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Round Nine Media Guide

Rams forward Julian Williams-Washburn is Round Eight Player of the Week

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2018 Sal's National Basketball League Round Eight Review

2018 Sal's NBL Regular Season Standings

Team	P	W	L	For	Ag	H	A	Pts
Cigna Saints	11	10	1	1042	954	5-1	5-0	20
Mike Pero Nelson Giants	11	9	2	1060	930	6-1	3-1	18
SIT Zerofees Southland Sharks	10	7	3	1013	889	5-1	2-2	14
The Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams	10	6	4	918	900	2-3	4-1	12
Taylor Hawks	11	6	5	935	954	3-1	3-4	12
Augusta Taranaki Mountainairs	10	2	8	820	880	1-4	1-4	4
Go Media Jets	10	1	9	843	978	0-4	1-5	2
2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers	11	1	10	979	1125	0-5	1-5	2

Results

Thursday, June 14

At Trafalgar Centre, Nelson

Mike Pero Nelson Giants 96 (Kyle Adnam 22, Finn Delany 19, Tohi Smith-Milner 17)

The Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams 92 (Xavier Thames 24, Julian Williams-Washburn 20, Winston Shepard III 19)

Friday, June 15

At ILT Stadium, Invercargill

SIT Zerofees Sharks 77 (Conor Morgan 14, Jarrad Weeks 14, James Hunter 11)

The Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams 89 (Julian Williams-Washburn 21, Winston Shepard III 17, Tony Tolovae 14)

Saturday, June 16, 3pm

At TSB Bank Arena

Cigna Saints 98 (Shea Ili 28, Shaun Bruce 19, Leon Henry 15)

Augusta Mountainairs 89 (Javonte Douglas 25, Roger Woods 15, Alonzo Burton 14)

At Pettigrew Green Arena, Napier

Taylor Hawks 93 (Jamie Skeen 25, Angus Brandt 22, Ethan Rusbatch 14) v

2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers 84 (Marcel Jones 23, Clay Wilson 17, Lindsay Tait 14)

Sunday, June 17

At Ballroom Arena, Manawatu

Go Media Jets 70 (Daishon Knight 27, Kuran Iverson 23)

Cigna Saints 79 (Jordan Ngatai 25, Majok Majok 22, Leon Henry 17)

Individual Highs

Points	28	Shea Ili (Cigna Saints) v Augusta Mountainairs
Rebounds	17	Angus Brandt (Taylor Hawks) v 2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers
Assists	8	Roger Woods (Augusta Airs) v Cigna Saints
Steals	4	Tony Tolovae (The Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams) v
Blocks	2	Finn Delany (Giants) & Maxwell Darling (Rams)

Player of the Week (POW)

Round Eight: Julian Williams-Washburn

Julian Williams-Washburn is Player of the Week after leading the **Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams** to an upset win on the road against the **SIT Zerofees Sharks**. Williams-Washburn tallied 21 points, nine rebounds and seven assists for the Rams who remain in the top four with a 6-4 record.

Centre, **Angus Brandt**, returned to the **Taylor Hawks** and grabbed a double-double of 22 points and 17 rebounds in the 93-84 win over the 2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers.

The **Cigna Saints** extended their winning streak to ten after posting two wins on the weekend. **Shea Ili** had 28 points, **Leon Henry** had 15 points and 13 rebounds, and **Majok Majok** had 13 points and 16 rebounds in the 98-89 win over the **Augusta Mountainairs**.

Majok backed it up with 22 points, and **Jordan Ngatai** had 25 points and 15 rebounds in the 79-70 win over the **Go Media Jets**.

Mike Pero Nelson Giants grabbed their sixth straight win defeating the Rams 96-92. **Kyle Adnam** had 22 points, and **Mika Vukona** had 15 points and 11 rebounds.

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Index of Success Scores

Player	Team	Opposing Team	Score
1 Julian Williams-Washburn	The Wheeler Motor Rams	SIT Zerofees Southland Sharks	34
2 Angus Brandt	Taylor Hawks	2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers	33
3 Jordan Ngatai	Cigna Saints	Go Media Jets	32
4 Leon Henry	Cigna Saints	Augusta Taranaki Mountainairs	31
4 Shea Ili	Cigna Saints	Augusta Taranaki Mountainairs	31
6 Javonte Douglas	Augusta Taranaki Mountainairs	Cigna Saints	30
6 Majok Majok	Cigna Saints	Go Media Jets	30
8 Kyle Adnam	Mike Pero Nelson Giants	The Wheeler Motor Rams	29
9 Majok Majok	Cigna Saints	Augusta Taranaki Mountainairs	28
10 Mika Vukona	Mike Pero Nelson Giants	The Wheeler Motor Rams	27

Top 10 Overall Index of Success Leaders

Player	Team	Games	Total	Avg
1 Shea Ili	Cigna Saints	10	315	31.5
2 Winston Shepard III	The Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams	10	279	27.9
3 Javonte Douglas	Augusta Mountainairs	10	251	25.1
4 Kuran Iverson	Go Media Jets	10	250	25.0
5 Kyle Adnam	Mike Pero Nelson Giants	11	275	25.0
6 Finn Delany	Mike Pero Nelson Giants	9	219	24.3
7 Majok Majok	Cigna Saints	11	261	23.7
8 Jarrad Weeks	SIT Zerofees Sharks	10	228	22.8
9 Julian Williams-Washburn	The Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams	10	223	22.3
10 Daishon Knight	Go Media Jets	10	219	21.9

Round Nine Preview

Go Media Jets (1-9) v Mike Pero Nelson Giants (9-2)

When: Thursday, 21 June, 7pm (Live Streamed)
Where: Springvale Sports Stadium, Whanganui
Referees: Melony Wealleans, Yalla Edwards, Sam Pan

Notes

The Jets will try to end their six game losing streak when they host the red hot Giants who have won six on the trot. The Giants have won both meetings against the two teams, but they only narrowly won by two in Palmerston back in Round Four. The Giants had no answer for Kuran Iverson who scored 38 points, but the Giants were without key forwards, Tohi Smith-Milner and Mika Vukona. Vukona is coming off a double-double of 15 points, 11 rebounds, and 7-for-7 from the field. Kyle Adnam scored 21 against the Jets in the 87-85 win, but he will not be in the line-up due to participating in the NBA mini-camp with the Dallas Mavericks. The Giants have won eight straight over the Jets, the Jets last winning back in 2012. This will be the first game played this season in Whanganui

SIT Zerofees Sharks (7-3) v Cigna Saints (10-1)

When: Friday, 22 June, 7pm (Live Streamed)
Where: ILT Stadium, Invercargill
Referees: Sean Cronin, Marty Davison, Duran Whiu

Notes

Saints are winners of 34 of their last 35, the last loss was to the Sharks, who won in Wellington 113-108 in the opening round. Since then Wellington have won ten straight, but will probably be short handed again without LJ Peak (knee injury). The Sharks had previous won their last five at home, each being 20 plus point wins, but had a shock loss to the Rams last week. Sharks centre, Alex Pledger, has missed the last two Sharks games with an ankle injury, but has had an able replacement in James Hunter who had a double-double of 11 points and 11 rebounds last week. The Sharks will hopefully have both Hunter and Pledger to combat Majok Majok who has grabbed six double-double this season and in his last three games is averaging 18 points and 12.6 rebounds per game. Sharks forward, Conor Morgan, missed the game against the Saints and has been consistent for the Sharks all season, averaging 16 points, nearly seven rebounds and 36% from three. Morgan will go head to head with Leon Henry who is coming off back to back double-doubles last week.

Taylor Hawks (6-5) v Augusta Mountainairs (2-8)

When: Saturday, 23 June, 5pm
Where: Pettigrew Green Arena, Napier
Referees: Dallas Pickering, Gavin Zimmerman, Rhys Hamilton

Notes

The Hawks ended their two game losing streak with a hard fought 93-84 win over the Rangers. The Hawks trailed by as many as 13 points against the Rangers, but it was the front court of Angus Brandt and Jamie Skeen that was the difference, combining for 47 points and 22 rebounds. The Hawks will be reeling from their loss to the Saints last week when they led by as many as 14 points. The Hawks will want to improve on last week's fourth quarter when they were outscored 32-13. The two teams met in Round Two in New Plymouth, the Hawks winning 90-87. Shooting guard, Dion Prewster, had a season best 25 in the win and will be looking to bounce back from his two point performance last week. Hawks forward, Javonte Douglas, is currently leading the league in rebounds (11.3 per game), and is fifth in points (21.5 per game). Douglas had a season high 30 points against the Hawks

Round Nine Preview

The Wheeler Motor Canterbury Rams (6-4) v Go Media Jets (1-9)

When: Saturday, 23 June, 7pm (Live Streamed)
Where: Cowles Stadium, Christchurch
Referees: Matt Bathurst, Tayla Ammunson, Sherhon Martin

Notes

The Rams ended their three game losing streak with a big win over the Sharks. They will now host the struggling Jets who are on a six game losing skid. This will be the first of three meetings between the two teams which includes playing each other in back to back weeks. Since 2014, the Rams have won four of the last five meetings. The match up of the game will be between forwards Winston Shepard III and Kuran Iverson. Shepard III is averaging 20 points, 9.3 rebounds and 6.9 assists per game, Iverson is averaging 23.8 points, 8.6 rebounds and 3.3 assists per game. The Jets will be without rookie centre, Callum McRae, who will begin his US college career at the University of California Riverside. McRae has been the Jets leading rebounder at 7.2 per game, and would have been a good match up against fellow up and comer MaX Darling who is the active league leader in blocks at 1.6 per game.

2 Cheap Cars Supercity Rangers (1-10) v Augusta Mountainairs (2-8)

When: Sunday, 24 June, 5pm (Live Streamed)
Where: Trusts Arena, Auckland
Referees: Ryan Jones, Hayden Pipe, Rhys Hamilton

Notes

The Rangers got their first win of the season which was against the Airs 93-86, and will try take advantage of an Airs side that is coming off a game the night before in Napier. The Airs got off to a slow start against the Rangers, and had no answer for rookie, Dominique Kelman-Poto, who had 26 points and 15 rebounds. Marcel Jones also grabbed a double-double of 25 points and 12 rebounds. Forward, Roger Woods, had 29 points despite fouling out in 25 minutes. Taranaki will be hoping to have their third import, Xavier Smith, back in the line-up as he has missed their last three games with an ankle injury. The Rangers have won four straight over the Airs, the last win was 20th May, 2016, 81-69.