

Premier reserves NP Rangers vs. Hawera

We travelled down to Hawera and luckily we were able to play in conditions conducive to football, sunny and not a cloud in the sky.

The game started well with both teams able to knock the ball around and create some scoring opportunities. We did not have to wait long as 15 mins in, a corner provided us with a goal scoring opportunity which Max Hill was able to convert. Hawera responded a short time later with a long ball played over the top of our defence which was not cleaned up and with the keeper to beat made it 1 all, and that is how it stayed until halftime.

The second half started brightly for us and with 10 mins on the clock we were awarded a free kick which Max Hill converted with a header to make it 2 -1. Hawera responded well and put us under pressure for some time and midway through the second half drew level through a goal-mouth scramble which involved our keeper being taken out but all protests came to no avail and the goal stood.

The game became a bit more intense with both teams looking for the winner and with only about 5 mins to go we scored that decisive goal converted by striker Antonio Gregorio to give us the win and also claim the challenge trophy which Hawera have held for the last 2 years.