



## PAFL – Asian Tigers / Lane Moving & Storage Gaelic Football Match

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How they lined up ....

### Tigers:

R. Amurao, M. Bell, J. Bishop, J. Braithwaite,  
D. Casey, S. Chittock, A. Cumpston, B. Dunleavy,  
J. Harvey, G. McGeown, B. Murphy, J. Stanton,  
A. Walsh, D. Walsh, C. Wyley & J. Young.

### Eureka's:

S. Arthur, T. Bell, F. Biggar, P. Dolinsky, B. Drinkwater,  
S. Fittock, B. Gaffney, J. Guthrie, M. Macaraig, J. Malato,  
X. Malato, K. Plummer, P. Stone, C. Wislang & N. Wong.

Umpire: A. Holbrook

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Statistician: M. Edge

How it all happened ....



With the local elections nearing final counting and the bloodshed declining, the weather gods finally decided to relieve Manila of some additional pain and provided a few showers during the week and a greatly appreciated cooler Saturday afternoon for our annual PAFL – Asian Tigers / Lane Moving & Storage Gaelic Football Match at the MPC.

Brian Lane bought along a few Irish lads and their spouses, to take on the mighty PAFL in a day which was jammed packed with entertainment, with food and drinks, kicking competition for the kids and the Gaelic match itself.

With the sides weighted heavily in experience for each of the different football codes and a few rules explained to all, the Asian (Irish) Tigers were set to take on the PAFL Eureka's.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter got off to a flyer, with the round ball proving difficult for some, but a few of the Asian Tigers had the ball on a string and had the Eureka's running a merry dance. With a slight wind advantage the Asian Tigers were peppering the goals like an Irish Stew and managed 2 goals (6 pointers) through John Stanton and James Braithwaite, an "over" (3 points) through Andrew Crumpston and a barrage of behinds (1 pointers) from Donal Walsh and John Harvey, with 5 between them. The Eureka's on the other hand couldn't maximise their opportunities either with big Fred Biggar posting 1 Goal, 3 Behinds and young Jerome Malato with a Behind and one rushed Behind, to see a 10 point advantage to the Asian Tigers as the whistle halted proceedings for the first time.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter will be remembered for a while by one young fella (Liam Braithwaite), who's no doubt informed all his mates at school already on how he run rings around the big boys to post his first Goal in the big league! It was a good one and considering he's only 10 years old, a few older boys would have been a bit embarrassed. Aside from the super goal from Liam, the Asian Tigers managed to score another Goal against the breeze through Brendan Murphy, before another youngster (Michael Bell, 10 or 12 yrs.) showed the big boys how it's done and scored an Over, which was followed up by another from John Bishop. The Eureka's though, weren't completely outplayed and after big Xandro Malato took on (Mrs) Ale Walsh with a bit of a rough tackle, they went on to score a Goal and one Over from Peter (Dolly) Dolinsky in his come back game (wife out of town), an Over from Scott Fittock and a couple of rushed Behinds kept the score difference to 2 points for the Quarter and a 12 point lead to the Asian Tigers at half time.

So, "Bring it on!" AFL, NFL, FIFA, eat your hearts out, you ain't seen half time entertainment unit you've been to a PAFL – Asian Tigers / Lane Moving & Storage Gaelic Football Match! With some fine looking athletes (the kids) lining up for a Super Kick Competition with huge prizes at stake, the competition was fierce. (We maybe even should have played more kids in the Gaelic Match!) With the organization credits going to Ashley McCormack (thanks Ash) and some assistance from Steve Keesing and Co., the boys and girls had a few kicks each, with Liam Braithwaite (boys) and Shannon Arthur (girls) taking home the Movie Tickets. Well done to all the kids who participated and thanks for the cheering from the Mums, Dads and supporters in the crowd.

And then it was back to the footy, with the Asian Tigers jumping out of the blocks, to start piling on the score. John Bishop was playing well and kicked one Over and a couple of Behinds, a Goal and Behind to James Young, another Over and two Behinds from Sam Chittock and a behind to Brendan Murphy. With only Jerome Malato scoring two Overs for the Eureka's against the wind, it wasn't looking good for the PAFL boys and the Asian Tigers went to the 3 Quarter time break with a very handy 24 point advantage.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter was looking like being played in rain and total darkness for a while, but it all managed to stay away long enough for the game to go the distance. And after a quick start by the Eureka's with an early Goal (Fred Biggar) and an Over (Nick Wong) the Asian Tigers settled and made the most of it against the wind by kicking away in the final half of the term. They kicked three straight Goals (Gareth McGeown, Michael Bell & Liam Braithwaite) and a rushed Behind, with the youngsters again showing the way with some excellent skills to negate any comeback from the Eureka's, who tried in valour but an Over from Peter Stone, with a couple of additional behinds from Stone and Scott Fittock just weren't enough and the Asian Tigers run out comfortable victors, by 29 points.

#### Final Score ...

**Tigers:** 2.1.5, 4.3.5, 5.5.11, 8.5.12 (75)

**Eureka's:** 1.0.4, 2.2.8, 2.4.8, 3.6.10 (46)

#### Goal Scorers ...

**Tigers:** L.Braithwaite 2.0.0, M.Bell 1.1.0, B.Murphy 1.0.1, J.Young 1.0.1, J.Braithwaite 1.0.0, G.McGeown 1.0.0, J.Stanton 1.0.0, J.Bishop 0.2.2, S.Chittock 0.1.2, A.Cumpston 0.1.0, D.Walsh 0.0.3, J.Harvey 0.0.2.

**Eureka's:** F.Biggar 2.0.2, P.Dolinsky 1.1.0, J.Malato 0.2.1, S.Fittock 0.1.3, P.Stone 0.1.1, N.Wong 0.1.0.

#### Final word ....



The game was probably a bit closer than the score line suggests, with the difference being the ability of the Asian Tigers to score the Goals (in the net) for the big 6 pointers. The participation of the younger fella's was enjoyed all the more by the way they attacked the ball and ran rings around the old fella's. We only had one lady player this year (Dezza couldn't make it) which was a bit disappointing, but hopefully Ale will have some extra "girl power" to support her in the next game. The day was very well attended as is becoming the norm and once again we had a whole new bunch of people show up for their very first taste of PAFL.

We must say a big "Thank you" to our friend, supporter and sponsor Mr. Brian Lane (Asian Tigers), who has been there for PAFL since the beginning and we all would like to see that partnership continue.

The after game BBQ and beverages which was proudly supplied by Asian Tigers was top notch stuff and the committee even managed to get the quantity of food right this time. We also had a secondary sponsor in the Beer tent for this event, with Murphy's Bar & Restaurant providing (very big) samples of their namesake Irish Beer.

On that point, it's timely for a quick reminder to support our sponsors where and when you can and make sure to mention you're a PAFL member or supporter as there could even be discounts available.

Keep in mind to watch out for announcements on our website for the next Gaelic Match and remember that this is a very social game and open to older kids, ladies, men and oldies that use to be good.

Photos ....



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