

# SPORTS

## St. Johns clobbers Seminole again

### Helvey fires one-hitter; teams meet again today

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The St. Johns River State College baseball team is on a roll – at least against Seminole State College.

The Vikings pounded the Raiders again Friday afternoon, 12-1 in seven innings in Sanford behind the one-hit, walk-free pitching of Clay Helvey, who was supported by a 16-hit offense.

Helvey (3-1), not only walked none,

he didn't come close. He didn't have a three-ball count the whole game. A leadoff double in the third was all that kept Helvey from a no-hitter. He struck out eight, throwing first-pitch strikes to 19 of the 24 Raiders he faced.

"He had zero three-ball counts. That may have been a first for me," said SJR State coach Ross Jones, an assistant with North Florida, Vanderbilt and Florida and a former minor league pitcher before taking his current job nine years ago. "He had all four pitches going. He pitched to both sides of

the plate with his fastball and his slider was incredible."

Friday's game came on the heels of a 15-2 St. Johns rout of Seminole in Wednesday's Mid-Florida Conference opener – that game, too, over in seven innings. The Vikings (17-9, 2-0) had played .500 ball over the 10 games preceding the start of conference play.

"Our schedule's been pretty tough. Everything we do from Aug. 16 through March 1 is to get us ready for this," Jones said. "Our guys were really locked in. We've had two good games. We saved our bullpen today,

which really helps us (today)."

Seminole (12-12, 0-2) comes back to Tindall Field this afternoon to complete a three-game series, then SJR State heads to Lake-Sumter on Monday.

Every starter had at least one hit – from leadoff man Nick Owens, who was 2-2 with four runs and hit a three-run homer that made it 12-1 in the seventh, to No. 9 batter Jimmy Goldsmith, who was 3-3 with a solo home run.

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Justin Smith (2-2, two walks), Nick Koslowski (2-3, double, two RBI), Josh Broughton (2-4, one RBI) and Kerry Carpenter (2-5, one RBI) also had two hits apiece. The other St. Johns hits were Michael Koenig's double and RBI singles by Scott Kobos and Jimbo Reemsnyder.