

Hauraki nets an opportunity

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Counties Manukau netball coach Winnie Hauraki is excited at her appointment as apprentice coach at the three-day New Zealand Secondary School Camp at the Massey University Campus in Albany starting on May 20.

"I'm really thrilled because this is an opportunity of a lifetime for me," Hauraki says.

"I really want to be the best I can as a coach and improve my capabilities in terms of leading Aztec and the Counties Manukau premier team at the New Zealand championship."

Hauraki has developed a taste for higher honours since leading Aztec Premier to two Counties Manukau regional netball league titles and doing well with the Counties Manukau team at the national netball championship last season.

"I'd love to coach one of the New Zealand age-group teams one day," the 39-year-old says.

Hers won't be the only Counties Manukau face in the camp. Nadia Loveday, the 16-year-old centre-wing defence from the Papatoetoe Rangers Club, is the only south Auckland player in the squad.

She continues a trend set



High honours: Papatoetoe Rangers' Nadia Leonard has been selected for the New Zealand Secondary School team.

two years ago by Rangers team-mate Kirsten Hurley when she became the first Counties Manukau schoolgirl in years to earn national honours. Another Rangers player, Toni Rinckes, came within a whisker of that selection. She was named as a non-travelling reserve.

In other netball news,

Delwyn Sanders and Kathryn Garner will coach and manage the Counties Manukau under-17s and Vicki Morgan and Ruth Fullerton will coach and manage the under-19s.

Carolyn Pou and Wendy Soper are the coach and assistant coach of the under-21s.