

# SPORTS

## SJR State softball team drops two in Georgia

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The rollercoaster ride that is the St. Johns River State College softball team seems to be on a downturn.

After being pummeled by St. Petersburg on Friday in a doubleheader at home, the Vikings were swept again on Saturday at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, Ga., losing the first game, 6-5, in eight innings, then falling in the nightcap, 6-3, to slip to 7-13.

"It seems like we're going through some hard times," Vikings second-year coach Marti Littlefield said. "I need to do a little 'mental' building. I've got to build this team up. It seems off the bus we just didn't want to play after what happened to us the day before (against St. Petersburg). And we

had beaten (ABAC) twice at our place (9-3 and 8-0) a month ago (Feb. 5)."

ABAC (8-9) took a 5-0 lead, helped by a two-run home run by Karli Williams in the second inning. But the Vikings bounced back with four runs in the sixth as Taylor Shelley delivered a two-run single and Brealyn Holley added a two-run double. In the seventh, the Vikings tied it up when Breanna Cefaliello grounded out to score Ashley Kirkbride.

However, in the bottom of the eighth inning, Taylor Middleton started at second base, moved to third on a sacrifice bunt and two batters later, Amber Maxwell delivered the RBI single to end it.

Kirkbride went 2-for-4 with two runs, Cefaliello was 2-for-5 with a run and an

RBI, Shelley ended up 2-for-2 with two RBI and Holley was 2-for-5 with two RBI. Madison McAllister, Madison Houtz (one run) and Kimberly Cheung had one hit each in the opening game.

In the second game, ABAC jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the first inning, a lead the Vikings could not overcome. The big blow in the first inning was a grand slam by Jenna Hickman. For the Vikings, Cheung was 2-for-3 with two runs scored, while Houtz and Kirkbride each went 2-for-4 with Kirkbride knocking in two runs. Holley, who hit her first career college home run in the loss, Morgan Adamek and Cefaliello had one hit each for the Vikings, who will host South Georgia in a makeup doubleheader at 1 p.m. Thursday.