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COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Vikings drop two to FSC-Jacksonville

A four-run fourth inning reversed a 5-3 deficit and lifted the Florida State College-Jacksonville softball team at home to a 7-6 victory over St. Johns River State College in the opening game of a Mid-Florida Conference doubleheader Tuesday.

The Blue Wave finished the doubleheader with a sweep, taking down the Vikings in the nightcap, 10-2, in five innings, improving to 9-12 overall and 3-1 in the conference with the sweep. The Vikings slipped to 11-17 overall and 0-4 in the conference.

Joely Leguizamon's two-run double gave the Blue Wave a 6-5 lead in the four-run fourth. Down 7-5, the Vikings cut the lead in the sixth and had a runner on third with two outs in the top of the seventh, but a groundout by Harli Phillips ended the game.

Cardaeja Talley was 3-for-4 with a run, including a two-run home run in the second inning. Bri Clapper finished 2-for-3 with two RBI and a run, scored, while Taylor Finney was 2-for-2 with a run. Lauryn Markis (RBI), JesseAnne Ackerman and Kelsea Friend added one hit each.

In the second game, Hannah Dugan went the distance on a four-hitter, walking one batter and striking out one, while Naomi Olacio was 2-for-3 with a run and two RBI, Tori Richardson went 2-for-3 with two runs and Madison Macik finished 2-for-3 with two RBI for the Blue Wave.

The only blemishes against Dugan were solo home runs by Ackerman and Kendell Moody, who became the first Vikings player with two home runs this season. Friend and Clapper added singles for the Vikings, who will host Lake-Sumter in a doubleheader starting at 11 a.m., Saturday.