Virginia Tech Busy In Baseball

Typing at random:
While the major leagues are busily picking up talent from here and there in the free agent draft, Virginia Tech baseball Coach Bob Humphreys has been on the move himself.

Humphreys has signed a pair of junior college players to fill in for departed seniors Sandy Hill (outfield) and Rick Ware (third base).

The newest Tech additions are third sacker Eric Keller out of Palm Beach JC and outfielder Dave Richardson from Broward JC.

Humphreys has also signed first baseman-outfielder Andy Aldrich from Illinois. He's a high school senior.

He won't replace Harold Williams. Not many people will replace Williams, who could become Tech's top all-time home run hitter before he leaves in two or three years.

In the draft, Humphreys doesn't expect to lose junior catcher Wayne Shelton. The Martinsville native isn't likely to get a big enough offer, if and when he's picked, to induce him to leave Tech.

Humphreys is still looking for a catcher and pitcher to help his club.

Tech's baseball schedule will improve somewhat next year. North Carolina is signed for home and home games as is Maryland. South Carolina also visits the Gobblers. None of those teams appeared in Blacksburg this year, though the Maryland game was rained out.

If you hadn't guessed, Salem's Pirates lead every offensive category (individual) listed in the latest Carolina League statistics.

The nine categories are divided between Eugenio Cotes and Ozzie Olivares.

To some extent, Olivares has played in Cotes shadow. In other years Olivares would be the team's standout with the consistent hitting he's been doing.

Also, Salem leads none of the pitching categories. That, however, is no surprise.