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Vikings go out on high note with sweep

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The season ended on a definite high note for the St. Johns River State College softball team on Thursday.

And a historic one on a couple of counts.

The Vikings finished on a four-game winning streak, sweeping Eastern Florida State in a home doubleheader, 5-2 and 13-5.

They made program history with their second straight winning record

(28-25) after last year's team went 33-22 and went to the state tournament. And though her team missed the state tournament by one game to Mid-Florida Conference fourth-place Florida State College-Jacksonville, Jill Semento became the first Vikings coach in the fastpitch era to clear .500 in the first season.

Sophomores Savannah Montgomery, Alandra Resendes, Hannah Sommers, Haley Wildes and

Stacey Wilson went out as the winningest two-year class in program history with 61 wins.

"There's satisfaction because we ended the year on a high note," Semento said. "We did what we needed to do on Sunday (in sweeping a conference doubleheader at Santa Fe), but (FSC-J) did what they had to do (in a sweep at Seminole). You can't ever discredit our conference. It's tough. We're happy with the finish."

Going against her former team, Shelby Griffis made her last outing one to remember in the first game, allowing two runs on seven hits with two walks and three strikeouts to finish 8-10. Wildes' two-run double highlighted the five-run fourth inning in the first game, while Sydney Shows, Griffis and Amanda Peck had RBI singles in the frame.

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Peck, Wildes and Kayla Kight

each went 2-for-4 with Peck driving in one run and Wildes bringing in two. Wilson, Sommers and Griffis had one hit each in the first game.

In the nightcap, Amanda Peck went 3-for-5 with three runs and three RBI and belted a two-run home

run in the bottom of the sixth to end the game and season for the Vikings via the eight-run mercy rule. Montgomery was 3-for-4 with two runs and five RBI and also hit a home run in her final game, a three-run, second-inning shot. Wilson was

3-for-3 with two RBI, Wildes was 2-for-4 with three runs and an RBI and Sommers, Kight, Shows and Jordan Phillips had one hit apiece.

Montgomery (1-0) got to start in the circle in her final game and threw three-hit ball over 3 1/3

innings, allowing three earned runs.

"Personally, 28 wins for me is electric," Semento said. "We always wish we had gone to state, but beating a team that finished second in (the Southern Conference) shows how strong our conference really is."