

#5 SHEPHERD (10-0) vs. MERRIMACK (8-3)

SECOND ROUND NCAA II PLAYOFFS • RAM STADIUM • SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV

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SHEPHERDSTOWN, W.Va. -- Fifth-ranked Shepherd University handed host West Virginia State a 38-12 loss in WVIAC football action under soggy conditions at Lakin Field on Saturday afternoon. The Ram posted their second consecutive undefeated regular season with the win.

Shepherd opened the scoring with 11:30 left in the first when senior quarterback **Dan Chlebowski (Greencastle, PA/Greencastle-Antrim)** teamed with junior wide receiver **Mark Springirth (Germantown, MD/Watkins Mill)** on a 76-yard scoring pass.

Shepherd took a 14-0 lead with 11:43 left in the second quarter when Chlebowski connected with sophomore tight end **Ryan Lavin (Centreville, VA/Westfield)** on a 10-yard score.

The Rams took a 17-0 advantage into the break when senior kicker **Ricky Schmitt (Virginia Beach, VA/Salem)**, who was named **WVIAC Special Teams Player of the Week**, nailed a 25-yard field goal with 5:48 left in the half.

Senior fullback **John Hinton (Harpers Ferry, WV/Jefferson)** scored on a three-yard plunge with 9:40 left in the third quarter to increase the Ram lead to 24-0.

Yellow Jacket quarterback Kevin O'Brien fired a five-yard scoring strike to tight end Mike Jones to cut the lead to 24-6 with 3:30 left in the third quarter.

Senior All-American **Dan Peters (Cresson, PA/Penn Cambria)** picked off an O'Brien pass and raced 50 yards for a score with 14:45 left in the fourth quarter to up the Ram lead to 31-6.

Senior running back **Bryan Wright (Augusta, WV/ Hampshire)**, who rushed for a game-high 73 yards on 12 carries, rambled 32 yards for a score with 9:57 left in the game to give the Rams a 38-6 lead.

State added another score with 25 seconds left when O'Brien tossed an 11-yard touchdown pass to Alphonso Griffin.

Chlebowski completed 10-of-12 passes for 173 yards for the Rams. Sophomore **Tyler Lazear (Bethesda, MD/Walt Whitman)** connected on 11-of-17 passes for 79 yards. O'Brien was 11-of-21 for 133 yards for West Virginia State.

Springirth led the Ram receivers with six receptions for 131 yards. David Parsons had two catches for 59 yards to lead the Yellow Jackets.

Senior linebacker **Todd Edmondson (Finksburg, MD/Westminster)** led the Rams with nine tackles, while senior defensive lineman **Howard Ward (Westminster, MD/ Westminster)** added six.

A REIGN OF EXCELLENCE

Head Coach **Monte Cater** is now in his 20th 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 10 WVIAC titles in 20 seasons. In that time the Rams have made two trips to the NAIA Playoffs and has also twice earned back-to-back trips to the NCAA II Playoffs (1998-99 and 2005-06). 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)	139-68-1 (.670)
2. Deacon Duvall (FSC)	125-42-3 (.744)
3. Joe Bartell (WL)	118-55-11 (.671)
4. Bill Struble (WVW)	109-133-0 (.450)
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)

2006 SHEPHERD SCHEDULE/RESULTS

August

26 @ Millersville W 28-7

September

2 @ Shippensburg W 14-0

16 C.W. Post W 24-0

23 Glencville * W 23-6

30 Fairmont * W 20-0

October

14 @ Charleston * W 17-0

21 Concord * ^ W 42-0

28 WV Wesleyan * W 41-0

November

4 @ West Liberty * W 34-32

11 @ WV State * W 38-12

25 Merrimack noon

* WVIAC Games

Home Games in Bold

2006 MERRIMACK SCHEDULE/RESULTS

September

1 @ Stonehill * W 16-3

9 @ Rhode Island L 7-42

16 @ Bryant * L 7-34

22 @ Bentley * L 21-24

29 Southern Connecticut * W 35-27

October

7 American International * W 37-13

14 @ Saint Anselm * W 52-28

21 Assumption * W 34-12

28 @ Pace * W 18-0

November

4 #25 C. W. Post * W 13-10

18 Southern Connecticut W 28-26

25 @ Shepherd noon

*Northeast-10 Games

Home Games in Bold

WVIAC COACHING TITLES

1. Monte Cater (SU)	10
2. Deacon Duvall (FSC)	8
3. Joe Bartell (WL)	7
4T. Tony Colobro (BSC/CC)	5
5. Eddie King (MH)	5
6. Rich Rodriguez (GSC)	4
7T. Walter Barr (SU)	3
7. Cebe Ross (WVW/MH)	3
8. Bill Struble (WVW)	3

NEWS AND NOTES

Misc. Stats

Here is a compilation of some interesting tidbits on the Rams through 10 games this season:

Third Down Conv. by SU/Foes: 50/127 (39%)/42/140(30%)
Shepherd Avg. Time of Possession/Foes: 32:21/27:38
Penalties-Yards by SU/Foes: 62-596/67-578
First Downs by Rush-Pass by SU/Foes: 85-79/40-64

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 221-9 (.961) all-time record when reaching the magical 24-point mark. Included in that record is a 94-6 (.940) record since 1990 and a 100-8 (.926) mark under Cater.

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The Rams sport a 334-75-26 (.800) all-time record when holding the opposition to 14 points or less. Currently, Shepherd has won 60 of its last 61 games when holding the opposition to 14 or less and owns an 82-3-1 (.959) record since 1990 when turning the trick. Shepherd is 93-7-1 (.926) under Cater in such games.

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Shepherd is 116-92-26 (.540) all-time in games decided by seven points or less. Shepherd has a 35-20-1 (.633) record since 1990 and a 39-29-1 (.572) 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 129-22-2 (.849) since 1980 in games that it rushes for 150 or more yards. Since 1990, the record is 77-10-1 (.880) and under Cater it is 87-16-1 (.841).

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 111-16-1 (.871) when holding teams to less than 100 yards. Since 1990, Shepherd is 76-11 (.873) in such games and 84-14 (.857) under Cater.



NEW WEB SITE

The Shepherd University athletic Web site has been moved to:

www.shepherdrams.com

SUCCESS UNDER CATER

The Rams clinched their 10th conference title under head coach **Monte Cater** with the win over West Liberty. Shepherd has won three straight WVIAC titles for the first time since it captured the crown from 1997-99. The 1997 squad shared the title with Glenville State.

RADIO AND WEB RADIO COVERAGE:

The Ram Sports Radio Network will once again bring the action of the 2006 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.

SCORING SUMMARY & STATISTICS FROM WEST VIRGINIA STATE GAME

Shepherd	7	10	7	14 -	38
West Virginia State	0	0	6	6 -	12

SU - Springirth 76 yd pass from Chlebowski (Schmitt kick)

SU - Lavin 10 yd pass from Chlebowski (Schmitt kick)

SU - Schmitt 25 yd field goal

SU - Hinton 3 yd run (Schmitt kick)

WVS - Jones 5 yd pass from O'Brien (Nigro kick blocked)

SU - Peters 50 yd int return (Schmitt kick)

SU - Wright 32 yd run (Schmitt kick)

WVS - Griffin 11 yd pass from O'Brien (Nigro kick blocked)

SU		WVS
21	First Downs	8
34-162	Rushes-Yards	32-51
252	Passing Yards	133
21-29-252-2-0	Passes	11-21-133-2-1
63-414	Plays-Total Off.	53-184
76	Return Yards	156
3/45.7	Punts/Av.	7/36.7
7-4	Fumbles-Lost	4-2
3-15	Penalties-Yards	4-33
32:51	Time of Possession	27:09

Rushing: SU Wright 12-73-1, Wallace 13-48-0, Riggs 3-31-0, Thomas 1-11-0, Hinton 1-3-0, Lazear 1-1-0, Team 3-(-5)-0. **WVS** White 14-30-0, Haywood 10-25-0, Griffin 1-3-0, Sistrunk 2-2-0, Hawthorne 1-0-0.

Passing: SU Chlebowski 10-12-173-2-0, Lazear 11-17-79-0-0. **WVS** O'Brien 11-21-133-2-1.

Receiving: SU Springirth 6-131-1, Lavin 5-43-1, Wright 3-31-0, Tremel 3-26-0, Wallace 3-14-0, Thomas 1-7-0. **WVS** Parsons 2-59-0, Griffin 2-35-1, White 2-10-0, Jones 2-7-1, Moore 1-16-0, Sistrunk 1-4-0, Haywood 1-2-0.

AMONG THE RANKS

The Rams are ranked fifth in the latest AFCA NCAA Division II Football Poll for Nov. 14. The Rams are also ranked sixth by D2Football.com (11/14) and eighth by Don Hansen's Weekly Football Gazette (11/21).

IN THE REGION

The Rams finished the regular season with a first place ranking in the NCAA II Northeast Regional rankings.

MILESTONES AND MEMORIES

GETTING HIS KICKS

Senior Ricky Schmitt is one of the premier kicker/punters in NCAA Division II. Schmitt has connected on all 36 extra points this season. He has also punted 34 times for a 42.8 yard average. Schmitt was named **WVIAC Special Teams Player of the Week** for his efforts in Shepherd's win over West Virginia State. Schmitt has set a new Shepherd single season mark for consecutive extra points with 36. His 52 consecutive extra points dating back to the 2005 season are also a Shepherd mark.

SCHMITT'S CAREER STATISTICS

KICK SCORING

Yr.	G/GS	PAT	FG	Long	Pts
2003	10/10	25-30	4-6	35	37
2004	10/10	33-36	9-11	43	60
2005	12/12	50-54	10-14	41	80
2006	10/10	36-36	9-19	49	63
Totals	42/42	144-156	32-50	49	240

SCHMITT'S CAREER STATISTICS

PUNTING

Yr.	G/GS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long
2003	10/10	52	1,898	36.5	53
2004	10/10	62	2,377	38.3	60
2005	12/12	68	2,607	38.3	62
2006	10/10	34	1,456	42.8	77
Totals	42/42	216	8,338	38.6	77

SHEPHERD CAREER KICK SCORING

Rk.	Name	Yrs.	FG-A	PAT-A	Total
1.	Ricky Schmitt	Active	32-50	144-156	240
2.	Kevin Burkey	4	25-39	146-169	221
3.	Rick Kingsbury	4	28-79	69-76	153

OFFENSIVE CATEGORY LEADERS

Category	Name	Amount
Rushing yards	Dervon Wallace	1,134
Rushing TDs	Dervon Wallace	15
Total TDs	Dervon Wallace	15
Passing Yards	Dan Chlebowski	1,471
Passing TDs	Dan Chlebowski	10
Receiving Yards	Mark Springirth	431
Receiving TDs	Rodney Jackson	3
	Mark Springirth	3

DAN THE MAN

Senior quarterback **Dan Chlebowski** continues his climb in the Ram record book. Chlebowski completed 10-of-12 passes for 173 yards and two touchdowns in the win over West Virginia State. Below is where he ranks on a several Shepherd all-time lists.

CAREER ATTEMPTS

Rk.	Name	Yrs.	Last Year	Att.
4.	Jim Signora	4	1991	722
5.	Dan Chlebowski	Active	----	667
6.	Mike Coyle	4	1984	610

CAREER COMPLETIONS

Rk.	Name	Yrs.	Last Year	Comp.
2.	Chad Broadwater	4	1997	455
3.	Dan Chlebowski	Active	----	403
4.	Mike Coyle	4	1984	353

CAREER PASSING YARDS

Rk.	Name	Yrs.	Last Year	Yards
5.	Jim Signora	4	1991	4,723
6.	Dan Chlebowski	Active	----	4,496
7.	Skip Stasky	4	1990	3,695

TAKE YOUR PICK

Senior All-American **Dan Peters** led all NCAA II schools in interceptions with 12 in 2005. Peters returned an interception 50 yard for a score against State for a Shepherd record fourth career interception TD return. The Harlon Hill Regional finalist ranks third in NCAA II in interceptions with nine interceptions in 10 games. He is also ranked eighth in passes defended with a 1.6 mark. Below is a list of where Peters ranks on several Shepherd interception lists.

CAREER INTERCEPTIONS

Name	Last Year	Interceptions
Jason Johnson	1993	29
Dan Peters	Active	27
Everett Yore	1982	24
Chris Mack	1987	23

SHEPHERD SINGLE SEASON INTERCEPTIONS

No.	Name	Year	No.
1.	Dan Peters	2005	12
2.	Everett Yore	1982	11
3T.	Terry Corbin	1986	10
	Jason Johnson	1992	10

SHEPHERD SINGLE SEASON

INTERCEPTION RETURN YARDAGE

No.	Name	Year	No.	Yards
1.	James Rooths	2000	9	186
2.	Dan Peters	2005	12	171
3.	Dan Peters	2006	9	149
4.	Dustin Dudinski	2004	6	119

INT. RETURNS FOR TOUCHDOWNS BY PETERS

Name	Opponent	Yds.	Date
Dan Peters	Slippery Rock	34	9-11-04
Dan Peters	Slippery Rock	78	9-11-04
Dan Peters	Charleston	26	10-14-06
Dan Peters	WV State	50	11-11-06

MORE NOTES

MIGHTY MITE

Diminutive junior running back **Dervon Wallace** rushed 13 times for 48 yards in the win over West Virginia State. Wallace is just the fourth player in program history to gain 1,000 yards in two seasons or more. Wallace is listed below on various charts.

WALLACE'S 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

Name	Opponent	Att.-Yds.-TD	Date
Dervon Wallace	Shippensburg	20-105-2	9-3-05
Dervon Wallace	Glenville	18-157-3	9-17-05
Dervon Wallace	WVU Tech	22-176-2	10-1-05
Dervon Wallace	Charleston	26-179-3	10-8-05
Dervon Wallace	Concord	24-130-4	10-15-05
Dervon Wallace	WV Wesleyan	19-141-3	10-22-05
Dervon Wallace	West Liberty	29-159-1	10-29-05
Dervon Wallace	WV State	19-108-2	11-5-05
Dervon Wallace	Millersville	23-145-1	8-26-06
Dervon Wallace	C.W. Post	27-196-3	9-16-06
Dervon Wallace	Glenville	23-194-3	9-23-06
Dervon Wallace	Charleston	20-143-1	10-14-06
Dervon Wallace	Concord	18-107-3	10-21-06

WALLACE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G/GS	Ru-Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Long
2005	12/7	245-1,389	5.7	26	52
2006	10/10	197-1,134	5.8	15	54
Totals	22/17	442-2,523	5.7	41	54

CAREER 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

No.	Name	Yrs.	Games Over 100
1.	Damian Beane	4	37
2.	Bill Adams	4	21
3.	Alex Herbert	4	16
4.	Anthony Crenshaw	2	15
5.	Dervon Wallace	2	13

CAREER RUSHING YARDS

No.	Name	Yrs.	Last Yr.	Carries	Yards	Avg.
1.	Damian Beane	4	1999	1,150	6,768	5.8
2.	Bill Adams	4	1993	1,042	4,367	4.2
3.	Alex Herbert	4	2004	663	3,447	5.2
4.	Gregg Warfield	4	1978	936	3,244	3.5
5.	Travis Lynch	4+	2003	526	2,532	4.8
6.	Dervon Wallace	2	Active	442	2,523	5.7
7.	Anthony Crenshaw	2	1984	404	2,395	5.9
8.	Wayne Wilson	4	1978	512	2,333	4.6

CAREER RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

No.	Name	Yrs.	Last Yr.	Yards	TDs
1.	Damian Beane	4	1999	6,768	*60
2.	Alex Herbert	4	2004	3,447	43
3.	Dervon Wallace	2	Active	2,523	41
4.	Bill Adams	4	1993	4,367	39
5.	Gregg Warfield	4	1978	3,244	37

CAREER 1,000-YARD RUSHING SEASONS

No.	Name	1,000-yard rushing seasons
1.	Damian Beane	4
2.	Bill Adams	3
3T.	Dervon Wallace	2
	Anthony Crenshaw	2

THE WRIGHT STUFF

Senior running back **Bryan Wright** rushed for a career-high 113 yards on 10 carries to help lead the Rams past Millersville in the season opener. He had touchdown runs of 64 (career-long) and 24 yards.

WRIGHT'S 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

Name	Opponent	Att.-Yards	Date
Bryan Wright	Shippensburg	16-111	9-3-05
Bryan Wright	Millersville	10-113	8-26-06

SPECIAL TEAMS CATEGORY LEADERS

Category	Name	Amount
Punt Return Yds.	Craig Tremel	79
Punt Returns	Craig Tremel	10
Punt Return Avg.	Craig Tremel	7.9
Kickoff Ret. Yds.	Craig Tremel	195
Kickoff Ret. Avg.	Craig Tremel	21.7
Punting Avg.	Ricky Schmitt	42.8
Net Punting Avg.	Ricky Schmitt	34.3
Punts	Ricky Schmitt	34
Punting Yards	Ricky Schmitt	1,456
Punts inside-the-20	Ricky Schmitt	9
Long Punt	Ricky Schmitt	77
Kick Scoring	Ricky Schmitt	63 points
PATs	Ricky Schmitt	36-36
Field Goals	Ricky Schmitt	9-19
Long Field Goal	Ricky Schmitt	49

HALEY'S COMET

The Shepherd defense under defensive coordinator **Bob Haley** has been outstanding this season. Below is where the Ram defense ranks nationally in several categories.

Category	Rank
Scoring Defense	1st
Pass Efficiency Defense	3rd
Turnover Margin	15th
Total Defense	1st

PITCHING A SHUTOUT

The Shepherd defense has recorded six shutout wins this year. This breaks the mark of five set by the 1922 team.

ON THIS DATE

The Rams have played one game in their history on November 25, with an 0-1-0 mark. Shepherd's all-time results in on this date:

Year	Opponent	W/L	Score
1922	@ Shenandoah Mil. Academy	L	12-51

MORE NOTES

WVIAC HONORS

Shepherd swept the WVIAC postseason football honors as junior running back **Dervon Wallace** gained **WVIAC Offensive Player of the Year** honors, senior free safety **Dan Peters** earned **WVIAC Defensive Player of the Year** accolades, and head coach **Monte Cater** was named **WVIAC Coach of the Year**. Peters earned defensive honors for the second straight year, while Cater gained a record eighth WVIAC Coach of the Year award. The Rams had 21 players gain All-WVIAC honors including nine first team selections.

FIRST TEAM ALL-WVIAC

OL-Ryan Pope
 C-Clayton Beard
 RB-Dervon Wallace
 NG-Nick Costello
 ILB-Todd Edmondson
 OLB-Jerome Quinata
 DB-Dan Peters
 P-Ricky Schmitt
 K-Ricky Schmitt

SECOND TEAM ALL-WVIAC

OL-Clark Lanzendorf
 OL-Bubba Brady
 TE-Ryan Lavin
 QB-Dan Chlebowski
 WR-Rodney Jackson
 WR-Mark Springirth
 DL-Andre Henderson
 ILB-Lewis Corum
 DB-Terrance Jenkins

HONORABLE MENTION ALL-WVIAC

OL-Jeremy Hairston
 RB-Bryan Wright
 DL-Mike Spiegelberg

SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

Senior **Dan Peters** gained First CoSIDA Academic All-District honors and junior offensive lineman **Clark Lanzendorf** earned second team accolades. Peters carries a 3.29 grade point average as a sport and event management major, while Lanzendorf boasts a 3.54 grade point average as a political science major. Peters moves on to the Academic All-American ballot.

LEADING THE DEFENSE

The Ram defense has three players with 50 tackles or more. Sophomore inside linebacker **Louis Corum** tops the team with 76 total tackles. Senior linebacker **Todd Edmondson** has 74 stops, while senior free safety **Dan Peters** adds 56 stops.

DEFENSIVE CATEGORY LEADERS

Category	Name	Amount
Total tackles	Louis Corum	76
Solo tackles	Louis Corum	37
Tackles-for-loss	Mike Spiegelberg	16-101
Sacks	Mike Spiegelberg	9-57
Pass breakups	Dan Peters	7
Interceptions	Dan Peters	9-149

ON THE MARK

Junior wide receiver **Mark Springirth** has emerged as one of the team's top receivers. Springirth had six catches for 131 yards, including a 76-yard touchdown grab in the win over West Virginia State. He had eight receptions for 109 yards in the West Liberty game. Listed below are the 100-yard receiving efforts for the Rams this season.

SHEPHERD'S 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES IN 2006

Name	Opponent	Rec.-Yards	Date
Rodney Jackson	Millersville	9-120	8-26-06
Rodney Jackson	WV Wesleyan	6-104	10-28-06
Mark Springirth	West Liberty	8-109	11-4-06
Mark Springirth	WV State	6-131	11-11-06

THE UNDEFEATED

Shepherd has recorded undefeated regular seasons three times in program history with two coming under **Monte Cater**.

Year	Record
1955	8-0-0
2005	11-0-0
2006	10-0-0

STREAKING

The Rams have won 28 consecutive regular season games since dropping a 30-27 decision to Slippery Rock on Sept 11, 2004. Shepherd has also recorded 23 straight WVIAC wins with its last conference loss coming to Concord (20-19) on Nov 8, 2003.

PLAYOFF HISTORY

The Rams have 2-7 record in NAIA and NCAA II Playoff games, with an 0-1 mark at home. The Rams are 1-3 in NCAA II postseason action. Shepherd's all-time results in playoff games:

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score
12-3-83	@ Carson-Newman	L	21-42
12-6-86	@ Carson-Newman	L	10-30
11-23-91	@ Central State	L	22-34
11-21-92	@ Carson-Newman	W	6-3
12-5-92	@ Gardner-Webb	L	7-22
11-21-98	@ Indiana (Pa.)	W	9-6
11-28-98	@ Slippery Rock	L	20-31
11-20-99	@ Millersville	L	14-21
11-19-05	C.W. Post	L	21-28

