

# SPORTS

## Vikings finally move runners, complete doubleheader sweep

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Thirty-some years earlier, this might have been the game that inspired Bob Uecker's "small village on the basepaths" line in the movie "Major League."

Through five innings, St. Johns River State stranded a dozen – leaving the bases loaded in the third, fourth and fifth innings – and found

itself clinging to a one-run lead in the second half of its doubleheader with Abraham Baldwin College in Tifton, Ga.

Along came Joe Becker and Juan Jaime in the sixth – Becker with a two-out, RBI single and Jaime with a two-run double as the Vikings pulled out to a 5-1 win and completed a sweep of the Stallions. St. Johns won Thursday's first game 5-3 and has yet to trail during a 5-0 start.

"We got people on. We couldn't

buy a two-out hit," said SJR State coach Ross Jones, whose team hosts ABAC for two on Sunday. "But (Jackson) Spiller and (Jason) Gonzalez were really good."

Spiller and Gonzalez combined on a walk-free, five-hitter in the second game. Spiller (2-0) pitched the first five innings, allowing a run and four hits with three strikeouts. Gonzalez struck out five and allowed one hit in two scoreless innings.

Three Vikings had two hits apiece

in a 10-hit offense. J.J. Sousa was 2-4 with a double and two RBI, Michael Rosario was 2-3, Andre James 2-5. The other hits were Jaime's double and singles by Becker, Charlie Welch and Chase Sanguinetti.

Ryan Romano's two-out, three-run homer to straightaway center in the first inning sent SJR State on its way in the first game, James and Rosario having singled ahead of him.

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Welch and Romano walked in the third, Ben Spittler delivered a two-out, RBI single and the Vikings pilled off a double steal for their other run.

Making his first start of the season after hamstring trouble, Spittler was 3-3 with a double in the opener. Romano's home run, Jaime's double and singles by James, Rosario and August Haymaker rounded out the offense.

Jackson Hodnick (1-0) was the winning pitcher, taking over with two out and the third and working through the sixth. He struck out five, walked two and allowed one hit. Stephen Halstead pitched the seventh and notched his first save. The starter, Rosario, struggled with wildness before giving way to Hodnick.