

# Bombay proves worth

## **Bombay 1 47,**

### **Aztec Premier 1 59**

Bombay played their first game in the top division of the Counties Manukau Regional Netball Premier League on Friday night, losing by 12 points to the top of the table team.

Bombay proved they were good enough to perform in the top division after a closely contested qualifying tournament ranked them fifth.

Bombay coach Tania Heap said that it was a very physical match-up and that her girls did well to absorb the pressure for the first three quarters. "We lost it a bit in the last quarter and lost by 12 points which is still a lot better than how we went when we played them in pre-season," Heap said.

The more competitive atmosphere at the RPL com-

petition is a step up from their Pukekohe Netball Centre Saturday games and Heap said the team realised they needed to deal with the games differently.

"It's a huge ask for the girls to play both Friday and Saturday and might be too much but the girls are really keen and want to do both. They came out on Friday firing, pumped up and they really took it to them and I say good on them."

## **Tuakau 1 39,**

### **Aztec Premier 2 46**

A seven-point loss in their opening game of the RPL tournament was a set-back for Tuakau 1 but their coach said they gained a lot from the defeat.

Suzanne Mariassource said that her team were pleased with their performance even though they lost.

"It was a brilliant game

and even though we lost we certainly came out winner in knowing our strengths and knowing what we need to work on."

Mariassource said it would take a bit of getting used to having to play inside and during the evening.

"The structure of the game is completely different, it is ruled by the league and they dictate where you can sit who can be there with you all those things which are really different and very formal," Mariassource said.

For the Tuakau girls it was the first time they had been in such a situation and a lot of them were nervous but Mariassource said they made the step up really well. A big disadvantage for the side was not knowing the team they were up against but they stuck to their game plan throughout the game.