

# SPORTS

## Vikings 2-2 in Classic

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The St. Johns River State College softball team went 2-2 during their four-game series at the Triple Crown Classic at St. Augustine's Treaty Park this weekend.

But coach Jill Semento was lamenting the team could have gone 3-1, losing a chance to do so when South Georgia State rallied from down 3-1 in the top of the seventh inning to score three runs and hand the Vikings a 4-3 loss in their final game of the weekend.

Before the loss, the Vikings had been pummeled by Tallahassee, 14-1, before taking their wrath out on Palm Beach, 12-1, and then beating rival Florida State College-Jacksonville, 6-3.

"It was semi-successful weekend," said Semento after her team left with an overall mark of 4-5. "Our pitchers did much better after the first game. Our bats woke up and our defense woke up. It worked out and now we

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found out a way to have hot batters in the lineup and a good defense in the field at the same time."

The Vikings were beaten in their opening game by Tallahassee's Kristin Guter, who took advantage of the 185-foot fences at Treaty Park by hitting three home runs, while driving in seven runs and scoring three times. For the Vikings, Sydney Shows was 2-for-3 with an RBI, while Kayla Kight had a run scored and an RBI and Maegan Stone added a hit.

Against Palm Beach, Madison Roeshink walked one, struck out seven and scattered four hits in getting the win in the circle. Both Shows and Christiana Marasa went 4-for-4 with Shows knocking in four runs and scoring three times and Marasa coming up with two runs and two RBI, one on a first-inning solo home run that set the tone. Kight was 2-for-2 with a run and an RBI, Roeshink was 2-for-4 with an RBI, Selena Bezares was 2-for-3 and Marissa Huggins finished 2-for-3 with a run. Stone and Taylor Nilsson had one hit each.

In the win over FSC-J, it was Bezares with the big blow, a three-run, third-inning home run that gave the Vikings a 4-2 lead. Skye Davenport, who improved to 3-0 lifetime against FSC-J, scattered eight hits, walked three and struck out none. Kight was 3-for-3 with two runs and an RBI, while Lewis finished 2-for-3 and Huggins ended going 2-for-2 with a run and an RBI. Getting one hit each were Shows, Marasa, Bezares, Stone, Nilsson and Jessie Grissom.

Abbi Lewis' RBI single broke a 3-3 tie in the top of the seventh for South Georgia to give her team the lead for good. For the Vikings, Shows was 3-for-4 with two runs scored, Marasa was 2-for-3, Kight finished 2-for-4 with two RBI and Higgins, Bezares, Stone and Nilsson all had one hit apiece.

The Vikings will travel to Bradenton to face the State College of Florida in a doubleheader, which starts at 4 p.m.