

# Club stars up for double challenge

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Counties Manukau club and representative netballers are in for a busy weekend with the start of the Super12 tournament and the Lois Muir Challenge.

The Super12, featuring the top three club teams from

Counties Manukau, Auckland/Waitakere and Waikato starts on Friday and the Lois Muir, a national development tournament, on Sunday.

The Papatoetoe Rangers, Mellons Bay and Aztec Premiers will play in the Super12.

Aztec, who finished fourth

and best of the Counties Manukau sides last year, are the only team at home. They face North 2 at the Otara Leisure Centre at 7pm on Friday. Mellons Bay face Auckland second seeds Baytex at the Auckland Netball Centre in Glen Innes at 7pm. Waikato second seeds Verdet-

tes host Rangers. Rangers coach Adrienne Morrin says their goal is to finish in the top six.

"We were disappointed with how we played last year.

"We're a more rounded team this year with Nadia Leonard, Caitlin Reidstra, Alex MaAllister and Miran-

eta Lemalu joining."

Reidstra, McAllister and Lemalu will be in the thick of things again on Sunday when they travel with the Counties Manukau team to Tauranga for their opening Lois Muir Challenge matches against Waikato and the Bay of Plenty.

■ The Lois Muir Challenge team is: Toni Rinckes, Miraneta Lemalu, Channelle Campbell, Elyse Clark, Elizabeth Ene, Olivia McKeown, Jessica Rose, Kirsten Hurley, Nadia Loveday, Nicole Jensen, Samantha Rowe, Latoiza Leaso, Alex McAllister, Caitlin Reidstra, Dannelle Steffany (pending fitness clearance), Marilyn Nordin, Abby Setefano, Adrienne Morrin (coach), Marjorie Rinckes (manager)