ESF Basketball suffered a tough defeat on Sunday, falling 57-74 to the visiting Berkeley College Knights in a tightly contested contest for most of the afternoon.

The Knights opened up the game hot, opening up a 3-14 early lead on the host Oaks. ESF was able to battle back off of the hot shooting of Suthod Young, whose three early three-pointers helped cut the Knights lead to single digits at 9-16 halfway through the first half and helped the Oaks close the gap to just three entering halftime, 31-34.

The Knights of Berkeley, recently ranked #5 in the most recent USCAA Division II power rankings and two time USCAA National runners-up, struggled to get things going to start the half as ESF continued to feed off of their strong defensive efforts and capitalized on some early Knight turnovers to grab a 40-37 lead roughly six minutes into the second half, Dan Treadwell (11 points, 4 assists) and Andrew LaPolt (5 points) helped lead the charge as the Oaks seemed to be on the verge of the upset. The Knights battled back however as #31 Alex Loniakan and #10 Alex Rampersad helped rally the Knights as both teams exchanged baskets and ties for the next seven minutes of play and Berkeley up 45-48.

With eight minutes to play and holding onto a 50-56 lead, Berkeley quickly turned over the Oaks on three consecutive possessions to quickly expand their lead to 12 points which the Oaks were unable to shrink below eight as the Knights finished the last 8 minutes of play on a 18-7 run. The Oaks went cold from the field during that span and Berkeley clinched it from the charity stripe, 74-57.

The Oaks again were led by sophomore forward Suthod Young who had a game high 21 points along with 14 rebounds in his 14th double-double of the season.

ESF concludes their season this Saturday at home on Senior Day against the Davis College Falcons at 1pm. The game will be held at the Institute of Technology @ Syracuse Central as ESF looks to complete its most successful campaign to date.