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## Kobos, Vikings clamp down on Daytona

### Lefthander throws three-hit shutout for St. Johns series sweep

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The bats that produced 46 runs on 58 hits in the first two games of a three-game series fell silent Wednesday afternoon in Daytona Beach.

Scott Kobos was the main silencer.

Kobos pitched a three-hit shutout,

the first nine-inning complete game of the year for St. Johns River State College as the Vikings downed host Daytona State 5-0 in a Mid-Florida Conference game.

SJR State improved to 25-12 overall and 9-3 in the conference, percentage points behind first-place Santa Fe (24-8, 7-2), which beat Central Florida 9-5 Wednesday. Daytona (14-13, 7-5), which began the series in first place, has fallen to third.

Only one Falcon got as far as second base against Kobos (2-2), a lefthander who struck out six and

walked none of the 30 batters he faced. He threw 88 pitches, retired 18 straight in one stretch and faced a three-ball count just once.

"He was special today, no doubt about it," said SJR State coach Ross Jones of Kobos. "He was so efficient. He could throw a changeup in any count. He was just phenomenal. His velocity was good. His curve ball and slider were just as good."

And yet for five innings, Kobos found himself in a scoreless battle with Daytona's Gage Hutchinson (4-2). The teams sailed through the first five innings in 52 minutes,

Jones said, and the game was completed in 1:50.

"As good as (Kobos) was, Hutchinson was just as good for five innings," Jones said.

The contrast between Wednesday's game and the first two in the series could not be more striking. St. Johns was a 15-6 winner on Saturday and 15-10 on Monday. Neither team had an extra-base hit on Wednesday, when the Vikings compressed their offense into a five-run sixth inning.

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It began with back-to-back singles by Kerry Carpenter and

Justin Smith. Nick Koslowski followed with a swinging bunt that moved them into scoring position. An intentional walk to Scott Broughton loaded the bases for Michael Koenig, whose two-run single to left broke the ice and

left runners on the corners. Koenig stole second and after Jimmy Goldsmith was hit by a pitch, Jimbo Reemsnyder delivered the second two-run single of the inning, making it 4-0. Goldsmith made it to third on the

hit and scored from there on Nick Owens' sacrifice fly.

Koenig finished the day 2-4, Carpenter 2-5.

The Vikings open a three-game series with Central Florida on Friday at Tindall Field.