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St. Michael's CHS Wins EOSSAA Junior Boys Title

Kemptville, On – St. Michael Catholic High School is celebrating an Eastern Ontario Secondary School Athletic Association title in the single A division of basketball. **Coach Chris Finner** led his junior boys' team to the title at the championship tournament held Thursday, February 23rd, 2006 in Avonmore.

Mr. Finner's team was ranked number one entering the tournament and did not disappoint winning it's first game 39-31 against host Tagwi Secondary School, it's second game against Sharbot Lake 58-29 and the championship game against fellow Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario High School **Holy Trinity** from Cornwall by a score of 56-51.

Coach Finner said the final game was thrilling, "It was so close it could have gone either way."

Mr. Finner was very proud of his team, "They worked really hard over the year. Our goal was to get to the championship, but we didn't expect to win it. This was above and beyond our expectations. We're thrilled."

St. Michael's Principal Mark Musca is equally thrilled, "I am extremely proud of the work the boys have done and am so proud of Coach Finner. He went above and beyond to ensure these boys were competitive. He took time out of his weekends to drive them to Ottawa to play exhibition games against better teams, we owe him a lot of thanks for his dedication."

Superintendent of Education Bill Gartland commented on the win as well, "This is such an exciting moment for the St. Michael Catholic High School Community. Winning a title like this demonstrates the tremendous dedication of Coach Finner and all the players on his team. It is a shining example of good sportsmanship and effort put to the test."

Coach Finner also said that the strongest player of the Tournament was no doubt St. Michael's Jon Wilson who scored 36 points in the championship game. Other standouts included Craig Suhooley, Ryan Hreljac, Kurtis Muther and Mike Holwell.

St. Michael's entered the tournament with a record of 6-5 against A, AA and AAA opponents from throughout the region.

Coach Finner wanted to ensure his team was ready for the tournament so he would often set up games against higher divisions opponents so his players could learn how those teams react to certain situations.

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