Shelton Can't Throw?

Wayne Shelton was considered by many to be a hot pro baseball prospect when the rangy catcher graduated from Tunstall High School last year. But area major league scouts felt Shelton's arm was not what it should be, resulting in a late draft pick by the Texas Rangers, somewhere around the 44th round.

Instead of signing, Shelton elected to enter college and he signed a full grant in aid to attend Virginia Tech and play under second-year coach Bob Humphreys, a former major league pitcher.

Humphreys, along with followers of Virginia Tech baseball, and a few opponents, will attest to the fact that Shelton has an arm.

In a recent game against Howard University, Shelton did what no other catcher had been able to do this year. Howard had the No. 2 base stealer in the nation (44 of 44) and Shelton threw him out twice. They also had the No. 3 base stealer (42 of 43) and Shelton threw him out once.

Georgia Southern was among the nation's leaders when the two teams met earlier in the season and Shelton threw out two of the three runners that tested his arm.