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Three straight wins for Viking volleyball

SJR State returns to conference competition Wednesday

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If there was any lesson learned from St. Johns River State College's loss on the volleyball court last Wednesday at home against nationally ranked Pasco-Hernando College, it was to keep growing as a team, according to head coach Matt Cohen.

"I think since that match, I think the girls realized how good we are as a team," said Cohen after the Vikings took care of business against host Trinity Baptist of Jacksonville, 25-6,

25-13, 25-12, Monday night to improve to 14-6, two days after defeating Trinity College of New Port Richey and Eastern Florida State of Melbourne at Tuten Gymnasium.

"Talent-wise, we can challenge anybody. We can win any match if we compete. The girls understand it is within their power to take control."

In a quick match Monday night, Lindsey Grossman and Skyler Martin each had 11 kills, while Hanna Foecker had nine kills. Jordyn Pruski handed out 25 assists, Kelsi Crow delivered 15 assists and both players served up three aces.

"Offensively, we were efficient for the time we were out there," Cohen

said. "We did score quite a few points in a short match."

The win Monday night came off of victories over Trinity College, 25-10, 25-15, 25-12, and Eastern Florida State, 23-25, 25-16, 25-22, 25-20, on Saturday.

Foecker had 10 kills and Crow delivered 16 assists and five service aces in the win over Trinity College, while against Eastern Florida State, Grossman had 20 kills and 15 digs, Foecker added 18 kills, 13 digs and three aces, and Pruski handed out 51 assists, while serving up three aces and going for 10 digs. Martin added 15 digs.

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SJR State's Eden Beato (23) works at the net in the Vikings' Sept. 19 match with Pasco-Hernando.

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The Vikings, who are 1-2 in the JUCO Division II Sun-Lakes Conference, will travel to Avon Park to face off with South Florida State College (3-7, 1-2) Wednesday night in a conference match.

"That's a three and a half hour trip for our team in the middle of the school week," Cohen said. "They're going to be tough. They took Lake-Sumter to five sets before losing to them. If we play well, though, we're going to be fine."