
Solid wins for top seeds

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Division one top seeds Papatoetoe Rangers and Aztec 1 had convincing wins in the opening round of the Counties Manukau Netball League last Friday.

Defending champions the Rangers had little trouble in disposing of Timbertown Shelly Park 43-27 at Rosehill College.

It was a typical first-up game for her team, Rangers coach Adrienne Morrin says.

"There were patches of excellence against a very committed opposition," she says.

The longer the game

went the more settled the Rangers became. That was reflected in the quarter-time scores: 8-7, 24-13, 33-19, 43-27.

Newcomers Bombay matched it with former champions Aztec 1 for the first quarter but after that it was all one-way traffic as Aztec powered to a 59-47 win at the Manurewa Netball Centre.

Aztec led 13-11 in the first quarter and 26-22 in the second.

Last year's runners-up Mellons Bay had a dogfight with H&W United at the Otara Recreation Centre before scraping home to a 46-44 win.

The division one draw for this Friday is Papatoetoe Rangers v H&W United at the Manurewa Netball Centre, Aztec 1 v Timbertown Shelly Park at the Otara Recreation Centre and Mellons Bay v Bombay at Rosehill College.

Matches start at 8pm.

The division two draw is Manurewa Rugby v Pumaz 2 at the Manurewa Netball Centre, Tuakau v Pumaz 2 at the Otara Recreation Centre and Papatoetoe Rangers 2 v Aztec 2 at Rosehill College.

Matches start at 6.30pm.