



PAFL Round 13 – Match Report

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How they lined up

Dingoes:

Richie Amurao, Glen Batterbury, Thomas Bell, James Braithwaite, Ringo Dingrando, Brad Drinkwater, Jeremy Guthrie, Adam Heremaia, Gerard Laoang, Fergus Mitra, Titon Mitra, Milosz Mogilnicki, CJ Radcliffe, Peter Stone.

Eureka's:

Derek Ackary, Thomas Bell, Peter Benson, Liam Braithwaite, Andrew Cumpston, Scott Fittock, Christian Jones, Manoli Loukas, Mark Pekin, Kurt Plummer, Winner Santos, Richard Spence, Craig Wislang.

Central Umpires: L. Martin & G. Barnes

Goal Umpires: T. Barnes & M. Morgan.

Boundary Umpire: D. Shea

Statistician: M. Edge

How it all happened

After a couple of wet weeks, a “washed out” Round 12 and a lesson on how to play Rugby from the Kiwi’s (care of the Bledisloe Cup), things were sort of back to normal in Manila with a humid hot day and player numbers back on the rise after some regular players returned from their summer (Pommie & Yankee) holidays. And not to be outdone by the surprise guest appearance of the Hitman last week, big Peter ‘Bato’ Stone rolled up out of the blue to pull the boots on for his beloved Dingoes. Although he turned up a fair bit closer to his normal playing weight than the Hitman, it is fair to say that Bato had a bit of a head start on him anyway.

The teams quietly went about their warm ups and got onto the ground for the commencement of Round 13, which was being officiated by Lozza and Gazza in the middle, Tracey and Margaret taking control behind the goals and Dave Shea (unfortunately) having his last run for PAFL running the boundary line.

1st Quarter.

As the ball gets launched into the air for the start of play, big Andy Cumpston charges in to battle with Glenn Batterbury only to see ‘Batters’ get the first tap of the game, but after a bit of a struggle in the centre it was the Eureka’s who were onto the loose ball first through Craig Wislang who drilled the ball to the top of the 35 metre arc, where Peter Benson took a great one hander and Mark of the Year contender. With the Dingoes manning up well, his pass was spoiled and cleared from defence but it soon returned and Manoli “Zorba” Loukas marked and goaled to get the scoreboard moving. The next centre ball-up sees another Batterbury tap out, but once again cleared out of the centre by Wislang who kicks the Eureka’s forward again where Benson has a ‘Daicos snap’ to no avail, but some hard work and clever play from Jeremie Guthrie and ‘young’ Gerard Laoang see the ball out of danger and back to the middle of the ground. However, it wasn’t long before the Eureka’s went forward again as Winner Santos just inside the arc, but misses. The Eureka’s spent the next few minutes attacking but with Zorba hobbling on one leg and some good defending from big Jim and Fergus Mitra, the Eureka’s were finding it hard to score until Benson delivers the ball “lace out” to Pekin just inside the arc, who kicks truly for another goal. The Dingoes get the next clearance but with ‘Iron Man’ Spence and Liam ‘Better than the old man’ Braithwaite standing tall, as well as the Seagull (aka Dezza Ackary) hovering around the backline they were finding it hard keep the ball inside their forward zone, but that was not due to the lack of effort. This was emphasised by the fruitless chase of one Winner Santos by a dashing CJ Radcliffe from inside the arc all the way to the wing, but there was no guessing who came out the best after that one. Gerard and Jeremy were still getting plenty of the ball around the centre, but the Dingoes were still struggling to hit targets inside the arc. The Eureka’s on the other hand went

forward again for Pekin to kick his second goal. Again the Dingoes clear the centre and go forward through Big Jim and Gerard, where Jeremy Guthrie registers the first score for the Dingoes, but only a behind. The Eureka's then put on a bit of a show with a great passage of play right from the kickout and all the way down the ground to kick another goal (Benson) without a Dingo laying a paw print on the ball. With only a couple more minor scores to be had for the quarter by the Dingoes and a comical effort by Drippy trying to knock the goal post over with his head, the first quarter petered out with a handy lead to the Eureka's.

2nd Quarter.

The 2nd quarter see the appearance of Peter 'Bato' Stone in the forward line for the Dingoes, as Batterbury gets the tap out and the Dingoes go forward once more through Gerard, Jeremy and Liam, but Milosz couldn't make the most of the opportunity and another behind is the result. The Dingoes were starting to get more of the ball and with some good play by CJ, Milosz and Fergus, they manage to get the ball to Drippy who gets their first major score for the afternoon. However, the Eureka's started to take charge again with Cumpston doing great job to restrain Batterbury and Wislang getting plenty of it in the centre. Through Pekin they then get the ball to Zorba Loukas in the goal square who makes no mistake to put the Eureka's further in front. The next couple of attempts for goal by both sides are kicked from outside the arc and no score is registered. However, a clearance kick by the Dingoes is repelled quickly and Zorba takes another contested mark and goals for his 3rd. From the centre the Dingoes go forward, but the Seagull clears the ball and Mark Pekin drives it long to the Eureka's goal square, where Zorba snaffles it up and kicks another major. With the Eureka's now dominating, Cumpston takes control in the centre and through Wislang and Pekin, they get the ball to Zorba who marks and kicks his 5th goal. Only a couple more minor scores see the end of the first half and a 38 point lead.

3rd Quarter.

The Eureka's start the quarter the way they finished with Wislang, Santos and Loukas combining with Loukas registering his 6th goal. With Cumpston pushing Batterbury in the ruck duels and the combination of Santos and Wislang getting plenty of the ball, the Eureka's were looking like they were on cruise control, but the Dingoes managed to go forward again and through Stone, CJ and Braithwaite, managed to score a goal. Again, it wasn't long before the Eureka's responded and they get another major through Wislang. With the throttle held all the way to the floor, the Eureka's go forward again with Scott Fittock finding Loukas in the goal square with another contested mark and goal. With Stone kicking another goal before the end of the quarter, the Eureka's slightly increased their lead to 43 points.

4th Quarter.

At the next centre bounce, Craig Wislang shows off his skills with a wonderful individual effort when he took the ball out of the centre, runs into the forward arc and kicks a lovely goal, only to be told he was going the "wrong way".....Good one Craig! With Dezza kicking out from goal and hitting targets, the Eureka's were continually getting the ball forward and again Pekin kicks it to Loukas who marks and goals. The Eureka's start piling them on now as they clear the centre through Santos, Fittock and Wislang kicks the goal. The next centre clearance is by the Dingoes as Milosz gets the ball back to Batterbury who kicks forward and Bato runs around four Eureka's and snaps a goal over his left shoulder in another great individual effort. But, again the Eureka's take control and move the ball forward where Cumpston marks, kicks it to Loukas who (ala Peter Stone) kicks it over his shoulder for another goal. With the Eureka's moving the ball forward once again, the Seagull could sniff some offerings and swooped on a loose ball inside the arc, but as all Seagulls do, he bit off more than he could chew and loses the ball, but it ends up back in Pekin's hands who centres it front of goal to Wislang, who slots through another goal. With Cumpston getting decisive tap-out in the centre the Eureka's once again go forward and Wislang gets the ball to Benson who kicks another goal to end the game and a good win to the Eureka's by 73 points.

Final Score ...

Dingoes: 0.3, 1.6, 3.7, 4.8 (32)

Eureka's: 4.2, 8.2, 11.2, 17.3 (105)

Goal Scorers ...

Dingoes: Stone 2, Braithwaite, Drinkwater.

Eurekas: Loukas 9, Wislang 4, Benson, Pekin 2.

2008 PAFL Premiership Table

	Wins (4 pts.)	Draws (2 pts.)	Losses (0 pts.)	For (Score)	Against (Score)	%	Premiership Points
Dingoes	6	0	5	684	513	133.33	24
Eurekas	5	0	6	513	684	75.00	20

It was a big win by the Eureka's and it also closed the gap in the table for the Premiership Cup for 2008.

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