

# SPORTS

## Vikings blanked by Eagles

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Tallahassee Community College didn't beat the daylights out of the ball in the early innings of a sunny but chilly Thursday afternoon at Tindall Field, but the Eagles hit it – and kept on hitting until the bloopers and bleeders that were dropping for base hits became solid singles and doubles.

They went home with 13 hits in a 6-0 victory over St. Johns River State College, applying offense pressure throughout on a day the Vikings managed just five hits.

Tallahassee was trouble from the top of the order on down. Leadoff man Chris Jeffcoat was 4-4 with an RBI double and a walk; No. 2 batter Spencer Hanson went 3-5 with an RBI. Dilan Lawson, Leighton Alley and Nolan Daniel combined on the shutout, Lawson (2-1) going the first six innings with five strikeouts and no walks.

"We started out hitting balls on the screws right at them. They got three hits that didn't leave the infield, but they had a good two-strike approach and kept putting the ball in play," said SJR State coach Ross Jones, whose team slipped to 15-8 while the Eagles improved to 12-7.

"Once their guy settled in, we were done. Chase (Sanguinetti) got to him a couple times, but we had other guys break out in hives at a changeup."

Besides Sanguinetti, who was 2-4, all the Vikings got were a double from Juan Jaime and singles from Chase Malloy and Ryan Romano. Jaime came

the closest to scoring, taking third after lining a one-out double to left in the fifth, but Lawson served up a foul pop-out and a ground ball to protect a 2-0 lead.

St. Johns starter Stephen Halstead (2-2) dodged a bases-loaded bullet in the first inning, but Tallahassee turned an error, a walk and Hanson's single into a run in the second. Halstead got two outs into the fourth, having allowed another run, before giving way to Jackson Spiller. Jason Gonzalez pitched the eighth and ninth.

"Stephen was in too many three-ball counts. Jackson Spiller was in too many three-ball counts," Jones said. "We didn't stay in advantage counts."

Jones gave the Vikings Monday off following a 3-1 run in the John Tindall Classic, only to be rained out Tuesday and Wednesday. "It looked like we hadn't played in a week," he said.

SJR State hosts the Rollins College junior varsity Saturday in its final game before opening Mid-Florida Conference play Monday at Lake-Sumter State College.