

MATCH REPORT July 5

PNRL Shield Round 1, Game 3 – Pampanga Panthers v Braves RFC

2026 PNRL Shield - Official Round 1 Match & Roster Report

Tournament: Pambansang Ragbi Liga ng Pilipinas Shield

Date: July 5, 2026

Venue: PhilSports ULTRA Stadium, Pasig, Philippines

Match 3: Pampanga Panthers vs. Brave Falcons RFC (R1G3)

- **Weather Conditions:** Clear and humid following the afternoon storm.
- **Final Score:** Pampanga Panthers **30 – 4** Brave Falcons RFC

The finale of Round 1 was a statement game from the **Pampanga Panthers**, who put on a clinical offensive showcase. The Panthers' star player, **Jonel Madrona**, completely dominated the park, scoring a spectacular hat-trick (three tries) in the first half alone, before adding another try in the second half. **John Daemark Ilanan** also contributed heavily to the onslaught with two tries of his own.

The **Brave Falcons RFC** struggled heavily to break through the Panthers' defensive line, managing only a single first-half try courtesy of **Billy Joe Ivan Cardeno**. With a commanding 12–4 lead at halftime, the Panthers accelerated further in the second half, putting up 16 more unanswered points as **Nou Vani** and **Daeniel Ilanan** crossed for tries alongside the continued impact of **Jonel Madrona**. The Panthers' strong pre-season training block and trial games clearly produced results in their game, with their fitness, combinations, and execution carrying them to a dominant 30–4 victory. Their preparation was evident in the way they maintained line speed in defense, supported each other through repeated attacking phases, and kept their structure even in humid conditions following the afternoon storm. The trial games also appeared to sharpen their timing and communication, allowing their playmakers and outside runners to connect smoothly when space opened up in the second half.

A major flashpoint in the match came when **Braves' number 7** shoulder charged a Panthers player, causing a significant disruption to the flow of play and drawing immediate concern from players and officials. The incident briefly shifted attention away from the Panthers' attacking dominance, with injury concerns surrounding the Panthers player who received the contact. It also reinforced the importance of safe and legal tackling, as dangerous contact can happen to any player and can quickly place an opponent's welfare at risk. While the Panthers were able to regain control of the contest, the moment underlined the physical intensity of the fixture and added to the disciplinary talking points coming out of the game, with incidents of this nature expected to be picked up by the Match Review Committee for further assessment.

TEAM LIST

PANTHERS

1. NOU VANI
2. DISONGLO, JOHN MICHAEL
3. VERACES, JERALD
4. ILANAN, DAENIEL
5. RAURAS, JOE MARI
6. MADRONA, JONEL
7. ILANAN, JOHN DAEMARK
8. DISONGLO, GIAN MICHAEL
9. ENGRESO, CRIS JOHN
10. CATEPON, MARLON

BRAVES

1. BILLY JOE IVAN CARDENO
2. JOSHUA PIQUERO
3. LENARD JAMES PEREJAN
4. ANTHONY DUCOT
5. WILMAR JATAAS
6. CHRISTOPHER CARDENO
7. JAMES CEDRIC HERRERA
8. FREDDIE
9. ZEPT VILLANUEVA
10. DAVE TUSCANO

11. ILANAN, DAEVID 12. DE DIOS, MYEL ADREI 13. ARSOLON, ANGELO 14. DEIZON, DEO 15. REQUINA, NOAH 16. ASHTON, TUI 17. ARAGON, JOSHUA 18. AQUINO, JOHN MICHAEL 19. MASIN, FRANCIS 20. CARBUNGCO, JOEM 21. SALAS, XZHANDER 22. MAGTANONG, CARL NICO 23. ATIENZA, KYLE 24. JIRO PINTO	11. ISAAC ARCILLA 12. JAIRUS MARCO CATIG 13. IVAN ACILO 14. JHON LYOD LASCANO 15. JOHNSEN LALONG-ISIP 16. SHAWN
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Individual Standings & Performance Notes

- **Top Try Scorer of the Round:** Jonel Madrona (Pampanga Panthers) with 4 tries (16 points).
- **Discipline Watch:** The Pacific Kumuls will need to clean up their execution ahead of Round 2 after picking up three high-tackle penalties (Jelleen Flores, Edward Diang, and Ryan Peimo) during their opening fixture.

Team List

Braves RFC

Panthers

1	BILLY JOE IVAN CARDENO	1	NOU VANI
2	JOSHUA PIQUERO	2	DISONGLO, JOHN MICHAEL
3	LENARD JAMES PEREJAN	3	VERACES, JERALD
4	ANTHONY DUCOT	4	ILANAN,DAENIEL
5	WILMAR JATAAS	5	RAURAS,JOE MARI
6	CHRISTOPER CARDENO	6	MADRONA, JONEL

15	JAMES CEDRIC HERRERA	7	ILANAN, JOHN DAEMARK
8	ZEPT VILLANUEVA	8	DISONGLO, GIAN MICHAEL
9	DAVE TUSCANO	9	ENGRESO, CRIS JOHN
10	ISAAC ARCILLA	10	CATEPON, MARLON
11	JAIRUS MARCO CATIG	11	ILANAN, DAEVID
12	IVAN ACILO	12	DE DIOS, MYEL ADREI
13	JHON LYOD LASCANO	13	ARSOLON, ANGELO
14	JOHNSEN LALONG-ISIP	14	DEIZON, DEO
7	Freddy	15	REQUINA, NOAH
16	Shawn	18	ASHTON, TUI
		19	ARAGON, JOSHUA
		20	AQUINO, JOHN MICHAEL
		21	MASIN, FRANCIS
		22	CARBUNGCO, JOEM
		23	SALAS, XZHANDER
		24	MAGTANONG, CARL NICO
		25	ATIENZA, KYLE
		26	JIRO PINTO