

# SPORTS

## St. Johns softball manages split in finale

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At least the St. Johns River State College softball team season came to a somewhat positive end to its season Saturday at home.

Behind left-hander Madison Roeshink's seven-hitter, the Vikings held back Mid-Florida Conference second-place College of Central Florida, 2-1, in the opening game of the final conference doubleheader of the season.

The Patriots came back for a 15-0 wipeout.

Roeshink walked three and struck out none in going the distance to finish the season at 13-13. She also made the

biggest play of the game when Central Florida (45-12 overall, 18-6 in conference) loaded the bases with one out in the seventh inning. Jenna Rodelo tried to squeeze bunt, but Roeshink dove to catch the pop-up, then wheeled around to third baseman Kayla Kight to double up Caeley Nix to end the game.

The Vikings got their two runs in the fourth inning when Brittany Lewis singled off losing pitcher Shayne O'Connell's leg and into right field to score Maegan Stone and Jessie Grissom. Christiana Marasa went 2-for-3, while Lewis, Kight and Stone had one hit each.

In the loss, O'Connell allowed five

hits, walked three and struck out nine.

The second game turned into a beat-down with the Patriots scoring six first-inning runs and knocking Marasa (10-10) out of the game as she could only get one out. Hannah Kelly was 3-for-4 with two runs and an RBI, while Brooke Barlow was 3-for-3 with two runs and three RBI.

Marasa went 2-for-3, while Selena Bezares had the other hit for the Vikings, who finished 27-30, the third-most wins in program history after 28 won by last year's team and 33 won by the 2015 club. The Vikings ended 7-17 in the conference.

"You can see they played really

relaxed in the first game and Maddy pitched great ball," said Vikings coach Jill Semento, now 55-53 in her two seasons. "We turned two double plays in that first and looked really good. The eight-game losing streak (near the end of the season) was hard to overcome, but ending this way made it a little better.

Semento added, "I'm excited for the new kids coming into the program (including former Palatka High player Baily Bellamy at either third base or the outfield). I'm still looking for another catcher, but we have our pitching set up. We'll be better next year."