



PAFL Round 1 – Match Report

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How they lined up

Dingoes:

R.Amurao, T.Bell, J.Braithwaite, D.Casey, A.Cumpston, J.Guthrie, A.Holbrook, S.Keesing, L.Kurger, M.Macaraig, N.Maher, J. Malato, R.Powell, C.Radcliffe, P.Stone, N.Thompson & G.Wright

Eurekas:

D.Ackary, D.Bell, B.Casey, R.Damborg, G.Gillies, N.Jenny, X. Malato, D.Murphy, M.Nelson, K.Plummer, R.Sadhvani, W.Santos, P.Solomon & R.Spence

Umpire: P.Lawrance & L.Martin

Statistician: M.Edge & S.Arthur

How it all happened

On a hot & windy day at the MPC, the first round of PAFL for 2007 was to get underway with one of the best turnout in numbers seen to date in PAFL's short history.

With a good mixture of fresh young faces with fit bodies, as well as some mature blokes with silky skills that reminded us of yesterday's heroes (and were probably singing the JPY classic to themselves most of the afternoon), all was set for a big game and in anticipation of a big turnout the ground was prepared in larger dimensions by the ground staff.

1st Quarter :

At the first bounce, Bell gets the tap out of centre and the Eureka's quickly move inside 35 but it's repelled by the Dingoes backline just as quick. The ball is relayed back & forth inside 35's with first clear passage of play seeing Braithwaite move the ball inside the Dingoes 35 as he had a clear run, but made a meal of it when he tripped over his own feet. The ball was then back & forth again with good work by Stoney and Jerome Melato as the umpires put the whistle away. Stone somehow gets clear inside 35 & misses, but registers the first score of the 2007 season. There was some more frenzy work around the Dingoes centre half forward line and CJ Radcliffe marks 25 out and kicks truly for the first major. The Eureka's then finally get some time in 35 but just can't convert. Braithwaite gets clear again, but gets run down this time and a Eureka's kick into 35 hits Bell. He has a set shot direct in front and misses. There was more time in the 35 for the Eureka's, as Powell tries to clear but the Eureka's run him down. There was some good work being done by the young fellas who combine well as Ritchie comes out with the ball and finds Stone who sneaks off the interchange bench to kick it into the forward line. The Eureka backs stand up and keep the ball in centre, but sneaky old Keesing this time comes off the bench to get the ball again from the pack and kick into centre half forward, but the Eureka's again remain cool and prevent the Dingoes from registering a score as the first quarter comes to an end.

It was a good start to the season with plenty of enthusiasm shown by all players.

Dingoes 1.2.8 to Eureka's 0.1.1

2nd Quarter :

Big Soli moved into the ruck with immediate success as Eureka's went forward. There was some aggressive tackling but Winner came out with the ball and got it to Spence (who moved up forward) & he missed everything like a true full back. Good play from the Dingoes down the ground with wind & Michael Macaraig kicks a goal. Some more good work around the centre from the young Eureka's brigade (Nick Jenny, Rishie Sadhwani & Michael Nelson), but the Dingo's go forward & Stone bounces through an "off-break" goal. The ball up sees the Eureka's go forward, but Vice President Dan easily out marks Dezza "Seagull Ackary. And the good play continues as young Thomas Bell gets the ball inside the 35 for the Dingoes, but Former President Azza has a snap for only a behind. The kick in to centre half back sees young Michael Nelson go for run but he couldn't hit a team mate with hand ball. Winner & Spence were working hard for the Eureka's, as well as Ritchie Amurao, Niel Thompson, Niel Maher & Andrew Cumpston for the Dingoes. Big Jim Braithwaite then moved the ball from centre half back and well into the Dingoes forward line and Niel Maher marks, but he can't hit a target inside the 35 before the

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