Gobblers, ODU Split Pair;
Creekmore Sets Hit Record

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NORFOLK—The way Bud Metheny figures it, Cy Brinkley was owed a victory sometime.
The junior righthander had been a victim of unearned runs in at least three of the five losses he's suffered.
The slate was somewhat evened for the Old Dominion pitcher Sunday afternoon when the Monarchs took a 5-4, nine-inning triumph to earn a split with Virginia Tech. The Gobblers won the opener 4-1.

Old Dominion's winning run, in the person of Don Hauck, scored when Gobbler third baseman Tony Varboncoeur threw away a ground ball hit by designated hitter Joe Carrier.

Hauck had doubled with two out.
The day also was featured by Bobby Creekmore's two hits, a single in the first game and a double in the nightcap.

Creekmore's single, coming in the third inning of the opener, gave the former Newport News High School standout the school record for hits in a career. Entering Sunday's action, Creekmore was tied with Fred Kovner (1962-65) with 121 hits.

"The honor means a lot to me," said the ex-Typhoon star. "Baseball players (in college) don't get a lot of recognition, so something like this is really great."

Brinkley put himself into a hole immediately after relieving Tom Pegelow in the fourth inning with two runs in, one out and two runners on base.

Brinkley tried to pick off Varboncoeur at first, threw the ball away and Danny Shrieves and Varboncoeur both scored for a 4-3 Gobbler lead.

Carrier chased home Mitch Aydelotte with a single to knot the score in the fifth and Brinkley had things under control, for the most part, the rest of the way.

Virginia Tech, which plays William and Mary at Cary Park today, found ODU catcher Nate Blake too much to handle. Blake had six straight hits, including a 5-for-5 effort in the nightcap.

The Gobblers scored twice in the sixth and twice in the seventh to take the opener.

David Halstead put the Gobblers in front 2-0 with a triple. He was out at the plate when a relay throw to third got away from Scott Zeller. Zeller retrieved the ball in time to throw home.
The Monarchs' only run came in the last of the sixth when former York hurler Bruce Brushwood walked Tom Mordica with the bases loaded.

Jerry Turner was called out on strikes to end the threat.