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SHEPHERDSTOWN, W.Va. -- The Shepherd football team enters the 2008 season with great anticipation after coming off a 10-2 mark in 2007 as the Rams won their fourth consecutive outright WVIAC title and made their third straight NCAA II Playoff appearance.

Head coach **Monte Cater**, the all-time winningest coach in WVIAC football history, faces the daunting task of replacing record-setting running back **Dervon Wallace** and Division II Rimington Award winner **Ryan Pope**.

Fourteen starters return, including nine players who earned WVIAC All-Conference honors a year ago. Seven offensive starters are back, led by senior quarterback **Tyler Lazear**. Senior All-American candidate **Mike Spiegelberg** will spearhead the defense.

Lazear completed 133 -of-226 passes for 1,587 yards and 15 touchdowns in 2007. He also rushed for 139 yards and a pair of scores.

Sophomore **Jimmy Sutch** will get the starting nod at running back. Sutch rushed 56 times for 315 yards and five touchdowns in a backup role last season.

Sophomore **Bobby Humphries** returns as the starter at fullback. Humphries caught 10 passes for 95 yards and a score and scored a touchdown on his only carry in 2007.

The offensive line will have to replace Pope, **Bubba Brady**, and **Clark Lanzendorf**. Among those expected to start this year are junior captain **Jeremy Hairston**, junior **Campbell Martens**, sophomore **Geoff Fry**, and redshirt-freshmen **Carl McIntyre** and **Steve Jackson**.

Senior **Mark Springirth** (Germantown, MD/Watkins Mill) and juniors **Craig Tremel** (Lilly, Pa/ Penn Cambria) and **John Sheehan** (Round Hill, VA/Loudoun Valley) lead the list of returnees at wide receiver, while junior **Ryan Lavin** (Centreville, VA/Westfield) returns as the starter at tight end.

The Ram defense should be strong again this year despite the loss of several standouts.

The defensive line remains intact as Spiegelberg, seniors **Mike Heatwole** and **Frank Herrera** and junior **T.J. Taylor** are returning starters.

Senior transfer **Jacquez Taylor** and sophomore **Bryan Hansel** are the likely choices to start at inside linebacker.

Junior **Marlon Hoy** and sophomore **Ben Minturn** return to pace the Rams at outside linebacker.

Senior **Taros Harris**, junior **Layton Hersh** and sophomore **Deante Steele** are also slated to start in the secondary.

Freshman newcomer **Eric Dobratz** is expected to take over the kicking duties, while sophomore **Matt Martin** has been picked to handle the punting duties. Dobratz and senior **John Sheehan** will vie for the kicking off chores.

A REIGN OF EXCELLENCE

Head Coach Monte Cater is now in his 22nd season at the helm of the Shepherd football program. The Rams have had a great deal of success since Cater arrived in 1987 as they have won 11 WVIAC titles in 21 seasons. In that time the Rams have made two trips to the NAIA Playoffs and five trips to the NCAA II Playoffs with playoff appearances (1998-99 and 2005-07). Below is a list of where Cater ranks on the all-time victories and all-time titles lists in the WVIAC.

WVIAC COACHING VICTORIES

1. **Monte Cater (SU)** **150-71-1 (.669)**
2. Deacon Duvall (FSC) 125-42-3 (.744)
3. Joe Bartell (WL) 118-55-11 (.671)
4. Bill Struble (WVW) 109-133-0 (.461)
5. *Walter Barr (SU)* *104-48-4 (.679)*
6. Tony Colobro (BSC/CC) 100-45-7 (.681)
7. Cebe Ross (WVW/MH) 97-109-12 (.472)
8. Adolph Hamblin (WVS) 90-58-18 (.596)
9. Dana Lough (Pot. St.) 86-90-9 (.489)
10. Cam Henderson (D&E) 81-33-6 (.700)

WVIAC COACHING TITLES

1. **Monte Cater (SU)** **11**
2. Deacon Duvall (FSC) 8
3. Joe Bartell (WL) 7
- 4T. Tony Colobro (BSC/CC) 5
- Eddie King (MH) 5
6. Rich Rodriguez (GSC) 4
- 7T. *Walter Barr (SU)* *3*
- Cebe Ross (WVW/MH) 3
- Bill Struble (WVW) 3

2008 SHEPHERD SCHEDULE

August

30 @ Shippensburg 1 p.m.

September

6 **Bowie State** **1 p.m.**

13 **Glenville** * **1 p.m.**

20 **Fairmont** * **1 p.m.**

27 @ Seton Hill * 4 p.m.

October

4 @ Charleston * 1 p.m.

11 **Concord** * **1 p.m.**

18 **WV Wesleyan** * ^ **1 p.m.**

25 @ West Liberty * 1 p.m.

November

1 @ WV State * 1 p.m.

* WVIAC Games

^ Homecoming

Home Games in Bold

2008 SHIPPENSBURG SCHEDULE

August

30 *Shepherd* *1 p.m.*

September

6 **Edinboro** **12:30 p.m.**

13 @ Lock Haven 7 p.m.

20 @ East Stroudsburg * 4 p.m.

27 Millersville * 1 p.m.

October

4 **C.W. Post** * **1 p.m.**

11 @ Kutztown * 1:05 p.m.

18 @ West Chester * 2:05 p.m.

25 **Bloomsburg** * **12:30 p.m.**

November

1 **Cheyney** * **1 p.m.**

8 @ California (Pa.) 6 p.m.

* PSAC-East Games

Home games in bold

NEWS AND NOTES

MISC. STATS

Here is a compilation of some interesting tidbits on the Rams last season:

Third Down Conversions by SU/Foes: 76.172 (44%) / 49 / 162 (30%)
Shepherd Avg. Time of Possession/Foes: 33:11 / 26:49
Penalties-Yards by SU/Foes: 72-667 / 97-928
First Downs by Rush-Pass by SU/Foes: 149-78 / 82-103

SHEPHERD'S MAGIC NUMBERS

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If the Rams score 24 or more points, there is a good chance they will come out on top. Shepherd owns a 231-10 (.958) all-time record when reaching the magical 24-point mark. Included in that record is a 104-7 (.937) record since 1990 and a 110-9 (.924) mark under Cater.

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The Rams sport a 341-75-26 (.800) all-time record when holding the opposition to 14 points or less. Currently, Shepherd has won 67 of its last 68 games when holding the opposition to 14 or less and owns an 89-3-1 (.962) record since 1990 when turning the trick. Shepherd is 100-7-1 (.926) under Cater in such games.

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Shepherd is 118-93-26 (.552) all-time in games decided by seven points or less. Shepherd has a 36-21-1 (.629) record since 1990 and a 40-30-1 (.570) mark under Cater in games decided by seven or less.

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Another key to victory is the Shepherd running game. Shepherd is 140-23-2 (.854) since 1980 in games that it rushes for 150 or more yards. Since 1990, the record is 88-11-1 (.885) and under Cater it is 98-17-1 (.840).

Anything Less than 100

Defensively, the Rams will try to contain the running game and force teams to pass. If they hold the opposition to under 100 yards rushing, the odds on a win go up dramatically. Since 1980, the Rams are 117-16-1 (.876) when holding teams to less than 100 yards. Since 1990, Shepherd is 82-11 (.881) in such games and 90-14 (.865) under Cater.



AMONG THE RANKS

The Rams are ranked 13th in the AFCA NCAA Division II Football Preseason Poll. The Rams are also ranked 13th by D2Football.com in the initial 2008 poll.

RADIO AND WEB RADIO COVERAGE:

The Ram Sports Radio Network will once again bring the action of the 2008 Shepherd University football team to the fans of the four-state region. WRNR-740 AM will broadcast all 10 regular-season games with Matt Miller and Vic Holmes covering all the action. The action can also be heard on the Web. Links are available at www.talkradiowrnr.com or www.shepherdrams.com.

SHEPHERD-SHIPPLENSBURG ALL-TIME SERIES RESULTS

Date	Winner	Score
10-27-23	Shepherd	14-7
10-25-24	Shippensburg	28-6
10-3-25	Shippensburg	14-8
10-6-28	Shepherd	12-6
10-5-29	Shippensburg	31-0
10-3-31	Shippensburg	40-0
10-1-32	Shepherd	3-0
10-16-37	Shippensburg	27-0
10-15-38	Shippensburg	13-3
11-2-40	Shippensburg	47-2
10-7-50	Shippensburg	13-7
10-6-51	Shippensburg	59-0
9-26-56	Shippensburg	14-2
9-28-57	Shippensburg	27-7
9-27-58	Shippensburg	10-6
9-26-59	Shippensburg	14-0
10-21-60	Shepherd	12-0
10-21-61	Shepherd	32-12
9-29-62	Shippensburg	14-13
9-28-63	Shepherd	12-7
9-26-64	Shippensburg	23-6
9-25-65	Shippensburg	33-10
9-9-78	Shepherd	14-10
9-8-79	Shippensburg	23-7
11-16-85	Shippensburg	7-0
11-15-86	Shepherd	28-17
9-7-91	Shippensburg	49-28
9-5-92	* Shippensburg	21-7
9-4-93	Shippensburg	10-7
9-3-94	Shippensburg	17-0
9-3-94	Shippensburg	17-0
9-2-95	Shippensburg	24-21
9-7-96	Shippensburg	24-22
9-13-97	Shepherd	20-16
9-5-98	Shippensburg	36-14
9-4-99	Shippensburg	24-21
9-2-00	Shepherd	28-13
9-1-01	Shepherd	28-25
9-7-02	Shepherd	17-10
9-6-03	Shippensburg	33-14
9-4-04	Shippensburg	35-7
9-3-05	Shepherd	34-32
9-2-06	Shepherd	14-0
9-1-07	Shepherd	19-14

Shippensburg leads the all-time series, 27-16

* includes Shepherd forfeit win in 1992

