

# SPORTS

## Sweep for the Vikings

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Just as it looked as if the St. Johns River State College softball team would wind up in the same rut as it was last year of splitting doubleheaders, it broke the trend quickly Tuesday at home.

The Vikings swept struggling Florida State College-Jacksonville in a Mid-Florida Conference twinbill, taking the first game, 6-3, then scoring twice in the bottom of the sixth inning to capture a 6-5 triumph.

The wins left the Vikings at 24-17 overall and back at .500 in the conference at 4-4.

"We worked on the little things that we needed to win," Vikings coach Jill Semento said. "It was huge, too. It made a difference. We changed our lineup around a little bit by moving (Selena) Bezares up to the cleanup spot from the No. 7 spot in the lineup, while I moved Sydney Shows to the leadoff, switching her with Marissa Huggins, whose hitting second and keeping Kayla Kight third, Maegan Stone fifth and (Christiana) Marasa sixth. We'll probably keep that lineup for our doubleheader at Santa Fe (on Thursday)."

Down 5-4 in the sixth, Huggins began the two-out rally with a walk. She stole second and on a 3-2 pitch, Kight drilled a double off the left-center field wall to tie the game. A passed ball moved her to third, bringing up Bezares, who had hit her ninth home run of the season, a solo shot, in a four-run second inning. She hit a vicious shot that third baseman Gina Eller could not handle for a single that scored Kight with the go-ahead run.

Marasa (9-5) pitched four scoreless innings to get the win. She walked none, struck out none and gave up two hits. Battery mate Brittany Lewis was 3-for-3 with a run and an RBI, while Shows was 2-for-3, Kight was 2-for-4 with a run and an RBI and Bezares was 2-for-3 with a run and two RBI. Taylor Nilsson, Stone and Huggins had one hit each.

In the opener, it was Kight who gave the Vikings the lead when she belted a three-run double off of starter Jennifer Tellefsen that plated Jessie Grissom, Nilsson and Huggins. Bezares added a solo home run in a two-run fifth to put the game away.

Knight was 2-for-4 with three RBI, while Bezares was 2-for-3 with a run and two RBI. Shows, Grissom, Stone, Lewis and Huggins added one hit each for the Vikings. Madison Roeshink (11-7) scattered 11 hits, while walking two and striking out two.