

SPORTS

St. Johns routs Rollins JV, 14-4

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Ten St. Johns River State College batters combined for 12 hits and four pitchers combined for 16 strikeouts in a 14-4 rout of the Rollins College junior varsity in Winter Park Tuesday.

The Vikings scored six runs in the fourth inning, five in the fifth and sailed home from there, improving to 14-7. Rollins slipped to 5-4.

It was a good day to boost batting averages and strikeout statistics, but nothing more, according to SJR State coach Ross Jones.

"We did what we were supposed to do," he said. "We've still got to clean some things up. We're still making little mistakes that will hurt us against good teams."

A couple of Eustis products, Kerry Carpenter and Michael Koenig, both went 2-4 for St. Johns, Koenig with a double and three RBI.

Justin Smith was 1-4 with a double and three RBI, Nick Koslowski had a two-run double in four at-bats and Palatka freshman Clellan Barnes

clubbed a two-run homer in the ninth. The Vikings' other hits were singles by Nick Owens, Josh Broughton. Jimbo Reemsnyder, Pablo Cedeno and Brian Moore.

David Litchfield (3-0) took over from starter Pearson McMahan in the fifth and got the win with two scoreless innings. David Pattinson entered in the seventh and struck out all six batters he faced. Jaison Heard followed and struck out the side in the ninth.

"A win is a win, but you ask yourself, 'Did we get better?' I don't think we did," said Jones, concerned about lackluster play in a Sunday doubleheader split with South Georgia. "We've still got a to put a complete game together."

The Vikings play three games in Marianna this weekend before opening Mid-Florida Conference play next week. They play Alabama's Lurleen B. Wallace College Friday, host team Chipola College on Saturday and Alabama's Shelton State on Sunday.