The USA national team showed off their cool striped kit as they took the field in their opening match of the USA 7s, but it was Australia's neon yellow that shone the brighter Friday night.

The USA started with wide kick that Colin Hawley just pushed infield, but Australia still managed to secure the ball. As if this were a 15s game, Australia then opted to kick for touch, driving a ball into the USA corner. This was a smart move because, even as the Eagles won the lineout, they quickly turned the ball over.

Luke Hume was ankle-tapped (otherwise he would have been away), and then the USA turned the ball over in a maul. Australia pounced on it and Jesse Parahi was there to bull over under the posts. Slightly unorthodox from Australia, but effective, and a 7-0 lead.

The Eagles took the restart and challenged Australia, working the phases and hitting hard. But a turnover by Luke Hume just as they were getting into Australian territory put them on the back foot again.

Colin Hawley appeared to snatch the ball out of the ruck and was off free, but he was deemed to have done it illegally. Penalty to Australia, and they kicked for touch.