

# SPORTS

## **SJR STATE SOFTBALL**

# **Third straight sweep**

## **Vikings off to their best start under Brosky**

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Four straight doubleheader splits have been followed up by three straight doubleheader sweeps.

And all this while the St. Johns River State College softball team moved into the Top 10 in the state last week. This will certainly help its ranking.

The Vikings improved to 14-6 after taking out Polk State, 1-0, in the first game, then defeated Broward for the third time in less than a week, 10-1, at the Indian River State College Tournament at Dodgertown in Vero Beach.

“(Being) 14-6 means that we are headed in the right direction before we start a tough (Mid-Florida) conference schedule,” said Vikings coach Katie Brosky, off to the best start in her five years in charge. “We are working hard and playing well right now, but our players know that we aren’t where we need or want to be just yet. They aren’t satisfied.”

Against Polk (10-8), Ashley Bonalewicz started the sixth inning with a walk against losing pitcher Lauren West. Julie Leduc sacrifice bunted her to second, but Bonalewicz raced to third when no one covered the base for Polk. That proved important when a West wild pitch allowed Bonalewicz to score.

Tikeya Strong, Nicole Brock, Haley Wildes and Francesca Gazarato had singles for the Vikings in the win. Lefthander Hunter Scharf (8-4) allowed five hits, walked no batters and struck out six to get the victory.

In the second game, winning pitcher Brock (6-2), who threw a five-inning perfect game at Broward (4-12) two days earlier, allowed just one hit in four innings, walking none and striking out two. Savannah Montgomery pitched the fifth inning and finished up. Montgomery went 2-for-3 with two runs and two RBI, while Wildes was 2-for-3 with two RBI. Gazarato delivered a big triple and drove in three runs, while scoring a run. Jen Valle had a hit, a run and an RBI, Stacey Wilson was 1-for-1 with a run and Hannah Peeples had a hit and an RBI. Leduc scored twice.

The Vikings will next be at Pasco-Hernando State College (2-6) for a doubleheader on Thursday.