

A photograph of a basketball hoop with a white net and a red rim. An orange basketball is resting on the rim. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. The entire image is framed by a white rounded rectangle.

The Unexpected Game Winning Shot

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There is one minute left in the fourth quarter. The Rattlers are trailing the Jackrabbits 98-95 in the championship game. The Jackrabbits player is at the line to shoot free throws. He lets the first one go and it swishes through the hoop. The next one is shot and it goes off the backboard and in. The Jackrabbits are now up by five. The Rattlers best player John takes the ball down the court. He pulls up from deep with just under 45 seconds to go in the game... "Swish" it's good and the Rattlers are now back within two. The Jackrabbits come down the court, they waste some time and shoot a mid-range jumper but it goes off the rim and out.



John pulls down the rebound but falls hard. He is on the floor in pain. The trainers come and take him off the court. He will not be able to finish the game.

There is only 15 seconds left and the Rattlers star player is out of the game. The Rattlers backup point guard has never played in a game before. They

decide that he is their only choice and put him out there. Tommy gets up from the bench and goes onto the court. The Rattlers decide to keep the ball out of Tommy's hands since he has never played in a game before. Connor takes it down the court looking for a three to win the game. There is only ten seconds on the clock.



He gets double teamed, he finds someone open and passes it to him. He didn't realize it when he passed it, but he passed it to Tommy. There is only five seconds left. Tommy has the ball 3 2 1... He shoots. The ball travels through the air. The buzzer sounds as the ball is in mid flight. "Swish!" Tommy drained the three to win the game. 101-100, the Rattlers win the championship off Tommy's first ever basket. The crowd goes wild. Everybody starts chanting, "Tommy! Tommy! Tommy!" The Rattlers whole team dog piles over Tommy in celebration.

