

# SPORTS

## Carpenter, Cedeno homer as St. Johns takes down Rollins JV

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Kerry Carpenter is hot again. It remains for the other St. Johns River State College batters to join him.

Celebrating a state player of the week award that was announced Tuesday, Carpenter went 3-3 with a home run, a double and two RBI as the Vikings put down the Rollins College junior varsity, 6-1, at Tindall Field.

Carpenter, who leads the state in home runs, RBI and batting average, went 10 for 18 with three homers, a dou-

ble and nine RBI in earning the player of the week award. But he was coming off a relatively quiet Sunday doubleheader – 1 for 6 with a double and three RBI – before he got going again at Rollins' expense.

St. Johns (12-6) led 5-0 through three innings but took its foot off the gas, much to the dismay of coach Ross Jones. The Vikings had only four more hits to go with Carpenter's three – a home run by Pablo Cedeno and singles by Bubba Sangster, Livingston Morris and Joe

Gunn.

"We kind of went to sleep with the bats after the third inning," Jones said. "We left some guys on."

"We're not a good offensive team. There's too many strikeouts, too many weak-hit balls, not enough competitive at-bats. We faced four guys who wouldn't make our team."

The four guys who pitched for SJR State did just fine. First-time starter Rian Haire (1-0) struck out four, walked two and allowed one hit over

four scoreless innings. As a team, St. Johns struck out a dozen, walked four and allowed five hits.

"We pitched pretty well. Haire had his vest outing. (Cameron) Sereda continues to pitch well," Jones said.

The Vikings host their second talent-packed showcase in three weekends as the Putnam County Classic begins Friday at Tindall Field. Their first game is Friday at 1 p.m. against Hillsborough. The field also includes defending national champion Chipola College.