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Viking volleyball team notches 20th win with sweep of Florida Gateway

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For the first time since the last year of Matt Cohen's first tenure as coach, the St. Johns River State College volleyball team has won 20 games.

The Vikings improved to 20-9 overall after holding back Florida Gateway, 25-21, 25-23, 25-20, at Tuten Gymnasium Saturday in a Sun-Lakes Conference matchup that left the

Vikings at 5-4 in the conference with one game left.

"We really struggled in the first couple of sets, and we found ourselves down early," Cohen said. "It was a frustrating match at times because we didn't play as well as we should have, but we've found this wonderful trait on knowing how to come back."

Front-line players Hanna Foecker, who was one of two sophomores hon-

ored before the game along with Kelsi Crow, and Lindsey Grossman, had big games. Foecker had 17 kills and 18 digs with two service aces, while Grossman put up 11 kills and 13 digs. Kendal Hoges added seven kills, Abby Barnhard delivered six kills, Crow handed out 20 aces and had eight digs, and Anna Acree delivered 14 assists.

The Vikings, who set a program

record of 25 wins in Cohen's last year with the team in 2015, will travel to Eastern Florida State College Wednesday, then will host Gulf Coast State on Friday. That match was originally set for Oct. 12, but was two days after Hurricane Michael decimated the Panhandle. Gulf Coast will be traveling to Florida Gateway Wednesday, Lake-Sumter on Thursday, then to SJRSC on Friday.