



PAFL Round 5 – Match Report

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How they lined up

Dingoes:

J.Bishop, J.Braithwaite, D.Casey, B.Drinkwater, N.Holthuust, L.Kruger, M.Macaraig, A.McCormack, R.Powell, C.Radcliffe, S.Scott, A.Smith, P.Stone, N.Thompson, F.Walsh-Kemmis, N.Wong & J.Young

Eureka's:

P.Absalom, D.Ackary, D.Bell, B.Casey, S.Chittick, R.Damborg, S.Fittock, J.Guthrie, N.Jenny, B.McCarthy, K.Merritt, J.Puiu, K.Plummer, R.Sadhwani, D.Shae, D.Walsh & C.Wislang

Umpire: P.Lawrance

Boundry Umpire: L.Braithwaite

Statistician: M.Edge

How it all happened

Round 5 was upon us at the end of "election week" in Manila. After last week's win the Eureka's were hoping to make it two in a row. Some wit was heard to say that the Eureka's could be likened to GO (the Genuine Opposition) as they were now providing Team Unity (otherwise known as the Dingoes) with a bit of a fight after three straight losses at the start of the season. Another glorious day weather-wise and the teams were settled upon with the notable "crossing of the floor" from TU to GO by Donal Walsh, who, notwithstanding the huge transfer fee paid said he felt "dirty" in the navy blue.

The game was high on skill level and the conversion rate was an astonishing improvement, with a total of sixteen goals kicked compared with just six during the Eureka's first win for 2007 last week. Having said that it appeared that if you were given the ball with some space in the goal square you were more likely to miss it than kicking the long bomb on the run under pressure - CJ and Steve Scott take note.

The Eureka's started strongly and were good value for their 6 point lead at the first break with Dezza, Scotty Fittock and Craig Wislang (with a name like that he was destined to play on the wing!) slotting truly. Dan Casey kept the Dingoes in the game and his and Robbie Powell's goals in the first quarter set the scene for a tight second quarter. The Eureka's couldn't manage a major in the second quarter and Jim Braithwaite was repelling everything down back. CJ managed a straight one and Ash McCormack nailed the only other goal for the quarter and the Dingoes had reversed the situation to lead by seven points at the major break.

The mid field tussle was titanic: in Winner's absence Belly, Rene, Nick Jenny and Craig were seeing plenty of the ball, but Thommo, Nick Wong, Liam Kruger, Robbie Powell and James Young were working themselves into the game. Azza and Richard Spence were doing intellectual (I use the term loosely) battle - rather than their normal physical battle - on the sidelines, with Richard noting that Stoney did not have a neck (I guess that must relate to the free kick he got for a high tackle).

They call it the Premiership quarter and the game opened up, but mainly in the Dingoes direction, with Stoney and Nick Holthuust drilling six-pointers and Steve Scott coming up with the "goal of the day" as he emerged from the pack, went right as all the defenders went left and snapped truly. Scott Fittock pulled one back for the Eureka's but the dingoes had extended their lead to 23 points at the last change.

The Eureka's came out firing in the last quarter and two quick goals to Donal Walsh and Craig made things interesting but the Dingoes steadied and with good teamwork and handball, CJ and James Young goaled after big Andrew Smith had earlier grabbed the ball out of loose play and converted successfully. So all eyes were on the Comelec officials (PAFL also still in manual counting mode) and Edgey confirmed that the Dingoes had run out 28 points winners and now stretch their lead in the table to 8 points.

Final Score ...

Dingoes: 2.1, 4.4, 7.8, 10.11 (71)

Eureka's: 3.1, 3.3, 4.3, 6.7 (43)

Goal Scorers ...

Dingoes: C.Radcliffe 2.2, S.Scott 1.2, P.Stone 1.2, D.Casey 1.1, N.Holthuust 1.1, R.Powell 1.0, J.Young 1.1, A.McCormack 1.0, A.Smith 1.0, J.Braithwaite 0.1, Rushed 0.1.

Eureka's: C.Wislang 2.3, S.Fittock 2.0, D.Walsh 1.1, D.Ackary 1.0, R.Danborg 0.1, Rushed 0.2.

Final word

A great turn-out with 34 players even though many regulars did not play.

A big thanks to Liam Braithwaite for running the boundary and you know the Dingoes must have won, because there were even compliments on the field umpiring!

The big Gaelic match and BBQ next week - should be a beauty.

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	2	0	0	10
Eureka's :	0	1	0	0	0	2

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