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Tomas pitches, powers St. Johns to victory in doubleheader split

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The St. Johns River State College softball team split a pair of Mid-Florida Conference games at home Saturday against Florida State College-Jacksonville.

The Vikings won the opener, 4-1, but lost the nightcap, 6-3.

In the first game, the big hit came from winning pitcher Maddie Tomas

(9-9), who delivered a three-run home run just inside the left-field foul pole to help the Vikings (13-26 overall, 2-13 in conference). Tomas protected the lead from there, scattering six hits, walking three hitters and striking out eight. The Vikings mustered just four hits with Cardaejia Talley going 2-for-3 with an RBI and a run, while Kelsea Friend added a single.

The second game saw home runs play a pivotal part. It was Caitlyn Berry delivering the big blow against losing pitcher Amanda Jessel (2-11), a three-run home run to give the Blue Wave (15-18, 9-7) the lead in the third inning. Madison Williams added a solo home run in the inning. Berry finished 3-for-4 with a run and three RBI, while Breanna Swanson

finished 3-for-5 with a run and Tori Richardson was 2-for-4 with a run and an RBI.

For the Vikings, Taylor Finney and Friend each went 2-for-4 with a run scored. Karsyn Barnes, Abby Ferlin, Tomas and JesseAnne Ackerman had one hit apiece.

The Vikings travel to Leesburg to face Lake-Sumter on Thursday.