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Hurley best in region again

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KIRSTEN Hurley has been named Counties Manukau Netball's player of the year for the second consecutive season.

The Saint Kentigern College old girl, who plays for the Papatoetoe Rangers club, collected the award at the region's prize-giving on October 19.

A centre and wing-defender, Hurley has been named in the national under-21 side and was also selected for the Northern Mystics training squad.

St Kent's student Caitlin Riedstra and Mellons Bay player Samantha Rowe were also called into the wider ANZ Championship team, the first Counties Manukau players to earn a place in the Auckland-based side.

Rowe was named Counties Manukau's player of the tournament at the national provincial champs in Porirua, while Riedstra was the regi at the under-19 competition.



Kirsten Hurley. Photo supplied

Other East Auckland-based players and officials to be recognised were:

- Elizabeth Ene (Sancta Maria College) and Stephanie Collins (Botany Downs Secondary College): selected in Pacific Rim secondary schools team and named in under-17 national tournament team, along with Nicole Jensen (Pakuranga College), who was the Counties Manukau player of the tournament.
- Rebecca Jeans (Howick Pakuranga Netball Centre): Umpire of the year.
- Nina Smith (HPNC): Bench official of the year.
- Louise Ennor, Heather Kindness and Pauline Coultas (HPNC): volunteer recognition.

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