Second side no easy beats

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Papatoetoe Rangers 1 and Aztec Premiers 1 scored convincing wins in the championship round of the Counties Manukau regional netball league last Friday.

Rangers beat their second team, Papatoetoe Rangers 2, by 51-46 at the Manurewa Netball Centre and Aztec scored an impressive 66-55 win over Timbertown Shelly Park at Rosehill College.

Rangers 1 were made to work for their victory by their younger clubmates who won promotion from division 2.

They led 15-12 in the first quarter and 28-22 in the second. The lead was cut to two by the third quarter before the experienced Rangers 1 team outscored them by 10 goals to seven in the run home.

The closest Timbertown Shelley Park got to Aztec 1 was in the first quarter. It was all one-way traffic after that as the former champions found their rhythm.

The quarter-time scores were 17-16, 35-30, 49-42 and 66-55.

Last season's runners-up Mellons Bay beat H&W United 48-41 at the Otara Recreation Centre in the third division one match.

Bombay's division one experience told in their 52-34 beating of Pumaz 2 in their division 2 match Manurewa on Friday night.

Pumaz 1 and Tuakau were the other two winners in this division.

There will be no matches this week because a core of players are away at the national under-17 and under-21 championships in Nelson.

The league resumes on July 29 after the championships in Nelson.

RESULTS

Division one: Papatoetoe Rangers 1 51 Papatoetoe Rangers 2 46, Aztec 1 66 Timbertown Shelley Park 55, Mellons Bay 48 H&W United 41. Standings: Papatoetoe Rangers 1 4, Aztec Premiers 1 4, Mellons Bay 4, Papatoetoe Rangers 2 1, Timbertown Shelly Park 0. Division two: Pumaz 1 39 Aztec 2 29, Bombay 52- Pumaz 2 34, Tuakau 65 Manurewa Rugby 51. Standings: Bombay 4, Tuakua 4, Pumaz 1 4, Manurewa Rugby 0, Pumaz 2 0, Aztec 0.