



PAFL Round 1 – Match Report

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How they lined up

Dingoes:

S.Aksdal, R.Amurao, J.Braithwaite, L.Braithwaite, N.Clarke, A.Cumpston, B.Drinkwater, G.Laoang, J.Lees, N.Lewis, M.Macaraig, J. Malato, C.Radcliffe, S.Scott, D.Shea, & N.Wong.

Eureka's:

D.Ackary, G.Batterbury, G.Barnes, R.Brae, L.Braithwaite, N.Clarke, S.Findley, S.Fittock, B.Gaffney, J.Guthrie, C.Jones, M.Loukas, J.Malato, T.Mitra, K.Plummer, W.Santos & R.Spence.

Central Umpires: P.Lawrance & L.Martin.

Boundary Umpire: P.Davis.

Goal Umpires: B.Morgam & M.Morgan.

Statistician: M.Edge.

How it all happened

The first PAFL game of the year begun on a beautiful summer's day in Manila. A big crowd turned out eager for their first taste of football for the new year. The question on everyone's lips was "will this be the year the Eureka's finally break the drought and record their first title win over the three time PAFL champions the Dingoes?" It had been a furious year of trading in the off season, with the Eureka's losing best and fairest winner Neil Thompson, but Capitan Derek Ackary picked up some likely recruits, the stage was set for a big game.

The Dingoes won the toss and Capitan Steve 'Superboot' Scott wisely decided to kick with the strong wind to the golf course end. The Dingoes started well, new arrival James Lees debuted strongly in the ruck and the Dingoes won the first few clearances and were pumping the ball inside 35. After some early wastefulness by the Dingoes 'Dr Nick' Wong capped off his strong running through the middle but putting the first goal on the board. The Dingoes went on to kick 4.3 to 0 in the first quarter with Superboot, CJ Radcliffe and ring-in from the Ainslie Footy club, Nick 'Duffman' Louis all putting goals on the board.

Things were looking grim for the Eureka's, but they fought their way off the canvas. Late arrival Glen 'Bubbles' Batterbury started to provide strong drive with his ruckwork and contested marking around the ground, much to the delight of his mentor CJ. Winner Santos started to get touches and Manoli 'Zorba' Loukas managed to break free from Brad 'Drippy' Drinkwater's tight marking to record a major. Scotty Fittock got on the scoreboard as well. At half time the Dingoes lead was pegged back to 21 points.

The 3rd quarter was a tight tussle, Nathan Clarke's running through the centre valuable for the Dingoes as was crowd favourite Liam Braithwaite's rebounding from the backline for the Eureka's. The teams traded goals (Winner, 'Glass Legs' Cumpston) and the last quarter was set for a big finish with the Eureka's 25 points down but kicking with the wind.

It looked liked the game might have some life left in it when the Eureka's were the first to score (Scotty Fittock). Unfortunately it was not to be, the Dingoes slammed on the last 4 goals of the quarter (Superboot, CJ, Shea and Dr Nick). The Dingoes running out 47 point victors.

Final Scores ...

Dingoes: 4.3, 5.6, 6.10, 10.14 (74)

Eureka's: 0.0, 2.3, 3.3, 4.3 (27)

Goal Scorers ...

Dingoes: N.Wong 3.0, C.Radcliffe 2.1, S.Scott 2.1, A.Cumpston 1.3, D.Shea 1.2, N.Lewis 1.1.

Eureka's: S.Fittock 1.1, M.Loukas 1.1, S.Findley 1.1, W.Santos 1.0.

Final word from the President....

Thanks to all the sponsors and supporters who turned up to watch the first PAFL game for 2008 and a special thanks to some new (Bernard & Margaret) and some not so new (Phil) volunteers who helped out with Goal Umpire and Boundary duties. The committee certainly appreciates help on game day from our members and supporters, as 'many hands make light work'.

Don't forget next week's game is the 2nd Annual ANZAC Match which is proudly sponsored by the Australian Defence Attaché, with a BBQ following some special presentations in commemoration of the ANZAC spirit.

Regards, Fat Cat.

2008 PAFL Premiership Table

	Wins 4 pts.	Draws 2 pts.	Loses 0 pts.	For (Score)	Against (Score)	%	Premiership Points
Dingoes :	1	0	0	74	27	274.07	4
Eureka's :	0	0	1	27	74	36.49	0

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