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## Miami Dade overwhelms SJR State on second day of TD Bank Classic

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You can learn from a rout. Ross Jones hopes so, anyway.

"This is a lot like growing up. If you don't learn from your mistakes, you're going to keep getting your butt spanked,"

the St. Johns River State College baseball coach said Friday after watching from the press box as the Vikings took a 12-1 beating from Miami Dade on the second day of the TD Bank Classic at Tindall Field.

It came on the heels of an error-filled, 8-2 loss to South Carolina's Florence Darlington Technical College from

which Jones was tossed after an argument with the plate umpire. Thus he watched from the box Friday with senior assistant coach Cory Elasik in charge in the dugout.

Errors weren't the problem for SJR State in this game – the only one came in the sixth inning, by which time the outcome was a foregone conclusion – but

from his rare vantage point behind the plate, Jones could see what was wrong.

"The thing their guy (Sharks starter Yesmiel Pardon) did is what our guy didn't – pitch in advantage counts and throw breaking balls for strikes," he said. "We could only throw fastballs for

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strikes. We were tipping our breaking balls."

Pardon (2-0) went the distance in a game shortened to seven innings by the mercy rule, striking out nine, walking one

and allowing five hits. The Vikings' Bubba Sangster denied him a shutout when he opened the bottom of the seventh with a home run that landed on top of the FloArts building beyond the left-field fence.

Aside from Sangster's shot, highlights were limited for St. Johns (7-3). The Vikings didn't get a runner past first until Justin Farmer's two-out double in the sixth. Kerry Carpenter went 2-3 and Jimmy

Goldsmith was 1-3 to round out the offense.

Miami Dade (10-3) rang up 18 hits – 10 over the first three innings off lefthander Elijah Gill (2-1). Brian Rey hit a three-run homer and Adrian Ramos and Ronny Peralo each doubled twice for the Sharks, who scored in every inning but the fourth.

Jones took some comfort in the relief work of Cameron Sereda, who entered in

the fourth inning, and Rian Haire, who pitched the seventh.

"Cameron Sereda really pitched well. He threw the ball in the zone. That's the best Rian Haire's pitched in a while," Jones said.

Today's Classic schedule calls for five games. The Vikings play the last two – a seven-inning game with Broward College at 4:30, then a nine-inning game with Gulf Coast State at 7.