ESF Men's Basketball hosted The New School Narwhals on Saturday at a packed Christian Brothers Academy, home to the Mighty Oaks this season, in the last game of their inaugural season. The Oaks prevailed in dominating fashion, 104-52 on Senior Day.

The Oaks honored their four graduating senior athletes (forward Zach Kalette, center Mike Fish, and guards Josh Puzan and Cody Quinn) along with student assistant Jean-Noel Seri and student manager Melody Papapietro before the start of the contest.

Once play began, the Oaks took the lead from the start, but not without steady competition from the visiting Narwhals for the first 18 minutes of the contests. ESF extended its lead to 34-24 with roughly 4 minutes left in the first half off of a Matt Kowalski steal and layup. The lead remained 10 points at 38-28, with two minutes to play in the half, until a Danny MacElrath tip in followed by two Joe Fabian layup's propelled ESF on a 12-0 run to end the half 50-28.

From that point on, ESF never looked back as they quickly extended their lead to 20 points at the start of the 2nd frame, extending their lead via a dominating 66-24 run in the game's final 22 minutes of play as the Oaks ended their inaugural season, and for their seniors, in style 104-52.

The Mighty Oaks set numerous records on Saturday, with a program high in points for a game (104), field goal percentage in a game (48%), total rebounds (65) and 60 points in the paint. Defensively, the Oaks also set a team record for lowest field goal percentage defense (28%) and three point percentage defense (12%) against The New School.

Five ESF players scored in double figures as they were led by senior Zach Kalette's double-double of 10 points and a career high 16 rebounds. Danny MacElrath also recorded a double-double with a career high of 18 points and 11 rebounds. His 18 points also marked the 9th consecutive contest that he scored at least ten or more points in a game. Seniors Cody Quinn (6 rebounds) and Michael Fish (6 points) also set career highs along with sophomore Matt Kowalski’s 9 assists.

Ending the season 3-11, the Mighty Oaks thank their seniors for all of their hard work and dedication in building the program from a club to a collegiate varsity program. Next season should be filled with much promise as nine players return for Year Two. Thanks to all of our fans and families for their support.