



# FINALS WEEK 1 - RECAP

## STATE CHAMPIONSHIP MEN

Eltham advanced to the final four with a thrilling 74-73 win over Casey.

As expected, the game went down to the wire between two sides which had both enjoyed ripping seasons, with the game decided in the final seconds.

The Wildcats had earlier taken the ascendency as they built a handy seven-point buffer heading into halftime.

However, the Cavs responded with a 20-15 third term to get back into the contest and set up the thrilling final term, which saw three lead changes and three ties.

With the visitors down by three and just 20 seconds on the clock, Mitch Chapman nailed a huge three-pointer to tie the scores away at 73 apiece.

Coming out of the timeout, Chris Cameron went to work as he had down all the way down the stretch, drawing a foul off Brent Hobba and making the backend at the foul line to seal the thrilling victory.

Cameron (20pts) led the scoring, while Simon Grant (8pts 23reb) was enormous on the glass.

Hobba (17pts 13reb) and Brandon Polk (15pts 8reb) led the Cavs, who bowed out of the competition after a brilliant first-up campaign in SCM.

Waverley and McKinnon kept the theme going with another thriller, with the Falcons prevailing 84-82 at home.

The home side built an early lead and seemed in control despite a tight first-half, but the Cougars rallied late in the second term to head into the change rooms only down five.

A big third term saw the visitors get right back in it and scores were locked away at 63 heading into the final 10 minutes.

In a final quarter full of twists and turns, it seemed as though Dillon Stith was going to steal the show for the visiting party, with seven quick points in succession giving his side the lead with just two minutes to play.

A Desmond Simmons tip-in tied the game up again with 30 seconds to play, before former Falcon Ivan Platenik came up empty on the next possession, giving the home side a chance to win it.

And win it they did, with Timothy Liesting's bucket sealing victory for the Falcons in the dying seconds.

Simmons (29pts 11reb) shone for the Falcons in the win as his side advanced to the final four, while Stith's (32pts 14reb) big night wasn't enough to drag the Cougars over the line.

### FINALS WEEK 1 RESULTS

**Eltham** defeated Casey (74-73)

**Waverley** defeated McKinnon (84-82)



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