

SPORTS

13-run second inning propels SJR State in rout of Georgia team

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St. Johns River State College coughed up four unearned runs to Georgia's Andrew College in the first inning of their game on Saturday.

By the bottom of the first, the Tigers' lead had disappeared. By the end of the second, so had the Tigers, for all intents and purposes.

St. Johns scored five runs in the bottom of the first and 13 in the second – the most in a single inning in Ross Jones' 10 seasons as coach – and wound

up with a 20-4 victory in the Kevin Miller Classic at Gulf Coast State College in Panama City. The Vikings were rained out of Sunday's game with Alabama's Beville State and came home 3-0 for their trip to the Panhandle. They take a 6-1 record into today's home game with Polk State College.

SJR State sent 17 batters to the plate in the second inning, 14 before Andrew recorded an out. The Vikings got their runs on seven hits, five walks and two hit batsmen. The inning began with

four straight hits, including Justin Farmer's two-run homer, and took so long that Jones changed pitchers going to the third because of extended down time in the dugout for starter Darin Kilfoyl.

Livingston Morris' three-run blast was the big blow as the Vikings scored five runs in the first inning. The game ended in the seventh on the mercy rule.

Kerry Carpenter was 3-4 with a double and two RBI to lead a 13-hit offense for St. Johns. Carpenter is batting .567

and leads the state with 14 RBI.

Farmer had a home run and a double in three at-bats, collecting three RBI. Joey Bellini went 3-5. Morris was 1-4 with four RBI, getting a sacrifice fly to go with his three-run homer. Francis Villaman, Bubba Sangster, Pablo Cedeno and Riley Wash all singled.

The second of four pitchers, Zach Blankenship (2-0) got the win, working three scoreless innings. He struck out four, walked one and allowed one hit.

Andrew College fell to 3-3.