

# Experience and youth clash at netball centre

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The top-of-the-table clash between division two sides Manurewa Rugby and Papatoetoe Rangers 2 will be the highlight of the Counties Manukau regional netball league at the Manurewa Netball Centre tomorrow night.

At stake is a July 11 promotion-relegation match and a berth in the premier ranks for the final round of the league.

Both teams are unbeaten heading into the match which will be the classic showdown of age versus youthful exuberance.

Manurewa Rugby have experience on their side while the young Rangers team will try to run their opposites off their feet.

Both teams were convincing in their third round matches last Friday night.

Manurewa Rugby beat Aztec Premiers 2 45-36 at the Otara Recreation Centre and Papatoetoe beat Tuakau 50-43 at Rosehill College.

The most likely division one opponent for the promotion-relegation match will be Bombay.

They are without a point and last in their division one standings.

Bombay have had the toughest of draws having faced Aztec Premiers, Mellons Bay 1 and Papatoetoe Rangers in the first three rounds of the competition.

They're expected to be more competitive against Timbertown Shelley Park at the Manurewa Netball Centre on tomorrow night and against H&W United at the Otara Recreation Centre on July 8.

Papatoetoe Rangers 1 and Aztec Premiers 1 remain the only unbeaten teams in div-

ision one after the latest round of matches last Friday night.

Defending champions Rangers beat Bombay 54-33 at Rosehill College in Papakura while Aztec beat last year's runners-up Mellons Bay 56-38 at the Otara Recreation Centre.

Manager Brian Martindale says defence won it for Aztec.

"To counter Mellons Bays' fitness and speed we made sure our body positions were effective, with our heads in the right positions to cover an opponent and continue to watch ball movement."

Dannielle Steffany was judged Aztec's best player.

The quarter times scores were 9-9, 25-19, 41-26, 56-38.

Results -  
**Division 1:** Aztec Premiers 1 56 Mellons Bay 1 38, Papatoetoe Rangers 1 54

Bombay 33, Shelley Park 59 H&W United 43.

**Division 2:** Aztec 2 36 Manurewa Rugby 45, Papatoetoe Rangers 2 59 Tuakau 43, Pumaz 1 47 Pumaz 2 34.

**Standings - Division 1:** Aztec Premiers 12, Papatoetoe Rangers 12, Mellons Bay 8, Timbertown Shelley Park 4, H&W United 1, Bombay 0.

**Division 2:** Manurewa Rugby 12, Papatoetoe Rangers 2 12, Pumaz 1 5, Pumaz 2 4, Aztec Premiers 2 4, Tuakau 1.

**Tomorrow's draw:**  
Manurewa Rugby v Papatoetoe Rangers 2 (D2) 6.30pm, Timbertown Shelly Park v Bombay (D1) 8pm, Manurewa Netball Centre; Tuakau v Pumaz 1 (D2) 6.30pm, Papatoetoe Rangers v Mellons Bay 1 (D1) 8pm, Otara Recreation Centre; Pumaz 2 v Aztec Premier 2 (D2) 6.30pm, Aztec Premier v H&W United (D1) 8pm, Rosehill College.