



**2009 FURNWARE NZ "AA" SECONDARY SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
Arena Manawatu, Palmerston North, September 28-October 3

# Game On

**Day Six - Saturday, October 3**

## Snatching The Baton

**Fraser HS coach Jeff Green is quite comfortable in the role of party pooper, so he has no qualms about denying sentimental favourites Church College one last national schoolboys' basketball title.**

"We're all Mormons ... we're all members of the church," he reflected after his team edged their crosstown Hamilton rivals 79-75 in a tumultuous semifinal at the Furnware NZ "AA" Secondary Schools Championship in Palmerston North.

"I just happen to be the black sheep of the flock.

"I'm not one for the history of Church College. I didn't go there, so I'm not caught up in the emotion ... this was just another game of basketball to win."

Actually, Green is quite capable of generating his own emotion, thank you very much, and doesn't share the spotlight well.

Under his direction and through a variety of means, Fraser has built towards this meeting all year and it came on a day when Green was already suspended from coaching in the girls' semifinal for comments made to an opposition player during the quarters.

Arena Manawatu crowds have bayed for Green's blood before, especially through his NBL career, so this was an occasion ready-made for his sense of drama.

"Church are the only secondary school team I've worried about over the past two years," he conceded. "It's a real love/hate relationship.



**Fraser HS celebrate victory over Church (Dave Lintott)**

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"All our kids know each other and live with each other. There's a mystique and every game we play is tough.

"We've avoided playing them all season, I make no bones about that. There is so much familiarity, I didn't think we needed to see a lot of each other."

This encounter swung backwards and forwards, and Fraser seemed to have snatched the advantage when Dyson King-Hawea hit three consecutive treys in the third quarter to open a six-point lead.

But Fijian brothers Joshua and Jared Whippy rallied Church to lead 71-69 with less than four minutes remaining. Fraser centre Hemi Joyce-Gay inspired the crucial six-point run to reclaim initiative and Green's son Daniel iced a pair of free throws with 16 seconds left to finally put victory beyond reach for their rivals.

"We made some key plays down the stretch," observed Green. "Dyson could only make the A2 team at Church last year and came over to us ... he has made a huge difference.

"And I'm biased, people say Daniel is too small to play, but he has a really huge heart."

While assistant coaches Parlayne Hawea and Kazlo Evans shed a few tears at depriving their old school a fitting send-off, Green couldn't resist thumbing his nose at the disconsolate Church supporters afterwards.

"I would have loved them to go out on a high note,"



**NP take on Church in the girls' final (Dave Lintott)**

he said. "But that's not my concern.

"The members will get over this and next year, they'll send their kids to Fraser."

If Green is to go one better than last year's runner-up finish, his team will have to overcome Westlake BHS and Tall Black centre Rob Loe in tomorrow's final.

The North Harbour school started sluggishly against Mana College of Porirua in their semi and even when they finally edged ahead, could not shake their stubborn opponents. Westlake did control the tempo, though, and eventually emerged 75-71 victors.

While Loe has been heavily marked in most outings this week, his presence opens up opportunities for those around him. Today, it was guard Scott Campbell, who led all scorers with 24 points.

Green was deprived a shot at two titles when the Fraser girls fell 60-76 to New Plymouth GHS. He watched from the sidelines as the Taranaki team snatched the game from the outset and maintained control behind another incredible shooting performance from Bella McCallum (36 points).

Church again showed their class with an 86-55 result over Waimea College and will give their fans something to cheer about as they chase their third successive girls' championship in their final appearance at this event.



## ***YESTERDAY ...***

### **2009 Furnware NZ "AA" Secondary School Championships Arena Manawatu, Palmerston North**

#### **Friday, October 2**

##### ***Boys***

21st-24<sup>th</sup>

Kelston BHS 76 (C Fahrensohn 19)  
Massey HS 65 (L Cahill 19)

Cambridge HS 65 (T Shortland 23)  
Wellington College 59 (T Pairama-  
Lewington & T Sopoaga 13)

17-20<sup>th</sup>

Hamilton BHS 65 (T Courtney 18) Otago  
BHS 58 (E Carruthers 26)

Waimea College 85 (C Duthie 30)  
Palmerston North BHS 77 (L Bardsley 19)

13th-16<sup>th</sup>

New Plymouth BHS 84 (M Williams 19)  
Nayland College 75 (A Dempster 24)

Nelson College 63 (A Rainbird 28)  
Middleton Grange 55 (I Solfuti 26)

9th-12<sup>th</sup>

Hastings BHS 87 (K Tobin 19) St John's  
College 80 (J Tait 21)

Mt Albert Grammar 63 (J Goodwin 26)  
Tauranga BC 57 (M Fullerton 29)

5th-8<sup>th</sup>

Rangitoto College 82 (S King 26) St  
Patrick's College 56 (S Sharp 22)

Cashmere HS 77 (E Rusbatch 27)  
Onehunga HS 70 (L Saina 23)

##### **Semifinals**

Fraser HS 79 (D Green 25) Church  
College 75 (J Soloai-Skelton 21)

Westlake BHS 75 (S Campbell 24) Mana  
College 71 (I Torea & H Hippolite 15)

##### ***Girls***

21st-24<sup>th</sup>

Rotorua GHS 75 (K Jennings 20) Kristin  
School 58 (S Strom 19)

Mana College 73 (B Tuisue 15) Hauraki  
Plains College 45 (K O'Hallahan 19)

17th-20<sup>th</sup>

Cambridge HS 64 (A Cameron 20)  
Freyberg HS 58 (D Pomare-Mackay 25)

Marlborough GC 55 (S van Velthooven  
33) Auckland GGS 50 (K Cullen 22)

13th-16<sup>th</sup>

Christchurch GHS 60 (C Powell 17)  
Sacred Heart College 40 (P Blanks 12)

Manurewa HS 57 (B Jones 19) Rangī  
Ruru GS 60 (G Papahadjis 15)

9th-12<sup>th</sup>

Napier GHS 75 (J Stockill 35) Nelson  
College for Girls 52 (S Collier 14)

Rangitoto College 79 (M Nathan 25)  
Hutt Valley HS 70 (S Weston 18)

5th-8<sup>th</sup>

Mt Albert Grammar 65 (A Kelman-Poto  
23) Northcote College 62 (A Lawrence 20)

Waikato Diocesan 57 (C Te Wharau & G  
Agnew 16) Rangiora HS 52 (G Hazeldine 19)

##### **Semifinals**

Church College 86 (M Subritzky 17)  
Waimea College 55 (J Vucinic 26)

New Plymouth GHS 76 (B McCallum 36)  
Fraser HS 60 (S Parai 18)



**TODAY ...**

**2009 Furnware NZ "AA" Secondary School Championships  
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**Saturday, October 3**

**Boys**

*9am*

23rd/24 <sup>th</sup>	Wellington College v Massey HS	Ballroom 1
21st/22 <sup>nd</sup>	Cambridge HS v Kelston BHS	Ballroom 3
19th/20 <sup>th</sup>	Palmerston North BHS v Otago BHS	B&M 4
15th/16 <sup>th</sup>	Middleton Grange v Nayland College	Arena 3/C1

*10.45am*

17th/18 <sup>th</sup>	Waimea College v Hamilton BHS	B&M 6
13th/14 <sup>th</sup>	Nelson College v New Plymouth BHS	Ballroom 1
11th/12 <sup>th</sup>	St John's College v Tauranga BC	Ballroom 3
7th/8 <sup>th</sup>	St Patrick's College v Onehunga HS	Arena 3/C1

*12.30pm*

9th/10 <sup>th</sup>	Hastings BHS v Mt Albert Grammar	Arena 3/Court 1
5th/6 <sup>th</sup>	Rangitoto College v Cashmere HS	Ballroom 1
3rd/4 <sup>th</sup>	Mana College v Church College	B&M 5

**5.30pm**

**Final Westlake BHS v Fraser HS Arena 2**

**Girls**

*9am*

23rd/24 <sup>th</sup>	Kristin School v Hauraki Plains College	B&M 6
21st/22 <sup>nd</sup>	Rotorua GHS v Mana College	B&M 5
19th/20 <sup>th</sup>	Auckland GGS v Freyberg HS	Ballroom 2
15th/16 <sup>th</sup>	Sacred Heart College v Manurewa HS	Arena 3/C2

*10.45am*

17th/18 <sup>th</sup>	Marlborough GC v Cambridge HS	B&M 5
13th/14 <sup>th</sup>	Christchurch GHS v Rangitoto GS	Ballroom 2
11th/12 <sup>th</sup>	Hutt Valley HS v Nelson College for Girls	B&M 4
7th/8 <sup>th</sup>	Rangiora HS v Northcote College	Arena 3/C2

*12.30pm*

9th/10 <sup>th</sup>	Rangitoto College v Napier GHS	B&M 6
5th/6 <sup>th</sup>	Waikato Diocesan v Mt Albert Grammar	Ballroom 2
3rd/4 <sup>th</sup>	Waimea College v Fraser HS	B&M 4

**3pm**

**Final Church College v New Plymouth GHS Arena 2**