



PAFL Round 4 – Match Report

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How they lined up

Dingoes: Ashley McCormack, Dan Casey, Donal Walsh, Francis Walsh, Glen Wright, James Young, John Bishop, John Weston, Liam Kruger, Michael Macaraig, Neil Thompson, Peter Stone, Richie Amurao, Robbie Powell, Steve Keesing, Steve Scott, Thomas Bell

Eurekas: Ben Gaffney, Benjamin Casey, Brendan Dunleavy, David Bell, David Plummer, Derek Ackary, Jeremy Guthry, Jim Braithwaite, John Stanton, Kurt Plummer, Nick Jenny, Paul Absalosi, Peter Solomon, Sam Chittick, Scott Fittock, Steve Arthur, Winner Santos

Umpire: Peter Lawrence, Lawrie Martin
Statistician: Aaron Holbrook

As it was

Another hot summer's day in Makati, 3:45 in the afternoon and the local gladiators amass on the main field at the Manila Polo Club for another afternoon of combat. Once again, PAFL regulars are astounded by a large turnout for the game, despite injuries to Aaron Holbrook and Richard Spence, and Danish magician Rene out of town for the weekend. Many of the players seem comfortable to find their own place on a team, selecting a guernsey and joining the guys for some light stretching exercises. There was a good mix of young and old, pace and experience in both sides and the scene was set for a great afternoon of Aussie Rules. Eurekas win the toss and elect to kick with a strong breeze.

Bluey Lawrence, returning from a couple of weeks break, tosses the ball up and we're off. It's not long before the Eurekas push forward, there is a mad rush for the ball, this landing in the hands of Nick Jenny and his shot for goal is off ... one behind, and the Eurekas are in front. The Dingoes kick the ball back into play, but the Eurekas do well to flood the forward line, trapping the ball, off into the hands of Steve "Fatcat" Arthur and he snaps truly for goal.

Back to the centre, once again the Eurekas push the ball forward. The Dingoes are trying hard, with Dan Casey working solidly out of defence, but the Eurekas appear to have all avenues covered. Derek "Seagull" Ackary swoops, collects the ball cleanly and kicks truly on the run for another goal to the Eurekas. The ball-up finds the Dingoes with some vigour, getting the ball out to Pete "Bato" Stone, but his shot is unusually wide and a behind is registered for the Dingoes. The Eurekas get the ball quickly out of defence, the Dingoes not able to contain the run of the mid-fielders. A nice mark under pressure by the Seagull, taking his time to put the ball thru the big sticks for a major. The

Quarter time break and Neil "Thommo" Thompson is pumping the Dingoes up for a big effort. Back for the ball-up and Dingoes push immediately forward, with Thommo having a crack at the goals, only to register a minor score. The 2nd quarter sees the Dingoes starting to group, pushing down forward with the breeze, but squandering many opportunities and registering 5 behinds. Liam Kruger is putting in a solid game for the Dingoes, providing some good run out of the centre. Dan Casey is having a cracker of a game in defence, managing to push back on many of the drives forward by the Eurekas, with only Fatcat able to trouble the scorer with a behind for the quarter. The whistle sounds for the half and the guys take a well deserved break from the heat.

Once again the Eurekas have the breeze in their backs, but the Dingoes are living up to expectations and running hard. PAFL first-timer Sam Chittick is seeing a bit of the ball for the Eurekas, but this time it is the Dingoes playing the flooding game. Stoney takes an awkward mark just inside the arc, gets up looking exhausted. He miss cues on the shot, the ball holds up in the breeze, with Thommo taking a solid grab just forward of the goal line. He steps back and pumps the ball through for the Dingoes first major. John Stanton is putting in a good game for the Eurekas, but it is the Dingoes defence that keeps the Eurekas scoreless for the quarter. The Dingoes now within 6 points.

As bodies tire and the heat takes its toll, the Eurekas face a tough final quarter ... the Dingoes getting a sniff of a win and kicking with the breeze. The ball is up, and Dingoes push forward again, Stoney struggling with a bout of the flu kicks wide again, for another behind. The Eurekas start to feel the urgency, with their tall players in David Bell, Scott Fittock and Peter "Swollen Ankle" Solomon picking up the rate. Liam Kruger continues to work hand out of the centre, but it is Scott Fittock who takes a solid mark up forward and puts the ball thru for a major, buying the Eurekas some breathing space. The Dingoes aren't dead yet and force the ball forward again, this time John Bishop getting a good run at the ball, picking up cleanly and shooting truly for a major. We have a game! What transpired next was some magical work by the Eurekas to work the ball forward and trapping it in their forward line. Wayward shots by John Stanton, Nick Jenny and Peter Solomon resulted in behinds, and the Dingoes unable to dig the ball out of the backline.

To relief of many, the final whistle sounds and the Eurekas register their first win for 2007. Well done!

Final Score ...

Dingoes: 0.1, 0.7, 1.9, 2.10 (22)

Eurekas: 3.2, 3.3, 3.3, 4.6 (30)

The Goal Scorers ...

Dingoes: Neil Thompson 1.2, John Bishop 1.1, Peter Stone 0.3, , James Young 0.2, Rushed 0.2

Eurekas: Derek Ackary 2.0, Steve Arthur 1.1, Scott Fittock 1.0, Nick Jenny 0.2, John Stanton 0.1, Peter Solomon 0.1, Rushed 0.1

2007 PAFL Premiership Table

	Drawn 1 pt.	(1-17) 2 pts.	(18-35) 3 pts.	(36-53) 4 pts.	(54+) 6 pts.	Premiership Points
Dingoes :	0	2	1	0	0	7
Eurekas :	0	1	0	0	0	2





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	GOALS	BEHINDS	POINTS
Dingoes	2	10	22
Eurekas	4	6	30

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