

NPRangers Masters V's Moturoa Heating Guru's

NPRangers Masters hosted Moturoa Heating Gurus at Merrilands domain on Saturday 29th May in a preliminary Duff Rose Bowl Cup match. The Masters were keen to put behind them the result of last weeks game and with a few of the missing players now available they had the strongest squad that they had had for a couple of weeks. The game started off well for Rangers with some good interlinking football between the defense and midfield players which led to the first goal being scored by 'Mr Reliable' - Terry Van Dillen, who was to go on and score a hat-trick, (should have been much more, but the trees got in the way).

The second goal came from a good build up from the defense that played the ball into Chris Jury in the centre of the park, he in turn played a sublime pass onto the attacker (Joe Munro) who deftly chipped the advancing goalkeeper from 30 yards. (Oh, how the crowd roared their approval at such a wonderful finish). Two further goals were scored in the first half, again from some good inter-passing and clever footwork from Dickie Smith and a penalty from Terry Van Dillen.

The second half started off much as the first half had finished although the Masters had made a few changes one being dropping Joe Munro to Sweeper and bringing on Ted Gray and Rob Stuart, both of them to score a goal each, Ted Gray's goal was from a great turn in the box (turned like the QE2 in dry dock) and placed the ball wide of the keeper only for the ball to hit the post and come back off the goalkeepers head, still a goal for Ted. Rob's goal was another well taken goal, he outpaced the defender and slotted the ball into the net. Six goals scored and still plenty of time for more which came through Callum Stuart and Terry completing his treble.

Man of the Match went to Ronnie Van Dillen for his marauding runs down the flanks from the fullback position, something that he has not always done (due to the fact that he gets a nose bleed when he passes halfway). A well deserved award.

Roll on the next round where who knows what awaits the Masters.