



GF GAME 2 - RECAP

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP MEN

Ringwood claimed the 2017 State Championship Men's title with a thrilling 101-99 win over Waverley in game two of their series.

The Falcons made the running in a high-scoring first term, taking a 33-27 lead into the first break.

The Hawks turned up the heat defensively in the second and got back in it, closing to within a point at the main break.

A tense third term saw Ringwood tie things up by three-quarter time as the stage was set for a big finish between the two best sides in the league.

After trading baskets for much of the tense final term, the Hawks grabbed the ascendency, taking a six-point lead with three minutes to play.

Typical of the game to that point, the Falcons fought back to level it up with 90 seconds to play, but the Hawks again pushed it out to six points with just 24 seconds on the clock.

The Falcons, yet again, weren't done with, with a Brad Kelleher triple, followed by a steal and bucket to Michael Harper, saw the margin cut to a single point with 15 seconds still to play.

After Matt Snowball split his free-throws, the Falcons had one more chance to steal it but Jason Reardon's game-winning attempt at the buzzer was off as the Hawks were crowned champions.

Matt Fennell (9reb) and Jacob Gibson led five Hawks in double digits with 17 points apiece for the champions, while Chris Arkell (26pts 8reb), Harper (25pts) and Desmond Simmons (22pts 6reb) battled gamely for the defeated Falcons.

GRAND FINAL GAME 2 RESULT

Ringwood defeated Waverley (101-99)



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