

Match Report – July 26

PNRL Shield - Round 2, Game 2 – Manila Storm v Gorillas

Date: 07/26/2026

Final score: Maila Storm 38 defeated Braves 10

Match Overview

The Storm continued their strong start to the PNRL 2026 season with a composed Round 2 performance against the Braves, backing up their Round 1 victory with another confident display. For the Braves, the result means they are still searching for their first win of the season, despite showing patches of resilience and attacking intent throughout the contest.

The match was played in [insert playing conditions, e.g. humid evening conditions, light breeze, firm surface, slippery ball, or heavy underfoot conditions], which shaped the tempo of the contest. Ball security and field position proved important, with both sides having to adjust their kicking game and defensive line speed to suit the conditions at the venue.

Scoring Summary

Team	Try Scorers	Conversion Kicks	Points
Storm	Lee, Chicco, Alerto (2), Albert (2), John Mark	Max Ganiga 2 conversions; Lito 3 conversions	38
Braves	Billy Cardeno(2)	Jhoem 1 conversion	10

First Half

The Storm opened the match with purpose, using their forward momentum and early field position to put the Braves under pressure. Lee and Chicco crossed once each in the first half, while Alerto proved especially dangerous by scoring two first-half tries. With Max Ganiga and Lito adding important conversion kicks, Maila Storm built early scoreboard pressure and took control of the contest.

The Braves responded through their skipper Billy, who crossed the line once in the first half to keep his side in the fight. The try gave the Braves a lift, but with no conversion

recorded, they still had work to do against a Storm side that was finding regular points through repeat pressure and strong support play.

By half-time, the Storm had created a strong platform through Lee, Chicco and Alerto's tries, while their goal-kicking kept the scoreboard moving. The Braves continued to compete defensively, but handling errors and missed opportunities prevented them from turning territory into enough points before the break.

Second Half

The Braves came out of the break looking to lift their intensity and chase their first win of the season. Billy again led from the front, crossing for his second try of the match and giving the Braves another moment of momentum as Jhoem converts for 2 extra points. Even so, the Storm's defensive response and control of field position limited the damage.

However, the Storm showed the composure of a side already coming off a Round 1 win. Albert crossed the line twice in the second half to complete a powerful attacking display, before John Mark added another try to keep Maila Storm in command. Lito's goal-kicking was influential, with three conversions for the Storm, while Max Ganiga finished with two successful conversions.

In the closing stages, the Braves continued to search for late points, but the Storm managed the game effectively through their kicking, defensive line speed, and control of possession. Their seven tries and five successful conversions delivered a 38-10 victory, while the Braves were left to rue missed chances despite Billy's two-try captain's effort.

Key Takeaways

- The Storm backed up their Round 1 win with another strong performance, showing control, patience, and confidence in key moments.
- The Braves remain without a win this season but showed promising passages in attack and effort across the contest.
- Playing conditions at the venue influenced ball control, kicking strategy, and the importance of field position.
- Conversion kicking played an important role in maintaining scoreboard pressure and shaping the momentum of the match.

Final Word

The Storm's 38-10 Round 2 victory confirmed their strong early-season form, while the Braves will look to regroup as they continue their search for a first win of the campaign.

With Maila Storm building momentum through a seven-try performance and the Braves still working to turn effort into results, both sides leave the match with clear lessons for the weeks ahead.

TEAM LIST-

Manila Storm

- 1 Joshua Pilic
- 2 John Mark Navarro
- 3 Jarence Luteria
- 4 Romario Capule
- 5 Maxwell Ganiga
- 6 Larcel Capparos
- 7 Alberto Montilla
- 8 JR Ramirez
- 9 James Osias
- 10 John Bernard Agunod
- 11 Paul Castillo
- 12 Lee Conlu
- 13 Kenneth mark Siva
- 14 Jesse James Reyes
- 15 Lito Ramirez
- 16 Julian Faleo
- 17 Sean Masip
- 18 Zylmar Asagra
- 19 John Bernard Agunod
- 20 Syd Ricamora

Braves RFC

- 1 DUCOT
- 2 IVAN
- 3 LENARD
- 4 JOSH
- 5 JAMES
- 6 BILLY
- 7 JOHNSEN
- 8 ZEPT
- 9 ISAAC
- 10 JAMES PRICE
- 11 TOPER
- 12 DAVE
- 13 JHOEM
- 14 James Price
- 15 Shaun