On Friday, December 5, 2014, the Dryden Junior Boys Basketball team travelled to Fort Frances to compete in the annual Muskie Junior Basketball tournament.

The tournament featured 8 teams from across Northwestern Ontario and Minnesota, all teams were guaranteed 3 games.

Dryden’s first game was against a tough Atikokan team. The game was a back and forth affair with many lead changes and battles for the ball. Dryden ultimately lost their first game 48-47 on a buzzer beater three point shot. Leading all Dryden scorers in the first game was Mike Bell with 12 points.

In their second game, Dryden would face host Fort Frances for the first time this year. Dryden sputtered at the start, opening with a 10-0 deficit that proved to be insurmountable. Dryden lost to the Muskies 45-29. Leading all scorers was Jacob Bilous with 6 points.

The stage was then set for a battle for 7th place with the Queen Elizabeth Warriors from Sioux Lookout. Dryden finally hit their stride in this game and played dominant basketball for all 4 quarters, leading 34-11 at the half to eventually win 67-36. Leading all scorers in the win was Thomas Moline with 17 points, and Joel Ottertail contributing 12.

Dryden will practice this week, and opens their regular season on Tuesday, December 16, hosting the Fort Frances Muskies at 1:30pm.

The Fort Frances tournament was won by the Sir Winston Churchill Trojans from Thunder Bay who beat Atikokan 61-33 in the championship game. In the consolation championship, Beaver Brae beat Fort Frances 34-15.

Full results of the tournament are :

Round 1

Rainy River HS 40 – Fort Frances HS 38

International Falls 44 – Beaver Brae 20

Atikokan 48, Dryden 47

Sir Winston Churchill 66, Queen Elizabeth 21

Round 2

Fort Frances 45 Dryden 29

Beaver Brae 54 Queen Elizabeth 23

Sir Winston Churchill 42, International Falls 31

Atikokan 44, Rainy River 39

Final Round

Dryden 67 – Queen Elizabeth 36 (7th place game)

Beaver Brae 34 – Fort Frances 15 (Consolation Championship)

International Falls 47 – Rainy River 27 (3rd place game)

Sir Winston Churchill 61 – Atikokan 33 (Championship game)