

# SPORTS

## Vikings put down Pasco

They've beaten both of last year's  
conference tournament finalists

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Maybe these Vikings have something special going on.

This morning, the St. Johns River State College volleyball team finds itself at the top of the Sun-Lakes Division II junior college standings after beating the other finalist in last year's conference championship, one week after beating the defending champion Lake-Sumter.

Lucy Herter had 10 kills, Kendal Hoges recorded eight kills and 4 1/2 blocks and Lacey Redinger delivered seven kills, a block and a half and two aces as the Vikings stopped host Pasco-Hernando, 25-17, 17-25, 25-20, 25-23, to improve to 8-4 for the season.

The Vikings are tied with Gulf Coast State with a 2-0 mark in the conference.

"The thing that helped us was we got it going with the blocks in the third and fourth sets," said Vikings coach Matt Cohen, who lost twice to Pasco-Hernando last year. "We had 10 blocks total for the match and seven came in the final two sets. Our match point was a block by Brooklyn McLeod and Louisa Marunde. These girls have worked hard and have bought into what we do in the practices. We tell them at this level, everyone is talented, but if we play within our system, we can be successful."

Once again, sophomore setter Jordyn Pruski had a big say in how the Vikings played as she delivered 26 assists and had five service aces. The Vikings have won four in a row and will host South Florida State College at Tuten Gymnasium in a 3 p.m. match on Friday. South Florida is 1-4 overall and 0-2 in the conference, losing a tough five-setter last week to Pasco-Hernando.

"Being at the top (of the conference) is where we want to be, but we've got to keep working and keep getting better," Cohen said.