weeks**, and 19 from **Reuben Te Rangi**. This the second time this season that the Sharks a Saints winning streak, ending their record 24 game streak in the opening round.

The **Augusta Mountainairs** ended their losing streak with a 90-84 overtime road win over the **Taylor Hawks**. **Alonzo Burton** scored 26 and **Javonte Douglas** added 25.

Tall Black forward, Finn Delany, helped guide the Mike Pero Nelson Giants to their seventh straight win, tallying 18 points, six rebounds and five assists in the 90-71 win over the Jets.

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Index of Success Scores

Player	Team	Opposing Team	Score
1 Lindsay Tait	2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers	Augusta Taranaki Mountainairs	37
2 Kuran Iverson	Go Media Jets	The Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams	35
2 Marcel Jones	2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers	Augusta Taranaki Mountainairs	35
4 Shea Ili	Cigna Saints	SIT Zerofees Southland Sharks	33
5 Daishon Knight	Go Media Jets	The Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams	32
5 Daishon Knight	Go Media Jets	The Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams	32
7 Tony Tolovae	The Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams	Go Media Jets	29
7 Finn Delany	Mike Pero Nelson Giants	Go Media Jets	29
7 Xavier Thames	The Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams	Go Media Jets	29
10 Kuran Iverson	Go Media Jets	The Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams	27

Top 10 Overall Index of Success Leaders

Player	Team	Games	Total	Avg
1 Shea Ili	Cigna Saints	11	348	31.6
2 Winston Shepard III	The Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams	12	330	27.5
3 Kuran Iverson	Go Media Jets	13	336	25.8
4 Kyle Adnam	Mike Pero Nelson Giants	11	275	25.0
5 Finn Delany	Mike Pero Nelson Giants	10	248	24.8
6 Javonte Douglas	Augusta Taranaki Mountainairs	12	295	24.6
7 Majok Majok	Cigna Saints	12	284	23.7
8 Jarrad Weeks	SIT Zerofees Southland Sharks	11	255	23.2
9 Daishon Knight	Go Media Jets	13	298	22.9
10 Marcel Jones	2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers	9	200	22.2

Week 11 Preview

2 Cheap Supercity Rangers (2-10) v SIT Zerofees Sharks (8-3)

When: Thursday, 5th July, 7pm (Live Streamed)
Where: Trusts Arena, Auckland
Referees: Sean Cronin, Ryan Jones, Sam Pan

Notes

The Rangers have won two of their last three and will be playing the Sharks who have not played on the road since May 5th. This will be the first of four straight road games for the Sharks who are 2-2 so far this season. The two teams last met in Round 5, the Sharks winning 108-87. Sharks forward, Orlando Coleman, had a season high 29 points. Southland have won four of the last five meetings between the two teams. Last week the Sharks ended the Saints 10 game winning streak, and they will be pleased with the performance from Reuben Te Rangi who scored 19 points. Te Rangi has been quiet this season averaging a career low 7.6 points per game, which puts him ninth in his team in scoring. It also reflects the depth they have this season as they lead the league in scoring at 101 per game. The Rangers allow exactly 101 points per game which is a league worst.

Mike Pero Nelson Giants (10-2) v SIT Zerofees Sharks (8-3)

When: Friday, 6th July, 7pm (Live Streamed)
Where: At Trafalgar Centre, Nelson
Referees: Dallas Pickering, Yalla Edwards, Hayden Pipe

Notes

The Giants currently have the longest active winning streak at seven, but they will have the tough task of hosting the Sharks who have won seven of their last eight. The two teams met back in Round Two, and it was the Giants who edged the Sharks 103-100. The Sharks had no answer for point guard, Kyle Adnam, who tallied 32 points and 14 assists which were both season highs. Adnam will go head to head with Jarrad Weeks who leads the Sharks in scoring at 18.1 points per game which includes shooting the ball at 52% from the field and 43.6% from three. Weeks is currently third in the league in three point percentage, the leader is Giants forward, Tohi Smith-Milner, at 47.2%. A win to the Giants will mean they hold the tie break which could be the difference on final placings for the regular season.

Go Media Jets (2-11) v Cigna Saints (11-2)

When: Saturday, 7th July, 7pm
Where: Springvale Stadium, Whanganui
Referees: Ryan Jones, Sean Cronin, Marty Davison

Notes

The Jets are coming off their best performance of the season with a upset win over the fourth placed Rams. They will try to do the same against the Saints who had a tough two point win to the Rams on Tuesday. The Jets have lost both meetings to the Saints, but did have a good chance to get a win in the second meeting when the Saints were without both of their leading scorers Shea Ili and LJ Peak. The Saints managed to win 79-70 thanks to 25 points from Jordan Ngatai. This will be the second time the Jets have hosted a game in Whanganui, the other was a 90-71 loss to the Giants in Round Nine. Match up of the game will be between point guards Daishon Knight and Shea Ili. Knight currently leads the league in scoring at 26.5 per game, while Ili is second at 24.8. One more win for the Saints will most likely secure a playoff spot as they currently hold the tiebreak over both the Hawks and Rams.

Week 11 Preview

The Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams (7-6) v Mike Pero Nelson Giants (10-2)

When: Saturday, 7th July, 7pm
Where: Cowles Stadium, Christchurch
Referees: Matt Bathurst, Tayla Ammunson, Sherhon Martin

Notes

The Rams are on a two game losing streak and will have the tough task of playing the Giants who have won seven straight and possibly eight if they beat the Sharks. The two teams have played twice in Nelson, both splitting the wins. In the last meeting it was the Giants that won 96-92. Kyle Adnam scored 22, and Mika Vukona made all seven field goal attempts to score 15 points and add 11 rebounds. The Rams have had mixed results at home, going 3-3. Giants are 4-1 on the road, the only loss was to the Hawks. Match up of the game will be between the point guards, Adnam, and Xavier Thames. Thames is averaging 24 points in the two games against the Giants, while Adam is averaging 21.5. This will be the second to last home game for the Giants, who will have a tough finish to the regular season which includes playing the Saints twice, and Sharks in Invercargill.

2 Cheap Supercity Rangers (2-10) v Taylor Hawks (6-6)

When: Saturday, 7th July, 7pm
Where: Trusts Arena, Auckland
Referees: Melony Wealleans, Matt Bathurst, Gavin Zimmerman

Notes

The Rangers will host the Hawks who won the last meeting 93-84. The Hawks front court of Jamie Skeen (25 points) and Angus Brandt (22 points and 17 rebounds) were the difference. In his last three games for the Rangers, Marcel Jones, is averaging 26 points and 11.3 rebounds per game. The Rangers have won seven of the last nine meetings. Lindsay Tait continues to lead the league in assists averaging 8.3 while his opponent Jarrod Kenny is currently fifth at 5.7 per game. After this game, the Rangers will play one more game at home before they play their last three on the road. The Hawks meanwhile will play four of their next five at home which should bolster their playoff chances. Hawks playoff chances will probably be determined by the two games against the Rams who are currently in the fourth spot but only by half a game.

Augusta Mountainairs (3-9) v Cigna Saints (11-2)

When: Sunday, 8th July, 7pm (Live Streamed)
Where: TSB Stadium, New Plymouth
Referees: Matt Bathurst, Gavin Zimmerman, Marty Davison

Notes

The Airs will host the Saints, and will try and end a ten game losing streak against them, their last win was June 6, 2014, 76-74 at TSB Stadium. In the first meeting between the two teams, the Saints won 98-89, Shea Ili scored 28 for the Saints and Javonte Douglas had 25 points for the Airs. Douglas will go head to head with LJ Peak, who returned to the Saints line-up after missing their last three games which included the Airs. Centre, Xavier Smith, did not face the Saints last time, and should provide a good cover against Majok Majok, who is leading the league in rebounds at 11.7 per game. Smith is currently second equal in blocks at 1.7 per game.