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## After showing their promise, softball Vikings show problems

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After showing its potential in a five-game winning streak, the St. Johns River State College softball team showed its youth in back-to-back doubleheader losses Friday and Saturday at home.

"It's like different teams showed up," second-year Vikings coach Marti Littlefield said. "I'm not sure if we were intimidated against Eastern Florida, but we were lackadaisical

and showed no energy and the focus was not there. Being so young, I think we let them intimidate us. We came out flat."

The Vikings were swept by Eastern Florida State on Friday by scores of 8-0 and 9-3, then lost twice to Hillsborough Community College, 15-0 and 4-2, surrendering three seventh-inning runs in the second game in the sweep.

Katelyn Wilfert and Molly Reid

combined on a one-hitter in the first game, a third-inning single by Brianna Clapper. In the opener Katia Zavala hit two home runs and Madison Neuhaus also had a home run.

In the second game, Sarah Thomas went 3-for-4 with two runs scored and Wilfert went the distance on a five-hitter with one walk and three strikeouts. The only runs for the Vikings were provided on a three-run double by Madison McAllister.

Madison Houtz, Breanna Cefaliello, Kimberly Cheung and Araya Williams had one hit apiece for the Vikings (5-7).

On Saturday, Morgan Mills throttled the Vikings on two hits, walking one and striking out two. Four different Hawks had two hits to spur the 13-hit attack. McAllister and Janelle Pagan had singles for the Vikings.

The Vikings held a 2-0 lead going into the sixth of the second game. But

the Hawks got a run in the sixth inning, then tied it in the seventh on an Amanda Dennis RBI single, then a passed ball brought in Ysa Dominguez and Drew Pope with the go-ahead runs. For the Vikings, Ashley Kirkbride and Pagan each had two hits with Pagan scoring a run and driving in a run. Cheung and Houtz had one hit apiece.

SJRSC hosts South Georgia State in a 1 p.m. doubleheader on Thursday.