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COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

SJR State starts season 3-1

The St. Johns River State College volleyball team got off to a very good start of its season over the weekend at the Spartanburg (S.C.) Methodist Tournament, finishing the two-day event with a 3-1 mark under new coach Jose Rivera.

The Vikings defeated Walters State (Tenn.), 25-13, 25-17, 22-25, 25-17 and defeated Andrew College of Georgia, 25-16, 25-7, 25-17, on Friday. On Saturday, the Vikings were swept by Eastern Florida, 25-15, 25-20, 25-18, before rebounding with a 25-17, 25-22, 25-19 victory over the host Spartanburg team.

“The team played well and showed excellent resilience after the loss on Saturday,” Rivera said.

One highlight was the play of Courtney Chappel, a second-year player who had 35 kills in three matches. The Vikings travel to Melbourne for their rematch with Eastern Florida at 6 tonight.