



# PAFL Round 3 – Match Report

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How they lined up ....

## Dingoes:

R.Amura, J.Bishop, J.Braithwaite, D.Casey, B.Drinkwater, A.Holbrook, S.Keasing, L.Kruger, M.Macaraig, A.McCormack, R.Powell, N.Thompson, D.Welch, J.Weston, N.Wong & G.Wright

## Eureka's:

D.Ackary, S.Arthur, D.Bell, B.Casey, R.Damborg, S.Fittock, J.Guthrie, N.Jenny, B.McCarthy, M.Mogilnicki, D.Murphy, J.Puiu, K.Plummer, R.Sadhwani, W.Santos, P.Stone, R.Spence & C.Wislang

Central Umpires: L.Martin & A.Cumpston  
Boundry Umpires: L.Braithwaite & L.Nagpal  
Statistician: ???

How it all happened ....

For those of you out there who haven't experienced the weather of Manila at the start of the PAFL Season, keep in mind that our players put themselves through 36° heat with 90+% humidity and it's not conducive at all to playing our great game (nor is the rest of the season for that matter). However, the sheer love of the game, the comradery, the opportunity to get away from shopping with the missus and cheap booze all culminate to bring a great bunch of young blokes, old hacks and "couldabeen" champions together every Saturday arvo and this week was no exception.

With the return of some PAFL legends for their first game of the season and some new blood, we were able to maintain the attendance trend of the season to date, with some stalwarts even claiming a record turnout.

With the stretching exercises and a bit of Jumper swapping out of the way, Umpire Lozza in his 3<sup>rd</sup> game, got the action underway with a superb ball toss in the centre (bring back the Bounce!). The Dingoes as usual were straight into the action and it wasn't long before Nick Wong kicks a goal to get the scoreboard ticking over. The Eureka's though, weren't about to give up yet and with a bit of ANZAC spirit hangover managed to get the ball forward where Steve Arthur kicks a classic goal over his head from the pack, whilst lying on his back! Though the return of one burnt out Eureka and some hard work from the rest of the team wasn't enough to hold off the pack of Dingoes around the centre of the ground as they fed the ball into the forward line where big Azza Holbrook scored another two goals into the wind to give the Dingoes a handy break at Quarter time.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter was a battle of the half back lines, as the ball moved back and forth through the centre without any team really taking advantage, although there were some great efforts from players around the centre for both sides worth mentioning such as the skills from Niel Thompson and Rene Damborg, as well as Dan Casey. With only minor scores being posted, neither side looked to have any advantage until John Bishop managed to score a goal for the Dingoes near the end of the Quarter, to increase their lead at half time.

Plenty of discussion was had in the half time huddle for the Eureka's as they tried to formulate a plan to negate Thommo who had by now was well and truly controlling the game by playing a "kick behind the play". With fresh tactics on hand (don't kick it anywhere near Thommo!) the Eureka's started the Quarter well and Steve Arthur kicks his second goal to narrow the Dingoes lead. With Big Azza going down with a shoulder injury, a Eureka's comeback seemed a bit more likely but the Dingoes continued to hold off the Eureka's onslaught with the wind and with only a few minor scores adding to the scoreboard between the both sides, the Dingoes managed to still be in a strong position at the close of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter.

With Richard (Teacher) Spence doing the coaching and treating his team mates like school kids, the time had come for the Eureka's to stand up and be counted (cause someone reckoned we had too many on the ground). An early 3<sup>rd</sup> goal to Fat Cat got them underway, but a quick response with a goal from Brad Drinkwater bought a temporary halt to the comeback. Fat Cat managed to kick a 4<sup>th</sup> goal for the Eureka's but the many attempts to penetrate the forward line were well held off by the likes of Dan Casey, Jim Braithwaite and Robbie Powell (who slipped down in the backline for a rest). With the final whistle blown, it was once again a victory for the Dingoes by 14 points, which sees them take there winning streak to three for 2007.

### Final Score ...

**Dingoes: 3.2, 4.5, 4.7, 5.11 (41)**

**Eureka's: 1.0, 1.1, 2.2, 4.3 (27)**

### Goal Scorers ...

**Dingoes: A.Holbrook 2, J.Bishop 1, B.Drinkwater 1, N.Wong 1**

**Eureka's: S.Arthur 4**

### Final word ....

Another great game of footy was witnessed by the large crowd and interested onlookers from the bleachers of the MPC. The skills seem to be improving each week and the game is all better for the spectators as a result.

A big "Thankyou" has to go to the Umpires (all 4 of them) and the others who helped out with all the administrative stuff that inevitably have to happen at each of these events. Please remember all the work they do to enable us to enjoy our game of footy each week and lend a hand when and where you can.

### 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
Eureka's :	0	0	0	0	0	0

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