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SHEPHERD (4-5, 2-5) vs. WV STATE (6-2, 4-2)

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SHEPHERDSTOWN, W.Va. -- Zach Amedro teamed with Eddie Hills on a 21-yard scoring pass with 6:59 remaining in the game to lift West Liberty to a 29-28 victory over Shepherd University in WVIAC football action at Russek Field last Saturday.

Shepherd took a 7-0 lead with 10:30 left in the first quarter when senior quarterback Tyler Lazear (Bethesda, MD/Walt Whitman) sprinted six yards for a touchdown. Freshman kicker Eric Dobratz (Woodbridge, VA/Potomac) added the extra point.

The score was setup by a fumble recovery by junior free safety Layton Hersh (Taneytown, MD/Francis Scott Key).

The Rams increased their lead to 14-0 when sophomore running back Jimmy Sutch (Hagerstown, MD/St. James) scored on a two-yard plunge. An interception by Hersh set up the touchdown.

Freshman running back Michael Johnson (Indian Head, MD/Lackey) scored on a 10-yard scamper with 14:13 remaining in the second quarter to up the Ram lead to 21-0.

West Liberty linebacker Nick Harding recovered a Shepherd fumble and went five yards for a touchdown to cut the lead to 21-7 with 8:27 left in the second quarter.

Sutch ran four yards for a score to cap a 14-play, 60-yard drive with 1:37 left in the half to increase the Shepherd advantage to 28-7.

Billy Hager connected on a 45-yard field goal with one second left in the half to cut the deficit to 28-10.

Jason Keyser picked off a Lazear pass and raced 85 yards for a touchdown with 6:44 left in the third quarter to cut the lead to 28-16. Hager's point after attempt was no good.

Brandon Ore scored on the three-yard run with 1:48 remaining in the third quarter to reduce the Ram lead to 28-23. Hager added the extra point and tied the WVIAC kick-scoring record set by Eric Myers of West Virginia Wesleyan (1993-96) with 262 points.

Lazear completed 15-of-28 passes for 191 yards. Zach Amedro connected on 20-of-32 passes for 209 yards.

Raymond Mends (Leesburg, VA/Park View) had seven receptions for 80 yards to pace Shepherd. Hills led the Hilltoppers with five catches for 56 yards.

Sutch rushed 28 times for a game-high 90 yards to pace the Rams. Ore was limited to 42 yards on 14 carries for the Hilltoppers.

The Ram defense was led by redshirt-freshman outside linebacker Chris Patton (Mt. Airy, MD/Urbana) with a team-high 12 tackles, including 10 solos. Derrick Evans posted 12 stops to pace the Hilltoppers.

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 (1991, 1992) and five trips to the NCAA II Playoffs (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) 154-76-1 (.669)
2. Deacon Duvall (FSC) 125-42-3 (.744)
3. Joe Bartell (WL) 118-55-11 (.671)
4. Bill Struble (WVW) 113-149-0 (.431)
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)

2008 SHEPHERD SCHEDULE/RESULTS

August

30 @ Shippensburg W 20-16

September

- 6 Bowie State W 14-0
- 13 Glenville * L 14-21
- 20 Fairmont * L 42-46
- 27 @ Seton Hill * L 14-24

October

- 4 @ Charleston * L 12-21
- 11 Concord * W 55-7
- 18 WV Wesleyan * ^ W 27-12
- 25 @ West Liberty * L 28-29

November

1 @ WV State * 1 p.m.

* WVIAC Games

^ Homecoming

Home Games in Bold

2008 WV STATE SCHEDULE/RESULTS

August

30 Lincoln (MO) W 67-13

September

- 6 @ Central State W 47-13
- 13 @ Fairmont * W 21-20
- 20 @ Charleston * W 24-21

October

- 4 Concord * W 41-7
- 11 @ Seton Hill * L 28-35
- 18 West Liberty * W 34-24
- 25 @ Glenville * L 28-50

November

- 1 Shepherd * 1:00
- 8 WV Wesleyan * 1:00

* WVIAC Games

Home Games in Bold

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

MILESTONES AND MEMORIES

MOVING UP THE CHARTS

Senior wide receiver **Craig Tremel** is among the team's top receivers this season. Tremel has 25 receptions for a team-high 402 yards and a score this season. Tremel's 93 career catches place him in ninth place on the Shepherd career receptions list.

TREMEL'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G/GS	Rec-Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Long
2005	12/1	31-240	11.0	5	34
2006	12/2	30-219	7.3	2	30
2007	12/3	7-60	8.6	0	14
2008	9/8	25-402	16.1	1	52
Totals	45/14	93-921	9.9	8	52

CATCHING ON

Junior wide receiver **Nasser Muhammad** paces the team with a team-high 29 receptions for 368 yards. His three touchdown grabs also lead the team.

MUHAMMAD'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G/GS	Rec-Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Long
2007	12/1	18-225	12.5	2	44
2008	9/9	29-368	12.7	3	43
Totals	21/10	47-593	12.6	5	44

OFFENSIVE CATEGORY LEADERS

Category	Name	Amount
Rushing Yds.	Jimmy Sutch	727
Rushing TDs	Jimmy Sutch	10
Yards per Rush	Jimmy Sutch	4.4
Total TDs	Jimmy Sutch	11
Passing Yds.	Tyler Lazear	1,652
Passing TDs	Tyler Lazear	9
Pass Attempts	Tyler Lazear	233
Pass Completions	Tyler Lazear	139
Receiving Yds.	Craig Tremel	402
Receptions	Nasser Muhammad	29
Receiving TDs	Nasser Muhammad	3
Yards per Catch	Craig Tremel	16.1

LEADING THE DEFENSE

The Ram defense is led by senior linebacker **Jacquez Taylor**, senior linebacker **Louis Corum**, sophomore cornerback **Deante Steele** and junior free safety **Layton Hersh**. Taylor paces the team with 72 tackles (42 solo) with 14 tackles-for-loss. Corum has 46 tackles (22 solo), while Steele and Hersh add 44 stops each.

DEFENSIVE CATEGORY LEADERS

Category	Name	Amount
Total tackles	Jacquez Taylor	72
Solo tackles	Jacquez Taylor	42
Assisted tackles	Jacquez Taylor	30
Tackles-for-loss	Jacquez Taylor	14-29
Sacks	Mike Spiegelberg	6-33
Pass breakups	Deante Steele	8
Interceptions	Layton Hersh	5

MAKING A PASS

Senior quarterback **Tyler Lazear** completed 15-of-28 passes for 191 yards against West Liberty. Lazear went over 4,000 passing yards for his career in the contest. Below are Lazear's career statistics and where he ranks on a several Shepherd all-time lists.

CAREER ATTEMPTS

Rk.	Name	Yrs.	Last Year	Att.
6.	Mike Coyle	4	1984	610
7.	Tyler Lazear	3+	Active	586
8.	Skip Stasky	4	1990	432

CAREER COMPLETIONS

Rk.	Name	Yrs.	Last Year	Comp.
5.	Tyler Lazear	3+	Active	343
6.	Jay Mason	4	1994	336
7.	Jim Signora	4	1991	308
8.	Matt Davis	3	1999	179

CAREER PASSING YARDS

Rk.	Name	Yrs.	Last Year	Yards
6.	Dan Chlebowski	4	2006	4,527
7.	Tyler Lazear	3+	Active	4,075
8.	Skip Stasky	4	1990	3,695
9.	Matt Davis	3	1999	2,472

LAZEAR'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G/GS	Com.	Att.	Yds.	TDs	INTs
2005	6/2	21	40	314	2	1
2006	8/1	50	87	522	6	3
2007	12/12	133	226	1,587	15	8
2008	9/9	139	233	1,652	9	5
Totals	35/24	343	586	4,075	32	17

LAZEAR'S CAREER HIGHS

Passing yards	315, vs. Fairmont (9-20-08)
TD passes	4, vs. Fairmont (9-20-08)
Completions	25, vs. Fairmont (9-20-08)
Attempts	37, vs. Fairmont (9-20-08)
	37, vs. Seton Hill (9-27-08)

ON THIS DATE

The Rams have played 11 games in their history in November 1, with a 6-4-1 record on this date, including a 3-2-1 mark on the road. Shepherd's all-time results on this date:

Year	Opponent	W/L	Score
1924	Potomac State	L	0-35
1941	Millersville	L	6-26
1947	@ Davis & Elkins	L	0-20
1952	@ Wilson Teachers	T	7-7
1958	Concord	W	38-0
1969	@ Bridgewater	W	19-12
1975	@ Bridgewater	W	42-13
1980	@ Glenville	W	28-21
1986	WV State	W	41-20
1997	WV State	W	23-7
2003	@ WV Wesleyan	L	14-34

MORE NOTES

SHEPHERD-WV STATE ALL-TIME SERIES RESULTS

Date	Winner	Score
10-1-66	WV State	9-0
11-11-78	Shepherd	17-14
11-10-79	WV State	15-7
11-15-80	WV State	12-7
11-14-81	Shepherd	20-0
11-13-82	Shepherd	17-0
11-12-83	Shepherd	20-7
11-10-84	Shepherd	34-14
11-2-85	Shepherd	35-3
11-1-86	Shepherd	41-20
10-31-87	Shepherd	20-7
10-29-88	Shepherd	47-35
10-28-89	Shepherd	7-6
10-27-90	Shepherd	33-26
10-5-91	Shepherd	26-8
10-3-92	Shepherd	17-0
11-6-93	Shepherd	14-7
11-5-94	Shepherd	62-14
10-28-95	Shepherd	38-0
11-2-96	Shepherd	16-11
11-1-97	Shepherd	23-7
10-31-98	Shepherd	15-0
10-23-99	Shepherd	63-14
10-21-00	Shepherd	44-8
10-13-01	Shepherd	48-14
10-19-02	Shepherd	40-0
10-11-03	Shepherd	35-21
10-2-04	Shepherd	34-0
11-5-05	Shepherd	51-10
11-11-06	Shepherd	38-12
11-3-07	Shepherd	42-7

Shepherd leads the all-time series 28-3-0

SERIES NOTES

Below are a few notes on the series between the Rams and Yellow Jackets. West Virginia State won the first meeting between the two teams in 1966 with a 9-0 triumph. Shepherd claimed its first win in the series 1978 with a 17-14 victory.

Longest WV State win streak: 2 games (1979-80)

Longest Shepherd win streak: 27 games (1981-2007)

Last 10 meetings: Shepherd leads, 10-0

SACK MAN

Mike Spiegelberg continues his climb on the Shepherd all-time sacks list. He is currently in fifth place with 25.5 career sacks.

CAREER SACKS

Rk.	Name	Last Yr.	Sacks
1.	Greg Stup	1996	33.5
2.	Mark Brower	1983	29.5
3.	Chris Field	2000	28.5
4.	Tom Korbini	1987	26.0
5.	Mike Spiegelberg	Active	25.5
6.	Jamie Cutter	1991	24.5

SPEIGELBERG'S CAREER SACKS

Year	Sacks
2005	3
2006	9
2007	7.5
2008	6
Total	25.5

MAN OF STEELE

Deante Steele has returned both a kickoff and a punt for a touchdown this season. He followed up his 95-yard punt return for a touchdown against Charleston with a 91-yard kickoff for a score against Concord. Steele is ranked third in NCAA II in punt returns with a 19.11 average.

STEELE'S KICK RETURN TOUCHDOWNS

Deante Steele (91-yard kickoff return vs. Concord)	10-11-08
Deante Steele (95-yard punt return vs. Charleston)	10-4-08
Deante Steele (68-yard punt return vs. Charleston)	10-6-07

STEELE'S CAREER PUNT RETURN STATISTICS

Year	G/GS	Ret.-Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Long
2007	10/9	17-232	13.6	1	68
2008	9/9	18-344	19.1	1	*95
Totals	19/18	35-576	16.4	2	*95

* ties school record

STEELE'S CAREER KICKOFF RETURN STATISTICS

Year	G/GS	Ret.-Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Long
2007	10/9	20-457	22.9	0	72
2008	9/9	15-389	25.9	1	91
Totals	19/18	35-846	24.2	1	91

SHEPHERD'S RECORD IN 2008 WHEN...

At home	3-2
On the road	1-3
Leading after 1st quarter	4-3
Trailing after 1st quarter	0-1
Tied after 1st quarter	0-1
Leading at the half	3-2
Trailing at the half	1-3
Tied at the half	0-0
Leading after 3rd quarter	3-2
Trailing after 3rd quarter	1-3
Tied after 3rd quarter	0-0
Game decided by seven pts. or less	1-3
Game decided by three pts. or less	0-1
Scoring 24 points or more	2-2
Allowing 14 points or less	3-0
Scoring first	3-3
Opponents score first	1-2
Positive TO ratio	3-1
Negative TO ratio	1-3
Turnovers even	0-1
300 yds. or more total offense	3-3
Less than 300 yds. total offense	1-2
Opp. < 300 yds. total offense	4-1
Opp. > 300 yds. total offense	0-4
Rushing for 150+ yards	3-0
Allowing <100 yds. rushing	3-1
In August	1-0
In September	1-3
In October	2-2
In November	0-0

