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St. Johns getting on softball win streak

Vikings take pair from Hillsborough on road

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The St. Johns River State College softball team has put together a winning streak.

At the Plant City Softball Complex on Thursday, the Vikings made it five straight victories and six of the last seven after sweeping Hillsborough Community College, winning the opener, 10-7, before taking the nightcap, 5-2, to improve to 17-12.

"The biggest thing has been of our freshmen in two of the biggest positions, Maegan Stone at shortstop and Taylor Nilsson in center field," second-year coach Jill Semento said. "Both made a lot of errors, but now they're starting to come around and making big plays."

It was part of the afternoon and evening that saw the Vikings make just one error in the doubleheader, a fielding error by Stone late in the second game. And once again, it was left-hander Madison Roeshink (8-5) and righty Christiana Marasa (5-3) who made the difference in the circle.

Though she gave up four runs in the bottom of the seventh, Roeshink had enough of a cushion to finish out the win. In the nightcap, Marasa allowed six hits, walked two and struck out two in her complete-game victory.

"We have a very close team," Semento said. "It's one thing to have fun, but it's better when you're winning."

In the opener, the Vikings broke a 4-3 game open with four runs in the fifth inning, highlighted by a two-run single by Sydney Shows, an RBI double by Selena Bezares and an RBI double by Brittany Lewis. Shows went

2-for-4 with two RBI, Kayla Kight finished 2-for-4 with two runs and two RBI, Bezares was 2-for-2 with two runs and an RBI and Lewis finished 2-for-3 with an RBI. Marissa Huggins, Marasa, Stone, and Nilsson had one hit apiece.

The second game saw the Vikings take a 2-0 lead on an RBI triple by Marasa that scored Shows and Kight single in Marasa. The Vikings added three more runs in the fourth on RBI singles by Nilsson, Huggins and Shows.

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Shows paced the 11-hit attack in the second game with a 4-for-4 showing with one run and one RBI, while Jessie Grissom finished 3-for-4 and Kight, Marasa, Huggins and Lewis had one hit apiece.

The Vikings will be off this weekend, but back playing Pasco-Hernando on Tuesday and Indian River on Thursday, both doubleheaders on the road.