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GAMES PLAYED

Sat. Dec. 26

Saint John 121, Island 106
 Halifax 129, Moncton 113
 London 122, Niagara 109
 Orangeville 98, Windsor 97

Sun. Dec. 27

Island 130, Moncton 117
 Saint John 110, Halifax 103
 Niagara 106, London 104

ATLANTIC DIVISION

Team	W	L	.PCT	GB
Saint John	2	0	1.000	--
Halifax	1	1	.500	1
The Island	1	1	.500	1
Moncton	0	2	.000	2

CENTRAL DIVISION

Team	W	L	.PCT	GB
Orangeville	1	0	1.000	--
London	1	1	.500	.5
Niagara	1	1	.000	.5
Windsor	0	1	.000	1

UPCOMING GAMES (all times local)

Tue. Dec. 29

Halifax at Moncton 7:00pm AST
 Windsor at London 7:00pm EST

Wed. Dec. 30

Moncton at Saint John 7:00 pm AST

Thu. Dec. 31

Halifax at Island 7:00 pm AST

Fri. Jan. 1

Moncton at Halifax 7:00 pm AST
 Windsor at Orangeville 7:00 pm EST

Sat. Jan. 2

Island at Saint John 7:00 pm AST
 Orangeville at London 7:00 pm EST
 Niagara at Windsor 7:30 pm EST

Sun. Jan. 3

Saint John at Halifax 2:00 pm AST
 Island at Moncton 2:00 pm AST
 Windsor at London 2:00 pm EST
 Orangeville at Niagara 2:00 pm EST

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NBL TEAM REPORTS

<p>Halifax Hurricanes 1888 Brunswick Street, Suite 611 Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 3J8 Phone: (902) 444- 7246 Fax: 1-866-424-4267 Head Coach: Vito Lopez Home arena: Scotiabank Centre halifaxhurricanes.ca</p>	<p>The expansion Halifax Hurricanes made an auspicious debut in front of over 2,000 fans at Scotiabank Centre; as Mike Glover's double-double of 30 points and 11 rebounds cemented a 129-113 opening night victory over the Moncton Miracles. Justin Johnson and Billy White both scored 19 points apiece for Halifax, while Clifford Clinkscapes, the only player to return to Halifax from the city's previous NBL squad, scored 17 points. Halifax's bench outscored Moncton's bench 74-42 in the win.</p> <p>On the next day, however, the Hurricanes were swept away by the Saint John Mill Rats, 110-103. Kyle Hunt and Shane Gibson scored 27 and 20 points, respectively; Hunt also had 8 rebounds. Gibson's 20 points included five 3-pointers, but those came at a 5-for-12 offensive struggle.</p>	
<p>The Island Storm 46 Kensington Rd. Charlottetown, PEI C1A 5H7 Phone: 902-566-6619 Fax: (902) 629-6650 Head Coach: Joseph Salerno Home Venue: Eastlink Centre stormbasketball.ca</p>	<p>The Island Storm started their season with a Saturday afternoon game against the Saint John Mill Rats. But even with Malcolm Grant's 24 points and 10 assists, the Storm could not surpass a 42-20 second-quarter deficit, and fell 121-106 to Saint John. Brian Addison came off the bench to score a double-double of 16 points and 12 rebounds; Addison also swatted three blocked shots.</p> <p>On Sunday afternoon, the Storm traveled to Moncton and picked up a 130-117 on the strength of 35 points from Mike Martin and 25 points via Brent Jennings. Nick Evans added a double-double of 10 points and 10 rebounds. Rashad Whack's 19 points included five steals.</p>	
<p>London Lightning 75 Blackfriars Street London, Ontario N6H 1K8 Phone: (519) 433-0634 Fax: (519) 433-9849 Head Coach: Kyle Julius Home arena: Budweiser Gardens lightningbasketball.ca</p>	<p>With another massive crowd packing Budweiser Gardens on Saturday night, the London Lightning put together another solid Opening Night win, with a 122-109 victory over the expansion Niagara River Lions. Warren Ward, who previously played for London coach Kyle Julius when both were in Mississauga last year, helped the Gold with 31 points. Another former player in Julius' stable, Chad Posthumus, pulled down a team-high 18 rebounds.</p> <p>London then traveled to St. Catherines for their next game, a Sunday evening contest with the Niagara River Lions. But despite 25 points from Tyshawn Paterson, including five 3-pointers, the Lightning were eclipsed by Niagara 106-104. Stephen Maxwell garnered 23 points and 8 rebounds, while Kevin Loiselle (17) and Garrett Williamson (14) also reached double figures for London.</p>	
<p>Moncton Miracles 795 Main Street, Suite 300 (Office #6) Moncton NB E1C 1E9 Team Phone: (506) 801-8863 Team Fax: (506) 801-8873 Head Coach: Serge Langis Home arena: Moncton Coliseum miraclesbasketball.ca</p>	<p>Despite 27 points and 9 rebounds from newly-signed Tydran Beaty, the Moncton Miracles began their fifth NBL Canada season with a road loss, 129-113 to the Halifax Hurricanes. James Justice (17), Dexter Strickland (14) and the returning Tyler Murray (12) were the only other Miracles to score in double figures.</p> <p>Moncton then hosted the Island Storm on Sunday afternoon at the Coliseum, only to fall 130-117 and start the season 0-2. Tyrrel Tate scored a team-high 25 points, while Tydran Beaty achieved 22 points and 6 rebounds.</p>	

<p>Niagara River Lions 7 Front St North Thorold, ON L2V 1X3 Phone: 289-273-5905 Fax (877) 269-0372 Head Coach: Ken Murray Home Arena: Meridian Centre riverlions.ca</p>	<p>The newest team in the NBL, the Niagara River Lions, made their debut on Saturday in London, where they fell to the London Lightning 122-109. Niagara's Logan Stutz finished the night with 29 points and 12 rebounds, while Clinton Springer-Williams, who played for London last season, scored 21 against his old team.</p> <p>In the River Lions' home opener on Sunday night, the St. Catherines crew evened up the home-and-away series with London, claiming a 106-104 victory for their first win of the young season. Sammy Zeglinski was the high scorer for the Lions, with 24 points, 6 rebounds and 6 assists. Logan Stutz claimed 18 points and 12 rebounds, while Adam Blazek claimed 16 points.</p>	
<p>Orangeville A's 207321 Hwy 9 Mono, ON L9W 6J2 Phone: (519) 940-3735 Fax: (519) 940-3730 Head Coach: Chris Thomas Home Arena: ACTS Athletics asbasketball.ca</p>	<p>Bilal Benn scored only 7 points in Saturday night's season opener against the Windsor Express, but the Orangeville player's most important points came on an ice-dagger 3-pointer with 2 seconds left in the contest, giving Orangeville a 98-97 road victory. Lewis Jackson led all A's in scoring with 23 points; Justin Moss had 19 points and 9 rebounds, while Flenard Whitfield returned to the A's and scored 16 points.</p>	
<p>Saint John Mill Rats 133 Prince William Street, Suite 9 Saint John, NB E2L 2B5 Office: (506) 214-4454 Fax: (506) 652-1562 Head Coach: Rob Spon Home Venue: Harbour Station millratsbasketball.ca</p>	<p>The Saint John Mill Rats started their season off with a bang, as Anthony Anderson's 24 points and 10 assists helped the Rats to a 121-106 road win Saturday night over the Island Storm. Corey Allmond added 20 points, while Jean-Richard Volcy had a "15" double double – 15 points and 15 rebounds.</p> <p>On Sunday afternoon, the Mill Rats opened their fifth season at Harbour Station with a convincing 110-103 triumph over the Halifax Hurricanes. Doug Herring had a team-high 24 points and 8 assists, while Gabe Freeman dug out a double-double of 21 points and 13 rebounds.</p>	
<p>Windsor Express 720 Ouellette Ave, Box 24 Windsor, Ontario N9A 1C2 Phone: (519) 800-3665 Interim Head Coach: Tony Jones Home Venue: WFCU Centre www.expressbasketball.ca</p>	<p>The Windsor Express handed out their second consecutive championship rings, hung their second consecutive championship banner, and then opened their fourth NBL season on Saturday night. Unfortunately for the Express, the Orangeville A's dampened Ring Night with a 98-97 win over the defending champions. Chris Commons led the Express with 27 points, while newcomer Shaquille Keith hit 24 points and 8 rebounds like a big diesel.</p>	

Game reports compiled via team press releases, and from articles appearing in newspapers from the teams' home locations.

NBL CANADA TRANSACTIONS

December 26, 2015: Saint John Mill Rats signed Al Stewart. Released David Seagers.

NBL CANADA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

The National Basketball League of Canada is pleased to announce that Logan Stutz of the Niagara River Lions, and Doug Herring Jr. of the Saint John Mill Rats, have been named Co-Players of the Week for the week ending December 27, 2015. This is the first time that the league has designated "Co-Players" of the week.

Logan Stutz, a 6'9" forward who played collegiately at Washburn, averaged 23.5 points and 12 rebounds in two Niagara games this weekend, including the team's first-ever win, a 106-104 Sunday night home victory over the London Lightning.

Doug Herring Jr., a 6'3" guard who played collegiately at Utica (N.Y.), put together 21.5 points per game in two Saint John victories. Herring also averaged 6 assists in both contests.

PREVIOUS NBL CANADA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK:

December 27, 2015: Logan Stutz, Niagara River Lions; Doug Herring Jr., Saint John Mill Rats (co-players of the week)

NBL PLAYER STATS (courtesy DakStats, <http://www.dakstats.com>)

SCORING AVERAGE	G	FG	3P	FT	PTS	AVG
Warren Ward, London	1	11	7	2	31	31.0
Chris Commons, Windsor	1	10	4	3	27	27.0
Tydran Beaty, Moncton	2	21	2	5	49	24.5
Shaquille Keith, Windsor	1	9	2	4	24	24.0
Tyshawn Patterson, London	2	17	8	5	47	23.5
Logan Stutz, Niagara	2	17	1	12	47	23.5
Lewis Jackson, Orangeville	1	10	1	2	23	23.0
Sammy Zeglinski, Niagara	2	17	9	3	46	23.0
Doug Herring, Jr., Saint John	2	12	3	16	43	21.5
Brent Jennings, The Island	2	17	5	4	43	21.5

SCORING AVERAGE	G	FG	3P	FT	PTS	AVG
Anthony Anderson, Saint John	2	13	4	11	41	20.5
Mike Martin, The Island	2	15	3	8	41	20.5
Gabe Freeman, Saint John	2	15	2	7	39	19.5
Mike Glover, Halifax	2	15	0	8	38	19.0
Justin Moss, Orangeville	1	9	0	1	19	19.0
James Justice, Moncton	2	11	3	11	36	18.0
Adrian Moss, Windsor	1	6	2	4	18	18.0
C. Springer-Williams, Niagara	2	12	4	8	36	18.0
Kyle Hunt, Halifax	2	12	0	11	35	17.5
Malcolm Grant, The Island	2	12	4	6	34	17.0
Tyrrel Tate, Moncton	2	12	4	6	34	17.0
Garrett Williamson, London	2	14	0	6	34	17.0

REBOUNDS	G	REB	AVG
Logan Stutz, Niagara	2	24	12.00
Da'Quan Cook, Niagara	2	23	11.50
Gabe Freeman, Saint John	2	23	11.50
Nick Evans, The Island	2	21	10.50
Jean-Richard Volcy, Saint John	2	21	10.50
Chad Posthumus, London	2	19	9.50
Brian Addison, The Island	2	18	9.00
Justin Moss, Orangeville	1	9	9.00

3-POINTERS MADE (min 5 made)	G	3P	3Ppg
Warren Ward, London	1	7	7.00
Sammy Zeglinski, Niagara	2	9	4.50
Corey Allmond, Saint John	2	8	4.00
Tyshawn Patterson, London	2	8	4.00
Jean-Richard Volcy, Saint John	2	8	4.00
Shane Gibson, Halifax	2	6	3.00
Brent Jennings, The Island	2	5	2.50

BLOCKED SHOTS	G	BLK	AVG
Tydran Beaty, Moncton	2	4	2.00
Brian Addison, The Island	2	3	1.50
Curtis Washington, London	2	3	1.50
Gabe Freeman, Saint John	2	2	1.00
Thomas Granado, Moncton	2	2	1.00
Jahmal McQueen, Windsor	1	1	1.00

STEALS	G	STL	AVG
Sammy Zeglinski, Niagara	2	6	3.00
Anthony Anderson, Saint John	2	5	2.50
Marcus Capers, London	2	5	2.50
Rashad Whack, The Island	2	5	2.50
Several players at			2.00

ASSISTS	G	AST	AVG
Doug Herring Jr., Saint John	2	16	8.00
Sammy Zeglinski, Niagara	2	15	7.50
Anthony Anderson, Saint John	2	14	7.00
Malcolm Grant, The Island	2	12	6.00
Garrett Williamson, London	2	11	5.50
Jeremy Wise, London	2	11	5.50
Lewis Jackson, Orangeville	1	5	5.00
Adrian Moss, Windsor	1	5	5.00
Raheem Singleton, Windsor	1	5	5.00

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE (min 10 attempts)	FGM	FGA	PCT
Lewis Jackson, Orangeville	10	13	.769
Tydran Beaty, Moncton	21	30	.700
Mike Glover, Halifax	15	22	.682
Clifford Clinkscales, Halifax	8	12	.667
Mike Martin, The Island	15	23	.652
Stephen Maxwell, London	12	19	.632
Tyrrel Tate, Moncton	12	19	.632
Chris Commons, Windsor	10	16	.625

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE (min 10 attempts)	FTM	FTA	PCT
Anthony Anderson, Saint John	11	12	.917
James Justice, Moncton	11	13	.846
Justin Johnson, Halifax	12	15	.800
Dexter Strickland, Moncton	17	22	.773

3-POINT GOALS PERCENTAGE (min 5 attempts)	3PM	3PA	PCT
Clinton Springer-Williams, Niagara	4	5	.800
Tyrrel Tate, Moncton	4	5	.800
Chris Commons, Windsor	4	6	.667
Justin Johnson, Halifax	4	6	.667
Robinson Odoch-Opong, Saint John	4	6	.667
Brent Jennings, The Island	5	8	.625

NATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE OF CANADA SCHEDULES AND RESULTS

HALIFAX HURRICANES GAME-BY-GAME

Date	H/A	Opponent	Score	W	L	Rec	Att	Leading Scorer
12/26/2015	H	Moncton Miracles	129-113	W		1-0	2000	Mike Glover (30)
12/27/2015	A	Saint John Mill Rats	103-110		L	1-1	1584	Kyle Hunt (27)

THE ISLAND STORM GAME-BY-GAME

Date	H/A	Opponent	Score	W	L	Rec	Att	Leading Scorer
12/26/2015	H	Saint John Mill Rats	106-121		L	0-1	2005	Malcolm Grant (24)
12/27/2015	A	Moncton Miracles	130-117	W		1-1	1547	Mike Martin (35)

LONDON LIGHTNING GAME-BY-GAME

Date	H/A	Opponent	Score	W	L	Rec	Att	Leading Scorer
12/26/2015	H	Niagara River Lions	122-109	W		1-0	4950	Warren Ward (31)
12/27/2015	A	Niagara River Lions	104-106		L	1-1	2819	Tyshawn Paterson (25)

MONCTON MIRACLES GAME-BY-GAME

Date	H/A	Opponent	Score	W	L	Rec	Att	Leading Scorer
12/26/2015	A	Halifax Hurricanes	113-129		L	0-1	2000	Tydran Beaty (27)
12/27/2015	H	The Island Storm	117-130		L	0-2	1547	Tyrrel Tate (25)

NIAGARA RIVER LIONS GAME-BY-GAME

Date	H/A	Opponent	Score	W	L	Rec	Att	Leading Scorer
12/26/2015	A	London Lightning	109-122		L	0-1	4950	Logan Stutz (29)
12/27/2015	H	London Lightning	106-104	W		1-1	2819	Sammy Zeglinski (22)

ORANGEVILLE A'S GAME-BY-GAME

Date	H/A	Opponent	Score	W	L	Rec	Att	Leading Scorer
12/26/2015	A	Windsor Express	98-97	W		1-0	1450	Lewis Jackson (23)

SAINT JOHN MILL RATS GAME-BY-GAME

Date	H/A	Opponent	Score	W	L	Rec	Att	Leading Scorer
12/26/2015	A	The Island Storm	121-106	W		1-0	2005	Anthony Anderson (24)
12/27/2015	H	Halifax Hurricanes	110-103	W		2-0	1584	Doug Herring Jr (24)

WINDSOR EXPRESS GAME-BY-GAME

Date	H/A	Opponent	Score	W	L	Rec	Att	Leading Scorer
12/26/2015	H	Orangeville A's	97-98		L	0-1	1450	Chris Commons (27)

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