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MATCH REPORT July 5

PNRL Shield Round 1, Game 1 – Pacific Kumuls v Capital Warriors

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

The three-game opening slate brought massive on-field action alongside dramatically shifting weather conditions—ranging from blistering morning sunshine to a severe torrential downpour that forced a temporary tournament suspension. The season-opening match was an intense, low-scoring physical grind. The **Capital Warriors** got on the board in the first half through a try by **Frederick Foster Ivarao**. The **Pacific Kumuls** quickly matched the intensity with a first-half try from **Llyod Apena** to lock the scores at 4–4 going into the break.

From the opening whistle, match official **Jomari Rauras** had a busy day in the middle, managing a fast, physical contest that demanded constant attention around the ruck, defensive line speed, and high-contact challenges. With both sides pushing the limits in a tight scoreline, Rauras was required to make several tough calls under pressure, including a first-half high-tackle penalties against **Jelleen Flores**, followed by second half high-tackle penalties against **Edward Diang** and **Ryan Peimo**. Each call halted Kumuls momentum, relieved pressure for the Capital Warriors, and reinforced Rauras' need to manage player safety while keeping the match under control.

The second half remained a defensive stalemate. **Richardo Mondo** crossed the line for the [Kumuls](#) to stretch their total to 8 points. Despite the [Warriors](#) landing a crucial conversion kick worth 2 points in the final half, they were unable to secure the late try needed to overhaul the [Kumuls](#). Discipline proved to be an issue for the [Kumuls](#), giving away a high-tackle penalty via Jelleen Flores.

Match Overview

The opening match of the tournament kicked off under bright, sunny skies. It was an incredibly physical, defensive battle characterized by heavy collisions and tight midfield play. Both teams struggled to break through the opposing defensive lines, resulting in a low-scoring grind where discipline ultimately decided the outcome.

Discipline & Penalties

The Pacific Kumuls played a highly aggressive style that repeatedly drew the attention of match official **Jomari Rauras**. Rauras had to stay heavily involved throughout the contest, particularly as the physical exchanges intensified and both teams fought for territory in a low-scoring game. The Kumuls conceded three separate penalties for dangerous play and will go under video review by the match review committee:

- **High Tackle Penalty (1st Half):** Jelleen Flores was penalised after Rauras ruled contact had risen above the acceptable tackle height.
- **High Tackle Penalty (2nd Half):** Edward Diang was penalised for dangerous high contact as the defensive pressure increased after halftime.

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- **High Tackle Penalty (2nd Half):** Ryan Peimo was also penalised for high contact, giving the Warriors another opportunity to reset field position late in the contest.

Scoring Summary

- **First Half:**
 - **Capital Warriors:** 1 Try – Frederick Foster Ivarao (4 pts)
 - **Pacific Kumuls:** 1 Try – Llyod Apena (4 pts)
 - **Halftime Score:** 4 – 4
- **Second Half:**
 - **Pacific Kumuls:** 1 Try – Richardo Mondo (4 pts)
 - **Capital Warriors:** 1 Conversion – Unspecified Player (2 pts)
- **Final Score: Capital Warriors 6 – 8 Pacific Kumuls**

Team Roster Sheets

Capital Warriors Roster

1. Justin Yukil
2. Kian Manlicayan
3. Wenfrey Masao
4. Benjamin Teine
5. Vengie Malazarte
6. Rhodrick Koimo
7. Aho Luhuvae
8. Shadrach Isimu
9. Theodore Poke
10. Yoba Tutul
11. Jellven Flores
12. Ghian Carlo Ampunin
13. Johnson Isimu
14. Arjay Lucban
15. John Carlo Ballejos
16. Bai Kaluvia (#28)
17. Jhon Carlo Mariano
18. Jackson Iabbie
19. Allen Reyes
20. Frederick Foster Ivarao
21. Dallas Mileng
22. Angelo Alibong
23. Gian Alibong
24. Jesreal Peniel
25. Elijah Factor

Pacific Kumuls Roster

1. Willie Agua
2. Llyod Apena
3. Jered Luso
4. Nukeith Sapa
5. Jonah Tunsio
6. Andrew Keai
7. Ian James
8. Edward Diang
9. Izrael Sipori
10. Nimrod Shio (Captain)
11. Richardo Mondo (#12)
12. Ryan Peimo
13. Clive Nangen
14. Thomas Wangisause
15. Norman Havieng
16. Zeimin Minnala
17. Dan Turaga
18. Benson Wimbi
19. Meda Gara
20. Peter Daroa
21. Lucas Warui
22. Cain Tamu
23. Jelleen Flores